

Council Chamber
City Hall, Saskatoon, Sask.
Monday, September 28, 1992,
at 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

PRESENT: His Worship Mayor Dayday in the Chair;
Aldermen Hawthorne, Penner, Waygood, Birkmaier, Mostoway,
McCann, Dyck and Cherneskey;
City Commissioner Irwin;
Director of Planning and Development Pontikes;
Director of Works and Utilities Gustafson;
Director of Finance Richards;
City Solicitor Dust;
City Clerk Mann;
Aldermanic Assistant Sproule

Alderman Thompson entered the meeting at 7:04 p.m. during consideration of Item A.1) of "Communications".

Moved by Alderman Birkmaier, Seconded by Alderman McCann,

THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of City Council held on September 14, 1992, be approved.

CARRIED.

Alderman Birkmaier acknowledged the presence in the gallery of Scout Troop No. 69 from Parkridge.

Alderman Mostoway acknowledged the presence in the gallery of a group of planning students from the University of Saskatchewan.

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HEARINGS

- 2a) Discretionary Use Application
Proposed Commercial Parking Lot
124/126 Avenue B North
Imperial Parking Ltd.
(File No. CK. 4355-1)**

REPORT OF CITY CLERK:

"City Council, at its meeting held on August 17, 1992, received notice of the above discretionary use application.

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

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

The matter is also being reported on under Clause 1, Report No. 12-1992 of the Municipal Planning Commission."

Moved by Alderman Penner, Seconded by Alderman Birkmaier,

THAT Clause 1, Report No. 12-1992 of the Municipal Planning Commission be brought forward and considered.

CARRIED.

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REPORT NO. 12-1992 OF THE MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION

**1. Discretionary Use Application
Proposed Commercial Parking Lot
124/126 Avenue B North
B.4A Zoning District
Applicant: Imperial Parking Ltd.
(File No. CK. 4355-1)**

An application has been received from Imperial Parking Ltd. requesting City Council's approval to use Lots 33 and 34, Block 1, Plan No. PJ (124/126 Avenue B North) for the purpose of a parking lot. This property is zoned B.4A District in the Zoning Bylaw, and as a consequence, a parking lot may only be permitted at City Council's discretion. The intent of the proposal is to operate a commercial parking lot at 124/126 Avenue B North to meet a continuing need for parking in the Downtown area.

Attached is a copy of the Planning Department's report dated August, 1992 on this Discretionary Use Application which contains the following recommendation:

- "1) that in connection with Discretionary Use Applications No. 6/89 and 13/89 and in accordance with Section 35(10)(b) of the Zoning Bylaw that City Council waive the requirement that the parking area be paved. Also, in accordance with Section 35(10)(b) of the Zoning Bylaw, that City Council waive the requirement that parking areas not be located in any area of the site allocated for landscaping; and
- 2) that the application by Imperial Parking Limited requesting permission to use Lots 33 and 34, Block 1, Plan No. DJ (124/126 Avenue B North) for the purpose of a commercial parking lot to be recommended for approval, subject to:
 - a) the approval expiring on June 5, 1994; and
 - b) that any parking area lighting be directed away from adjacent properties."

The Municipal Planning Commission has reviewed this matter and supports this proposal for the following reasons:

- a) This application is to use the vacant lot at 124/126 Avenue B North as a parking lot in place of the parking lot previously operated at 128/130 Avenue B North, which was approved as a discretionary use by City Council on September 23, 1991 (expiry date June 5, 1994);

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- b) The Zoning Bylaw requirement for a parking area to be hard surfaced, suitably drained, and dust free, can be waived by City Council for parking stations that are in existence for a temporary period of time, and in this case, the applicant has indicated that it would be uneconomical to pave the parking lot, only to see it redeveloped within a short period of time;
- c) The proposal is in conformance with the applicable provisions of the Zoning Bylaw;
- d) The proposed parking lot use is consistent with the "Arterial Commercial" land use designation for this area within the Development Plan; and
- e) The public hearing will provide an opportunity to hear from anyone who opposes this discretionary use application.

