

LATE ITEMS
REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL
MONDAY, JUNE 24, 2013

PUBLIC ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

South Saskatchewan River – General Manager, Fire and Protective Service Paulsen will provide an update on the flow situation.

HEARINGS

3a) Proposed Amendment to the Official Community Plan – Phasing Map Parcel E, 11th Street West of Lancaster Boulevard – Montgomery Place “Phase II” to “Phase I” Development
Applicant: North Ridge Development Corporation
Proposed Bylaw No. 9104
(File No. CK. 4351-013-009)

- Bob Linner, MCIP, Independent Planning Advisory Consultant to North Ridge Development Corporation, dated June 17, 2013, submitting comments and advising he will be present in the gallery to answer questions.
- Rod Goertzen, dated June 20, 2013, submitting comments.
- Jonathan Ahlstedt, June 23, 2013, submitting comments.

ADDENDUM TO ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT NO. 11-2013

Section F – UTILITY SERVICES

F2) Capital Project #1234
Wastewater Treatment – Odour Abatement System
Engineering Services Award
(File CK. 7800-1)

Attached is a copy of the above-noted addendum to Administrative Report No. 11-2013.

ADDENDUM TO REPORT NO. 13-2013 OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

4. Employment Contract – City Manager
(File No. CK. 4510-2)

The above-noted addendum to Report No. 13-2013 of Executive Committee is marked “**Confidential Until Tabled**” at a meeting of City Council. A wider distribution will be effected at the time this item is considered.

COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL**B. ITEMS WHICH REQUIRE THE DIRECTION OF CITY COUNCIL****B12) Carmen Bell, Race Director, Subaru Saskatoon Triathlon, dated June 24**

In addition to Item B7) of Communications to Council, attached is the above-noted communication from Carmen Bell requesting that City Council approve the TSN helicopter flypast over the city river valley scheduled between 8:45 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. on Sunday, June 30, 2013. (File No. CK. 205-1)

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that City Council approve the TSN helicopter flypast over the city river valley scheduled between 8:45 a.m. – 9:45 a.m. on Sunday, June 30, 2013, subject to any administrative conditions; and
 - 2) that the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare the necessary Indemnification Agreement.

SPEAKERS LIST

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

MISCELLANEOUS MATTERS

1. **Keaton Schmidt (or designate)** – shark fins
 2. **Dennis Page** – combative sports
 3. **D. Ian Hardie** – Council Chamber audio/visual
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PowerPoint Presentations

The following PowerPoint presentations from the Administration are scheduled for this meeting:

REPORT NO. 10-2013 OF THE PLANNING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

6. Status Report on the 2012 Housing Business Plan and Proposed 2013 – 2022 Housing Business Plan
(Files CK. 750-1 and PL 950-22 and PL 950-26)
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REPORT NO. 10-2013 OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

2. Urban Forestry/Pest Management Program Annual Report
(File No. CK. 4200-1)
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Hearing - 3a)

4351-013-009



NORTH RIDGE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

SUBMISSION TO SASKATOON CITY COUNCIL IN RESPECT TO THE PUBLIC HEARING ON THE PROPOSED OCP AMENDMENT: LAND USE MAP - PHASE II TO PHASE I

PARCEL E 11TH STREET WEST MONTGOMERY PLACE

The material before City Council from the Municipal Planning Commission and the administration is thorough and very specific on the decision requested under the city's OCP Bylaw #8769. The phasing change is to be determined solely on the basis of servicing capacity in the 5 year horizon. That is documented and verified and the land for Circle Drive has been acquired. All of the conditions precedent for Phase 1 designation have been met for orderly development sequencing as contemplated by the city OCP the policy framework. The Planning Commission considered the file thoroughly and endorsed the recommendation.

The formal application was submitted in 2010 and included Parcel F which was approved in 2012 with development now under way and nearing completion. At the time City Council deferred decision on Parcel E asking for more community consultation. North Ridge fully obliged and participated in the community process facilitated by the administration that included a joint survey with the Community Association and public meetings, all of which received strong participation. While the results are cited in the report the highlights are important to repeat:

- Community support for townhouses, apartment style condominiums, seniors complex and neighborhood commercial (would require rezoning)
- Strong opposition to any purpose built apartment rentals
- Continuing consultation and communication as plans are prepared

These community expectations were accepted and formalized in a June 1, 2012 Letter of Understanding (copy attached) between Mr Walter Mah of North Ridge and Barb Biddle of the Community Association as a transparent article of good faith recognizing resolve of the respective interests. North Ridge has also stated in the public meetings its intentions to design the site with the 11th street frontage sensitive to the scale of the existing abutting residential area streetscape.

This land has been designated for multi-family development under the city Zoning Bylaw since 1979 with the current RM4 zoning in place since 1999. The city planning report identifies this properly as an opportunity for infill development utilizing existing infrastructure to further the city's intensification objectives for a more compact urban form and deliver diversity of housing for the growing population. The development will fully comply with the city zoning requirements.

At the community meetings and the Planning Commission concerns were expressed about the lack of specific site plans. This application is not for development approval but a phasing sequence based on

servicing. Specific site plans are not available..they will be developed and presented based on market once the Phasing amendment is approved. A large number of conceptual options have been considered but to present any one now would be premature and possibly different than final plans raising concerns about intentions. North Ridge does commit they will follow the principles of the Letter of Understanding, the Zoning Bylaw and is following the sequential city process through the OCP and Zoning Bylaw

North Ridge expresses its appreciation to the community and its members and your administration for their professional support and engagement in this important process. It has been beneficial to assist in the formulation of compatible and sensitive plans that respect the balance of community concerns, City of Saskatoon orderly growth policies and the developer investment opportunities in a clear process. We respectfully urge City Council support of the recommendation and undertake continuing community communication as the plans are developed.

The undersigned will be present at City Council with the authority of North Ridge to answer questions and elaborate if necessary.

Sincerely submitted

Bob Linner MCIP

Independent Planning Advisory Consultant to North Ridge Development Corporation

June 17, 2013



June 1, 2012

Montgomery Community Association – BARB BIDDLE, President

RE: Letter of understanding for proposed development on 11th Street – Parcel C

Dear Barb,

Please accept this letter as our mutual understanding between the Montgomery Community Association and ourselves, with respect to our future development plans on the remaining 13.2 acres of land we own on 11th street.

Based on the results of the recent survey that was facilitated by the City of Saskatoon and the Montgomery Community Association, we understand that the community would support the following land uses:

- Neighborhood commercial
- Townhouses
- Apartment-style condominiums
- Senior's complexes or facilities

Furthermore, we understand that the community is NOT in favour of any additional purpose-built rental units (other than a senior's facility).

It is our intent to proceed with a request to the City to designate this property to Phase 1 from the current Phase 2 designation, given this above understanding. Furthermore, we will commit to keeping the communication lines open with the community association as this development progresses. If an opportunity arises for this parcel of land that falls outside of the acceptable uses mentioned here, we will also consult with the Community Association to gather their feedback.

We look forward to proceeding with this development and thank you and your colleagues for the support given thus far.

Yours truly,

NORTH RIDGE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Walter Mah".

Per: Walter Mah, B.Comm
President

4351-013-009

June 20, 2013

Rod Goertzen

3137 11th Street West

Saskatoon, SK S7M 1K1



RE: NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS- Proposed OCP Amendment: Land Use Map Phase II to Phase I

Parcel E – located north of 11th Street Montgomery Place; North Ridge Development Corp.

Mr. Mayor and Members of City Council;

I spoke to Council during the first public hearing regarding multi-unit dwellings directly across from primarily single dwelling owned residences in Montgomery Place. I expressed my opposition to the proposed development. Several presenters spoke of accepted urban planning practices which other jurisdictions follow which included transition development. Instead Council voted for 192 units to be built directly across from my home.

I have lived in Montgomery Place for almost 30 years. During the past 2 years of building, my household has encountered ongoing blowing dust, garbage, noise and parking issues. I can only extrapolate what having full occupancy of the 192 rented residences directly across from me will result in.

I am surmising that if Council continues to approve multi-unit dwellings to be built in Montgomery Place, it means that 1) more of the issues which my household experienced will be experienced by other residents of Montgomery Place, and 2) anyone living anywhere in Saskatoon can have a developer build multi-unit dwellings across from them. The size of the dwellings will depend on the land size available, the profitability of the venture, and whether or not responsible and sustainable neighborhood development is a priority for Council. I will expect your future votes will support multi-unit residences to be built directly across from your home.