RECOMMENDATION: that the following recommendations be brought forward for consideration under Item No. 2a) of Unfinished Business:

- 1) that the application by Imperial Parking Limited requesting permission to use Lots 33 and 34, Block 1, Plan No. DJ (124/126 Avenue B North) for the purpose of a commercial parking lot be APPROVED, subject to:
 - a) the approval expiring on June 5, 1994, and
 - b) any parking area lighting be directed away from adjacent properties; and
- 2) that in connection with Discretionary Use Applications No. 6/89 and 13/89 and in accordance with Section 35(10)(b) of the Zoning Bylaw, that City Council waive the requirement that the parking area be paved; and also in accordance with Section 35(10)(b) of the Zoning Bylaw, that City Council waive the requirement that parking areas not be located in any area of the site allocated for landscaping.

His Worship Mayor Dayday ascertained that there was no one present in the gallery who wished to be heard with respect to the matter.

Moved by Alderman Birkmaier, Seconded by Alderman Hawthorne,

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THAT the hearing be closed.

CARRIED.

Moved by Alderman Penner, Seconded by Alderman McCann,

THAT the application by Imperial Parking Limited requesting permission to use Lots 33 and 34, Block 1, Plan No. DJ (124/126 Avenue B North) for the purpose of a commercial parking lot be APPROVED, subject to:

- a) the approval expiring on June 5, 1994, and*
- b) any parking area lighting being directed away from adjacent properties; and*

THAT in connection with Discretionary Use Applications No. 6/89 and 13/89 and in accordance with Section 35(10)(b) of the Zoning Bylaw, that City Council waive the requirement that the parking area be paved; and also in accordance with Section 35(10)(b) of the Zoning Bylaw, that City Council waive the requirement that parking areas not be located in any area of the site allocated for landscaping.

CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL

The following communications were submitted and dealt with as stated:

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A. ITEMS WHICH REQUIRE THE DIRECTION OF CITY COUNCIL

**1) Marlene Hall, Secretary
Development Appeals Board, dated September 16**

Submitting Notice of Development Appeals Board hearing re existing one-unit dwelling (with side yard encroachment) - 1714 Ewart Avenue. (File No. CK. 4352-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Alderman Hawthorne, Seconded by Alderman Cherneskey,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

**2) Paul C. Hamilton
121 Albert Avenue, dated September 13**

Commenting re fee being charged by the Mendel Art Gallery for The Bleeding Heart exhibition. (File No. CK. 153-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Alderman McCann, Seconded by Alderman Mostoway,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

**3) Rita Gillies, Secretary
Multifaith Saskatoon, dated September 5**

Requesting Council to proclaim October 25 - November 1, 1992 as "Multifaith Week", and also requesting His Worship the Mayor to officially open Multifaith Week and Festival of Faith on October 25, 1992. (File No. CK. 205-5)

RECOMMENDATION: that His Worship the Mayor be authorized to proclaim October 25 - November 1, 1992 as "Multifaith Week"; and that the invitation for His Worship the Mayor to attend the official opening be referred to

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the Office of His Worship the Mayor.

Moved by Alderman Penner, Seconded by Alderman Mostoway,

THAT His Worship the Mayor be authorized to proclaim October 25 - November 1, 1992 as "Multifaith Week"; and that the invitation for His Worship the Mayor to attend the official opening be referred to the Office of His Worship the Mayor.

CARRIED.

**4) Mary Lou Ogle
Canadian Club of Saskatoon, dated September 16**

Requesting Council to proclaim the week of September 27 - October 3, 1992, as Canadian Club of Saskatoon Week. (File No. CK. 205-5)

RECOMMENDATION: that His Worship the Mayor be authorized to proclaim September 27 - October 3, 1992, as Canadian Club of Saskatoon Week.

Moved by Alderman Birkmaier, Seconded by Alderman McCann,

THAT His Worship the Mayor be authorized to proclaim September 27 - October 3, 1992, as Canadian Club of Saskatoon Week.

CARRIED.

**5) Gary Kachur
1992 SAMRT Conference Chairman, dated September 18**

Requesting Council to proclaim the week of October 19 - 22, 1992 as Medical Radiation Technology Week. (File No. CK. 205-5)

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RECOMMENDATION: that His Worship the Mayor be authorized to proclaim October 19 - 22, 1992 as Medical Radiation Technology Week.

Moved by Alderman Penner, Seconded by Alderman Hawthorne,

THAT His Worship the Mayor be authorized to proclaim October 19 - 22, 1992 as Medical Radiation Technology Week.