Please reconsider your earlier decision and vote NO to proposed development. Below are images showing the result of the earlier vote in Council. I now live with your decision.



Directly across from my driveway.



192 apartments across from single dwelling houses.

RECEIVED

JUN 24 2013

CITY CLERK'S OFFICE
SASKATOON

June 23/13

Greetings,

My name is Jonathan Ahlstedt, resident of 3342 Dieppe St along with my wife Rehanna and 16 month old daughter Anara. Rehanna is pregnant with another baby due for September. We moved to Montgomery Place in November of last year with the intentions of raising our family here. The quiet streets, great neighbors, and big yards are a few things that attracted us here. We are happy here.

There are however a few concerns for the community that I would like to raise in response to the proposal by large housing development corporations for further expansion of multi-unit housing within our neighborhoods parameters.

1. Montgomery Place's lack of foot and motor traffic infrastructure. I'm curious if any people in the city planning division has ever walked or driven a length of time on our streets. If you have, you must have noticed we do not have sidewalks, and our streets are very narrow. Any more increased foot or motor traffic to this area's streets are cause for serious concern, to both the parents of young children who walk, longboard, and bike to school whilst having motorists rushing by, and to the motorists who simply want to get to where they are going but have no assurance that these pedestrians (young and old) will stay in a strait line. I know this because I myself am a parent, and I'm currently trying to adjust to the narrowest and undeniably most dangerous residential streets in Saskatoon, (for the record I moved from Acadia Dr, which is much busier and faster, but not as nerve racking as Dieppe). On this same note, for those in the city planning division, I'm wondering if you ever would consider planning a new residential development with the absence of a sidewalk? If your answer is no, please ask yourself why. If your answer is yes, ask yourself again when you consider that the street width would be as wide as they are in our neighborhood. Now please consider how parcel F got accepted. Is our governing bodies working for the people? Or are they working for the large corporate developers? In this case, it seems very clear. Simply put, our traffic infrastructure was not built for any more foot or motor traffic than there already is. We have yet to experience what difference to the traffic that the recent apartment development will bring to the area, but there should be no debate that the addition of close to 200 additional apartment dwellings will invariably increase the foot and motor traffic significantly, and intern pose a most unnecessary risk to our citizens. I would like to ask, What protections has our City Councillor offered our area after this development was approved? Pat Lorje surely is not ignorant of these issues. So with the proposed addition of further multi-unit dwellings in our area, where are the benefits to the community?
2. I am a contractor in the city, and I see all the exciting residential development that is going on in the city. Stonebridge, Evergreen and Willowgrove to name a few. This is all quite positive. People who move to these new neighborhoods are choosing their locations based on a set of personal qualifications which determine what area suits them best, and which they choose to represent. Montgomery Place is unique here too. This neighborhood has a heritage which honors the veterans of the second World War, many of which have since passed on. The people who have moved to this neighborhood subsequently, chose this neighborhood for it's quiet and reflective

quality, the very same qualities for which it was originally intended. And these attributes stand till this day. But now these amazing qualities, which are completely unique for Saskatoon, are at threat and may be being taken for granted or possibly overlooked altogether. I'm positive this concern is one Pat Lorje is all too familiar with as the first apartment development proposals took place. Perhaps the argument lacked substance, or was perceived as cruel or even bordering on irrationally xenophobic. To dismiss this concern quickly, detractors may choose one of those answers. But to understand this concern, you would have had to move to this area yourself. You would have to move here for the qualities it has, and plan to raise your family here based on those very same beautiful and unique qualities. So now, for this same reason, it must be obvious that the community of Montgomery Place did neither anticipate or wish for, the quick addition of close to 200 additional apartment units(which by my estimate may come close to holding the equivalent of people that already reside in Montgomery). Holding neither xenophobic thoughts or cruel intentions, I believe this changes how Montgomery Place is interpreted. It will change why people would want to be here. These sorts of massive apartment and multi-unit deals are meant for developing areas, like Stonebridge, and Evergreen. People who move there expect them, they are anticipating them and welcome its citizens. These things build communities. Montgomery has it's community built, and it's infrastructure barely works for what it currently has. More high volume residential development means Montgomery's community has no voice and signals a sad state in city politics. Our communities future should not hinge on the "proposals" of Developers, rather, our staid community should be a reflection of what our citizens want for it. How is it that despite complete and unanimous opposition to the development of parcel F, we ended up with 200 apartment units. Luckily for the North Ridge Corp, and other large corporate developers alike, there is no shortage of new lands for this sort of development. Saskatoon has plenty of new areas on offer for this. With complete acceptance by the communities citizens. Now aside from short term, negligible tax benefits for the cities coffers, and unbelievably lucrative profits for private corporate interests, where is the benefit to the community?