CARRIED.

**6) Elizabeth Warren, Treasurer
Association of Translators and Interpreters of Saskatchewan, dated September 9**

Requesting Council to proclaim September 30, 1992, as National and International Translation Day in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 205-5)

RECOMMENDATION: that His Worship the Mayor be authorized to proclaim September 30, 1992 as National and International Translation Day in Saskatoon.

Moved by Alderman Mostoway, Seconded by Alderman McCann,

THAT His Worship the Mayor be authorized to proclaim September 30, 1992 as National and International Translation Day in Saskatoon.

CARRIED.

**7) Peggy McKercher, Chairperson
Meewasin Valley Authority, dated September 17**

Submitting 1991-92 annual report of the Meewasin Valley Authority. (File No. CK. 430-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Alderman Penner, Seconded by Alderman McCann,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

**8) Marlene Larocque, Jacqui Barclay, Robert Doucette, Don Kossick
Saskatoon 500 Years Coalition, dated September 22**

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Requesting permission to address Council re recognition of October 11th as a Day in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples throughout the world. (File No. CK. 205-5)

RECOMMENDATION: that a representative of Saskatoon 500 Years Coalition be heard.

Moved by Alderman McCann, Seconded by Alderman Mostoway,

THAT a representative of Saskatoon 500 Years Coalition be heard.

CARRIED.

Mr. Robert Doucette reviewed the submitted letter and asked Council to recognize October 11, 1992 as a Day in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples throughout the world.

Moved by Alderman Cherneskey, Seconded by Alderman Penner,

THAT His Worship the Mayor be authorized to proclaim October 11, 1992, as a Day in Solidarity with Indigenous Peoples throughout the world.

CARRIED.

**9) Earl Yeo, President
Saskatoon Goldfins Swimming Club, dated September 23**

Requesting Council to proclaim the week of October 4 - 10, 1992 as National Swim Week. (File No. CK. 205-5)

RECOMMENDATION: that His Worship the Mayor be authorized to proclaim the week of October 4 - 10, 1992, as National Swim Week.

Moved by Alderman Birkmaier, Seconded by Alderman Cherneskey,

THAT His Worship the Mayor be authorized to proclaim the week of October 4 - 10, 1992, as National Swim Week.

CARRIED.

**10) S. M. Shahab Ahmad
The Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam, dated September 22**

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Requesting Council to proclaim October 16 - 23, 1992, as The Ahmadiyya Muslim Mosque Week.
(File No. CK. 205-5)

RECOMMENDATION: that His Worship the Mayor be authorized to proclaim October 16 - 23, 1992, as The Ahmadiyya Muslim Mosque Week in Saskatoon.

Moved by Alderman Hawthorne, Seconded by Alderman Cherneskey,

THAT His Worship the Mayor be authorized to proclaim October 16 - 23, 1992, as The Ahmadiyya Muslim Mosque Week in Saskatoon and October 16 as The Ahmadiyya Muslim Mosque Day.

CARRIED.

**11) Sheilagh Steer, President, Board of Directors
Darlene Bessey, Executive Director, YWCA, dated September 23**

Requesting Council to proclaim October as Women's History Month in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 205-5)

RECOMMENDATION: that His Worship the Mayor be authorized to proclaim October as Women's History Month in Saskatoon.

Moved by Alderman McCann, Seconded by Alderman Waygood,

THAT His Worship the Mayor be authorized to proclaim October as Women's History Month in Saskatoon.

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**12) Lucy Chuback, Chairperson
On Broadway Business Improvement District, dated September 23**

Requesting Council to approve the appointments of Stephanie Tynan and Greg Brash to the Broadway Business Improvement District Board to replace Bill Ellis and Ron Pearson. (File No. CK. 1680-3)

RECOMMENDATION: that Stephanie Tynan and Greg Brash be appointed to the On Broadway Business Improvement District Board, to replace Bill Ellis and Ron Pearson.

Moved by Alderman Waygood, Seconded by Alderman Cherneskey,

THAT Stephanie Tynan and Greg Brash be appointed to the On Broadway Business Improvement District Board, to replace Bill Ellis and Ron Pearson.

CARRIED.