Alternatives

In order to alleviate some of the important and unique issues raised by our citizens, I can only think of a few alternatives that will work.

1. There needs to be a large park located in parcel E to alleviate some of the traffic concerns. I believe that a lot of the additional traffic from the recent parcel F apartments will come from leisure activities. As you know, the developers lacked enough creativity to incorporate a green space into their design. As a result, those residents are left with an asphalt parking lot and likely a desire to seek leisure somewhere else. It may be that the city may have to purchase a section of the parcel back. The mention should not make anyone at the planning division scoff for the simple and humbling reason that they are employed by the tax payers of the city and should be acting in the best interests of it's citizens. In the same vein, politicians who believe that it is too much should remember who pays their checks as well. After the

failure of parcel F, no proud and self respecting citizen should have to apologize for pointing this out.

2. North Ridge's previous suggestion of a seniors living/care home is an idea worth considering. Saskatoon's population as a whole is aging and approaching the time where they will need this type of care. As a city, this is a wise investment. We should honor our veterans and all seniors alike with adequate care facilities they need and deserve. This is part of what Montgomery stands for. This should be respected.
3. A combination of both a park and a senior living home. Limited mobility is a fact of life for many seniors, a nice park adjacent to their quarters would work nicely. This would also help to promote a more active lifestyle, which can be a challenge for seniors living in less than perfect circumstances. The incorporation of both these things may be what is necessary to win back the trust of regional politics for the Montgomery community.

His Worship the Mayor and City Council
The City of Saskatoon

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Section F – UTILITY SERVICES

**F2) Capital Project #1234
Wastewater Treatment – Odour Abatement System
Engineering Services Award
(Files CK. 7800-1 and WWT. 7990-82)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the proposal submitted by Stantec Consulting Ltd. for engineering services for the Wastewater Treatment Plant Odour Abatement Systems Design for a total upset fee of \$952,089.08 (including G.S.T and P.S.T) be accepted;
 - 2) that \$275,000 be transferred from the Water and Wastewater Revenue Stabilization Reserve into the Sewage Treatment Capital Reserve;
 - 3) that \$275,000 be transferred from the Sewage Treatment Capital Reserve to Capital Project #1234 - WWT – Odour Abatement System; and
 - 4) that the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare the necessary Engineering Services Agreement for execution by His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk under the Corporate Seal.

TOPIC AND PURPOSE

That City Council award a proposal from Stantec Consulting Ltd., the highest rated respondent to the City's Request for Proposal, for the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Odour Abatement System Design and Construction Management.

REPORT HIGHLIGHTS

1. The City conducted a Preliminary Odour Study of the WWTP which found the Primary Clarifiers produced 76% of the odour on site.

2. Best Available Technologies (BAT) were evaluated for the odour mitigation strategy.
3. The Water and Wastewater Treatment Branch issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Odour Abatement System Design project and the Stantec Consulting Ltd. proposal was determined to be the most favourable to the City.
4. The Water and Sewer Utilities Stabilization Reserve has a favourable balance that can be used to reduce reliance on borrowing.

STRATEGIC GOAL

This report supports the City of Saskatoon Strategic Goals of Continuous Improvement, Environmental Leadership and Quality of Life, through responsible designs and by ensuring WWTP operations reduces effects on the surrounding neighbours and meets the expectations of environmental regulations. This report also supports the Strategic Goal of Financial and Asset Management by reducing reliance on borrowing.

BACKGROUND

The Saskatoon WWTP provides wastewater transmission and treatment services for the City of Saskatoon. The facility is a 120 ML/day biological nutrient recovery (BNR) plant performing secondary treatment and biological phosphorus removal.