**13) Art Lord, Consultant
Saskatchewan Community Services, dated September 22**

Submitting resignation from the Saskatoon Leisure Services Advisory Board and submitting the name of Mr. Lyle Hayes as a replacement on the Board. (File No. CK. 175-4)

RECOMMENDATION: that Mr. Lyle Hayes be appointed to the Leisure Services Advisory Board, to replace Mr. Art Lord as the representative of Saskatchewan Community Services.

Moved by Alderman Penner, Seconded by Alderman Birkmaier,

THAT Mr. Lyle Hayes be appointed to the Leisure Services Advisory Board, to replace Mr. Art Lord as the representative of Saskatchewan Community Services.

CARRIED.

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**14) Fred J. Sutter, Administrator
The R.M. of Corman Park, No. 344, dated September 21**

Recommending the appointment of Dr. Jack Stabler as the joint appointee to the District Planning Commission. (File No. CK. 175-10)

RECOMMENDATION: that Dr. Jack Stabler be appointed to the District Planning Commission as the joint appointee of the City of Saskatoon and the R.M. of Corman Park.

Moved by Alderman Cherneskey, Seconded by Alderman Penner,

THAT Dr. Jack Stabler be appointed to the District Planning Commission as the joint appointee of the City of Saskatoon and the R.M. of Corman Park.

CARRIED.

**15) F. J. (Frank) Flegel, Director of Communications
University of Regina, dated September 18**

Requesting Council to endorse a resolution from the Village of Belcarra re Canadian Unity. (File No. CK. 277-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the direction of Council issue.

Moved by Alderman Hawthorne, Seconded by Alderman Mostoway,

THAT the information be received.

IN AMENDMENT

Moved by Alderman Thompson, Seconded by Alderman McCann,

AND THAT the resolution passed by the Village of Belcarra be endorsed.

THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT AND CARRIED.

THE MOTION AS AMENDED WAS PUT AND CARRIED.

**16) Mrs. L. Davison
43 Selkirk Crescent, dated September 24**

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Expressing support for recommendation to declare Boxing Day a Civic holiday. (File No. CK. 184-2-6)

**17) Caroline Robins School Staff
dated September 24**

Expressing support for recommendation to declare Boxing Day a Civic holiday. (File No. CK. 184-2-6)

18) Merchants of Market Mall, dated September 25

Expressing support for recommendation to declare Boxing Day a Civic holiday. (File No. CK. 184-2-6)

**19) The Merchants Association of
The Mall at Lawson Heights, dated September 23**

Expressing support for recommendation to declare Boxing Day a Civic Holiday. (File No. CK. 184-2-6)

RECOMMENDATION: that the letter be received and considered with Clause 4, Report No. 19-1992 of the Legislation and Finance Committee.

Moved by Alderman Penner, Seconded by Alderman Mostoway,

THAT the letters be received and considered with Clause 4, Report No. 19-1992 of the Legislation and Finance Committee.

CARRIED.

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**20) Hugh McLellan, Vice-President
Saskatoon Manager, Reed Stenhouse Limited, dated September 28**

Commenting re appointment of Broker/Agent for General Insurance and Risk Management Services. (File No. CK. 1880-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the letter be received and considered with Clause 1, Report No. 19-1992 of the Legislation and Finance Committee.

Moved by Alderman McCann, Seconded by Alderman Cherneskey,

THAT the letter be received and considered with Clause 1, Report No. 19-1992 of the Legislation and Finance Committee.

CARRIED.

**21) Edythe Valleau
Melfort, Sask., dated September 25**

Commenting re Transportation for the Disabled. (File No. CK. 7305-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the letter be received and considered with Clause 2, Report No. 20-1992 of the Works and Utilities Committee.

Moved by Alderman Birkmaier, Seconded by Alderman Dyck,

THAT the letter be received and considered with Clause 2, Report No. 20-1992 of the Works and Utilities Committee.

CARRIED.

**22) Margie Inglehart, Recording Secretary
Saskatoon Committee for Accessible Transportation, dated September 28**

Requesting permission to address Council re Special Needs Transportation in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 7305-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the letter be received and considered with Clause 2, Report No. 20-1992 of the Works and Utilities Committee.

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Moved by Alderman Cherneskey, Seconded by Alderman Birkmaier,

THAT the letter be received and considered with Clause 2, Report No. 20-1992 of the Works and Utilities Committee.

CARRIED.

**23) G. D. (Glenn) Wagner, Account Executive
Marsh & McLennan, dated September 28**

Advising Council that representatives will be present in the gallery to answer questions pertaining to the appointment of Broker/Agent for Risk Management and General Insurance Services. (File No. CK. 1880-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the letter be received and considered with Clause 1, Report No. 19-1992 of the Legislation and Finance Committee.

Moved by Alderman McCann, Seconded by Alderman Cherneskey,

THAT the letter be received and considered with Clause 1, Report No. 19-1992 of the Legislation and Finance Committee.

CARRIED.

**LETTER DATED SEPTEMBER 28, 1992,
FROM J. L. GROVER, 228 AVENUE I SOUTH
RE CLOSURE OF APARTMENT BUILDING AT 203 AVENUE F SOUTH
(FILE NO. CK. 530-2)**

His Worship Mayor Dayday indicated that members of Council had a copy on their desk of a letter dated September 28, 1992, from Mr. J. L. Grover, requesting permission to address Council with respect to the closure by the Fire Department of his apartment building located at 203 Avenue E South. His Worship Mayor Dayday requested Council's direction pursuant to Section 22 of The Council Procedure Bylaw.

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Moved by Alderman Penner, Seconded by Alderman Hawthorne,

THAT the letter be received and Mr. Grover be advised that his letter will be placed before City Council at its meeting scheduled for Tuesday, October 13, 1992.

CARRIED.

B. ITEMS WHICH HAVE BEEN REFERRED FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION

**1) Peggy McKercher, Chairman
Meewasin Valley Authority, dated September 18**

Submitting copy of Saskatoon Board of Education letter concerning the Senior Citizens' Highrise Complex. Referred to the Planning and Development Committee. (File No. CK. 4130-2)

**2) Sarah Friesen, 1137 Avenue K South
and others from the 1100 Block Avenue K South, undated**

Submitting petition requesting replacement of sidewalks in the 1100 Block of Avenue K South. Referred to the Administration. (File No. CK. 4140-1)

**3) Tom Paul
1944 McKercher Drive, undated**

Expressing concern re parking and noise problems associated with a pub/bar at 1945 McKercher Drive. Referred to the Administration. (Files CK. 4350-1 and 375-2)

**4) Audrey Zwack, President
North Saskatoon Region, Boy Scouts of Canada, dated September 15**

Requesting a rebate on taxes for 508 - 12th Street East for 1992. Referred to the Legislation and Finance Committee. (File No. CK. 1965-1)

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**5) Grethyl Adams, Chairperson of the Board
Canadian Polytechnic College, dated September 11**

Requesting exemption from property taxation for 1992. Referred to the Legislation and Finance Committee. (File No. CK. 1965-1)

**6) E. Anne Kowalenko
605 - 28th Street West, dated September 15**

Expressing concern re control or ban of Pit Bulls in the City of Saskatoon. Referred to the Legislation and Finance Committee. (File No. CK. 152-4)

**7) Don Junor, Administrator
Riversdale Business Improvement District, dated September 22**

Requesting permission to have westbound traffic prohibited on 20th Street West between Avenue C and Avenue D from 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, October 10, 1992, for the unveiling of the Heritage Plaque for the Town Cinema. Referred to the Administration. (File No. CK. 205-1)

8) Councillor Paul Mostoway, dated September 22

Commenting re Teleride Automatic Transit Information number in Saskatoon. Referred to the Works and Utilities Committee. (File No. CK. 7300-1)

**9) Terry & Sylvia Telford
727 Kerr Road, dated September 21**

Expressing concern re development in Erindale. Referred to the Director of Planning and Development. (File No. CK. 4131-5)

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- 10) Peter Slonowski
1117 Avenue North and Residents of 1100 Block Avenue Y North
dated September 23**

Submitting petition for street repairs under the Local Improvement Program along the 1100 Block Avenue Y North between 33rd Street West and Marlborough Avenue. Referred to the Administration. (File No. CK. 4140-1)

- 11) G. R. Day, President
Saskatchewan Association of City Clerks, dated September 22**

Requesting Council to endorse proposed amendments to The Local Government Elections Act. Referred to the Legislation and Finance Committee. (File No. CK. 127-7)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Alderman Penner, Seconded by Alderman Cherneskey,

THAT the information be received.