The WWTP generates nuisance odours which are detectable outside the boundaries of the WWTP site. The City is committed to mitigating these odours, thereby improving quality of life for adjacent residents. In 2009, Phase I of the odour abatement system was implemented through improvements to the Grit and Screen Facility. In 2011, Phase II was initiated with an odour study resulting in the July 2012 *City of Saskatoon Wastewater Treatment Plant Odour Source and Mitigation Study*. The study identified odour sources, ranked them from greatest to lowest contribution to odour emissions from the facility, and short listed four alternatives for treating odours.

REPORT

Results of the Odour Source and Mitigation Study

Stantec Consulting Ltd. (Stantec) was retained to assess the odours and recommend BAT to mitigate them. Air samples were collected from all of the odour sources at the facility (17 in total), analyzed at an independent laboratory, and the sources ranked by emission. The sampling revealed that the primary clarifiers are the most significant

source of odour and the level of odour increases by 540% due to the practise of adding fermented sludge into the primary clarifiers.

Four alternatives for treating odours at the facility were short listed. Alternative 1, discontinuing the practise of adding fermented sludge to the clarifiers and treating the foul air associated with the fermenters, was the preferred alternative. This action alone would result in a 76% reduction in the total odour from the facility during normal operation of the treatment process.

Odour Abatement Technology Selection

To discontinue the practise of adding fermented sludge to the primary clarifiers, two fermenter upgrade options were evaluated. Concurrent with the plant's Long Term Capital Development and Expansion Plan (LTCDEP) it was determined that converting the existing fermenters to a static design had the lowest costs as it eliminated a need for a fifth digester in the future.

By converting to static fermenters, sludge is not added to the primary clarifiers. However, proper odour control is required for the reconfigured fermenters. Three alternatives were identified and evaluated using economic and non-economic criteria. Based on this analysis, treating the foul air through the bioreactors is the preferred alternative.

A Request for Proposal (RFP) was issued and a successful proponent selected

In April 2013, an RFP was issued for engineering services for odour abatement. The RFP called for a review of the design options presented in the 2012 study, followed by design, tendering, construction management, and commissioning of an odour abatement solution.

Three proposals were evaluated by the WWTP managers. Consequent to a systematic evaluation, the proposal from Stantec Consulting Ltd. was rated as most favourable for the City.

The net cost to the City for the engineering services, as described above and within the proposal submitted by Stantec Consulting Ltd., would be as follows:

Project Management	\$ 35,330.00
Odour Abatement Systems Evaluation	123,173.00
Detailed Design	318,232.00
Tendering Services	10,958.00
Construction Services	216,451.00
Commissioning Services	65,777.00
Disbursements	61,594.00
Travel Expenses	26,850.00
Contingency (5%)	<u>41,576.00</u>
Total Proposal Price	\$899,941.00
P.S.T (5% of 30% of design & evaluation)	7,151.03
G.S.T. (5%)	<u>44,997.05</u>
Total Upset Fee	\$952,089.08
G.S.T. Rebate	<u>(44,997.05)</u>
Net Cost to the City	<u>\$907,092.03</u>

The Water and Sewer Utilities Stabilization Reserve

The Water and Sewer Utilities Stabilization Reserve has a current balance of \$3,062,816; per Policy No. C03-003, Reserves For Future Expenditures, the calculated cap is \$4,633,595 (5% of 2013 Budgeted Metered Revenues).

The Water and Wastewater Utilities rates and revenues budget did not previously reflect changing consumption patterns, and as a result, the Utility had experienced shortfalls against budgeted revenues. This necessitated draws from the Stabilization Reserve and operational cutbacks in order to address these shortfalls. Effective 2012, the revenue calculation has been revised to acknowledge this changing consumption pattern, with a resulting benefit to the Reserve totalling \$3,062,816.

Per Bylaw No. 6774, The Capital Reserve Bylaw, the Sewage Treatment Capital Reserve may be funded by transfers from the Water and Sewer Utilities Stabilization Reserve. Administration sees an opportunity to transfer \$275,000 into the Sewage Treatment Capital Reserve without compromising the foundation of the Stabilization Reserve, in order to fund the Odour Abatement post budget allocation request. The revised balance after transfer of the \$275,000 would be \$2,787,816, or 60% of the allowable balance.