IN AMENDMENT

Moved by Alderman Penner, Seconded by Alderman McCann,

AND THAT Item B.3) also be referred to the Planning and Development Committee.

THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT AND CARRIED.

IN AMENDMENT

Moved by Alderman Cherneskey, Seconded by Alderman Mostoway,

AND THAT the Administration report to City Council on Item B.9.

*THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT AND CARRIED.
THE MOTION AS AMENDED WAS PUT AND CARRIED.*

Moved by Alderman Thompson, Seconded by Alderman Dyck,

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THAT The Council Procedure Bylaw be referred to the Ad Hoc Committee to Review the Procedures of Committees of Council to address the timeliness with respect to the admissibility of Communications to City Council and the opportunity to speak to City Council on any item as desired.

CARRIED.

REPORTS

Mr. R. Tennent, Chairman, submitted Report No. 12-1992 of the Municipal Planning Commission;

City Commissioner Irwin submitted Report No. 23-1992 of the City Commissioner;

Alderman McCann, Chairman, presented Report No. 22-1992 of the Planning and Development Committee;

Alderman Cherneskey, Chairman, presented Report No. 19-1992 of the Legislation and Finance Committee;

Alderman Dyck, Chairman, presented Report No. 19-1992 of the Works and Utilities Committee;

Alderman Dyck, Chairman, presented Report No. 20-1992 of the Works and Utilities Committee;

His Worship Mayor Dayday, Chairman, presented Report No. 9-1992 of the Committee on Committees.

Moved by Alderman Hawthorne, Seconded by Alderman Birkmaier,

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

- a) Report No. 12-1992 of the Municipal Planning Commission;*
- b) Report No. 23-1992 of the City Commissioner;*
- c) Report No. 22-1992 of the Planning and Development Committee;*
- d) Report No. 19-1992 of the Legislation and Finance Committee;*

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- e) *Report No. 19-1992 of the Works and Utilities Committee;*
- f) *Report No. 20-1992 of the Works and Utilities Committee; and*
- g) *Report No. 9-1992 of the Committee on Committees.*

CARRIED.

His Worship Mayor Dayday appointed Alderman Hawthorne as Chairman of the Committee of the Whole.

Council went into Committee of the Whole with Alderman Hawthorne in the Chair.

Committee arose.

Alderman Hawthorne, Chairman of the Committee of the Whole, made the following report:

THAT while in Committee of the Whole, the following matters were considered and dealt with as stated:

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"REPORT NO. 12-1992 OF THE MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION"

Composition of Committee

Mr. R. Tennent, Chairman
Mr. Jim Kozmyk
Alderman K. Waygood
Mr. J. Wolfe
Mr. Al Selinger
Mr. Glen Grismer
Mr. Bill Delainey
Ms. Fran Alexson
Mr. Victor Pizzey
Dr. H.O. Langlois
Mr. Brian Noonan
Ms. Lina Eidem

- 1. Discretionary Use Application
Proposed Commercial Parking Lot
124/126 Avenue B North
B.4A Zoning District
Applicant: Imperial Parking Ltd.
(File No. CK. 4355-1)**

DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 2.

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REPORT NO. 23-1992 OF THE CITY COMMISSIONER

Section A - Works and Utilities

**A1) 1992 Local Improvement Program
Section 5(1)(a)
Authorizing Bylaw Nos. 7313 and 7314
(File No. CC 4140-1) _____**

Report of the City Solicitor, September 10, 1992:

"With reference to the City Clerk's letter dated September 2, 1992, and in accordance with City Council's instructions at its meeting held on August 31, 1992, we have prepared and enclose herewith the following proposed Bylaws:

Bylaw No. 7313 - to authorize the construction of
Street Paving on New Base; and,

Bylaw No. 7314 - to authorize the reconstruction of
Concrete Sidewalks, Curbs and Gutters."

RECOMMENDATION: that City Council consider Bylaw Nos. 7313 and 7314 at this meeting.

ADOPTED.

**A2) Proposed Purchase of CN Rail Property
Part of Lots 6, 7, 8 & 9, Block 220, Plan G.826
(File No. CC 4020-1) _____**

Report of the Land Manager, September 23, 1992:

"The City of Saskatoon, under a Lease Agreement dated May 1, 1984, leased parts of Lots 6, 7, 8 and 9, Block 220, Plan G.826, from the CN Rail Company. The lease of the property allows the City to create a turnaround immediately south of where a CN Rail spur crosses 1st Avenue North.