OPTIONS TO THE RECOMMENDATION

Council could choose to not transfer funds from the Water and Sewer Utilities Stabilization Reserve into the Sewage Treatment Capital Reserve. This would result in insufficient funding for this contract, and the need to further defer Odour Abatement project work.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

Capital Project #1234 – WWT – Odour Abatement System provides funding for the design and construction of an odour abatement system at the WWTP. Approved funding in the 2009 and 2012 Capital Budgets totalled \$842,000 of which \$632,000 remains.

The Administration proposes that a post budget allocation of \$275,000 be transferred from the Sewage Treatment Capital Reserve to Capital Project #1234 – WWT – Odour Abatement System.

Budgeted	Unbudgeted	Capital	Operating	Non-Mill Rate	External Funding
\$632,000	\$275,000	\$907,000		\$907,000	

PUBLIC AND/OR STAKEHOLDER INVOLVEMENT

There is no public and/or stakeholder involvement planned for this phase of the project.

COMMUNICATION PLAN

In Saskatoon, we depend upon and value our natural environment, including clean air. The WWTP treats the wastewater from approximately 70,000 homes and businesses in our community, and is a source of odours. The City of Saskatoon plans to reduce odour emissions from the plant through alterations in the treatment process that will result in improvements to the air quality in neighbourhoods adjacent to the facility.

An Open House will be held prior to the start of the construction of this project to provide information on the approved odour abatement plan, timeline for completion and

processes at the WWTP. Flyers will be distributed to areas adjacent to the plant advising of the project and Informational Open House. In addition, the news media, social media and the City's website will be used to provide information on the project.

DUE DATE FOR FOLLOW-UP AND/OR PROJECT COMPLETION

It is estimated that project construction will begin in the fall of 2014.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

The recommendations associated with this project will result in a significant reduction to the levels of detectable odours at, and adjacent to, the WWTP. Potential environmental implications associated with the recommendations of this report are the improvement to human well being associated with odour from the WWTP.

Process changes may also improve the efficiency of operation at the plant, resulting in plant wide energy savings, from blower and pumping reductions. The overall impact on greenhouse gas emissions is unknown at this time but will be identified once the design is complete.

PRIVACY IMPACT

There are no privacy implications.

SAFETY/CRIME PREVENTION THROUGH ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN (CPTED)

A CPTED Review is not required.

PUBLIC NOTICE

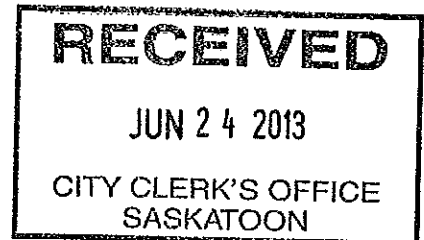
Public Notice pursuant to Section 3 of Policy No. C01-021, Public Notice Policy, is not required.

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Jorgenson, General Manager
Utility Services Department

B12)
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From: CityCouncilWebForm
Sent: June 24, 2013 1:26 AM
To: City Council
Subject: Write a Letter to City Council



TO HIS WORSHIP THE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM:

Carmen Bell
404 Gray Avenue
Saskatoon, Saskatchewan
S7N 2H9

EMAIL ADDRESS:

c.bell@triserries.ca

COMMENTS:

Dear His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council,

The Subaru Saskatoon Triathlon Organizing Committee is preparing for what will be the largest triathlon in Saskatchewan's history on Sunday, June 30, 2013 with participants traveling here from all over the country. One of the objectives of the race is to showcase the beauty of the City and surrounding areas. A key component of meeting this objective is the television production that will be aired nationally on TSN.

A helicopter will be used as one method of capturing the race and beauty of Saskatoon. The TSN producer has requested that in order for the crew to achieve high-quality images, the helicopter needs to fly low in the river valley. As only the Pro race is being filmed at this point, the duration of the helicopter in the City is limited and is expected to be between 8:45 -9:45 am on Sunday, June 30th.

This is a request to City Council for approval of a helicopter flying at a lower level over the City river valley. Transport Canada oversees all safety stipulations and an approval letter from City Council, as a stakeholder, fulfills one of the requirements needed by Transport Canada before issuing a low-flying permit. Without this permit, it will be very difficult to capture the beauty of the Saskatoon river valley in the show.

I hope City Council supports our efforts to showcase the River Valley and downtown core to the nation. Thank you for your consideration and I look forward to your response.

Best regards,
Carmen Bell
Race Director
Subaru Saskatoon Triathlon
c.bell@triserries.ca