The property was leased in order that the City could close a portion of 1st Avenue North thereby prohibiting traffic taking a 'shortcut' between 33rd and 42nd Streets. The lease fee has been

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\$700.00 per year, and the City is also responsible to reimburse CN for property taxes (\$825.26) and, recently, the GST (\$57.77) on the property taxes. The Lease Agreement is year-to-year, and CN has increased the lease for 1992 to \$1,000.00 per year. The Engineering Department is therefore currently required to pay a total of \$1,883.03 per year to lease the land for the turn-around.

As it is still deemed necessary to prevent through traffic on 1st Avenue North and the lease costs appear to be escalating, the Engineering Department requested that the Land Department negotiate the purchase of the necessary turnaround property. The negotiations are complete and, subject to approval of CN's senior management, CN has agreed to sell the property to the City for the sum of \$5,000.00 plus GST.

The City Solicitor's Office has reviewed CN's proposed Purchase Agreement and is satisfied with its form. The Agreement, however, contains a clause whereby CN makes no representation about the environmental condition of the property and indemnifies CN from any claims on or in connection with the property. The Solicitor recommends, and I concur, that the City does an environmental assessment of the property prior to completing the sale."

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that subject to a satisfactory environmental assessment, City Council approve the purchase of Part of Lots 6, 7, 8 and 9, Block 220, Plan G.826, for the sum of \$5,000.00 plus GST and adjustments;
 - 2) that the source of funding be the Paved Street Maintenance Program; and,
 - 3) that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary agreement, under the Corporate Seal.

- IT WAS RESOLVED:*
- 1) *that subject to a satisfactory environmental assessment, City Council approve the purchase of Part of Lots 6, 7, 8 and 9, Block 220, Plan G.826, for the sum of \$5,000.00 plus GST and adjustments;*
 - 2) *that the source of funding be the Paved Street Maintenance Program;*
 - 3) *that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary agreement, under the Corporate Seal; and*

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- 4) *that Council receive a report from the Land Manager on prices paid to CP Rail and CN Rail on isolated pockets of land and whether they have been at fair market value.*

Section B - Planning and Development

**B1) Street Name Change
- Portion of 6th Avenue to Kinsmen Avenue
(File No. CC 6310-1)**

Report of the City Solicitor, September 15, 1992:

"At its meeting held August 31, 1992, Council resolved:

- 1) **that City Council approve the proposed street name change from 6th Avenue to Kinsmen Avenue, as described in the Engineer's Schedule No. H7-SL8; and,**
- 2) **that the City Solicitor be instructed to take all necessary actions to effect the street name change.'**

Pursuant to that instruction, we have prepared and enclose proposed Bylaw No. 7315 for Council's consideration."

RECOMMENDATION: that City Council consider Bylaw No. 7315.

ADOPTED.

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**B2) Demolition
485 - 1st Avenue North
(Former Palm Dairy Building)
(File No. CC 530-1)**

Report of the Acting General Manager of the Planning Department, September 11, 1992:

"The former Palm Dairy Building is located at 485 - 1st Avenue North on Lots 18-20 and 22-27 inclusive, Block A, Plan Q13 and also Plan Q15. The property is zoned I.D.1 District and is assessed in the name of Peter Shinkaruk (#12 - 3113 - 7th Street East, Saskatoon).

A fire in May of 1987 severely damaged a light-frame addition which is located on the northwest corner of this building. This portion of the structure (which has been identified as Section B on Figure 1 of this report) is beyond repair and should be demolished.

Another fire, in June of 1988, gutted the main floor of the building which is indicated as Section C on Figure 1. The exterior walls, which are built of 14 inches of solid clay bricks, have remained standing and enclose the burnt-out structure. An engineer's report which was prepared following this fire indicated a structural concern with the perimeter walls that lost their lateral support at the top when the damaged sections of the roof in the south portion collapsed. The engineer determined that cable braces should be added to the top of these walls if they were to be left freestanding for an extended period of time. The owner installed the cable and braced the front wall with wooden members as a temporary measure.

The structures on this property were constructed in various stages between 1928 and 1955. Reinforced concrete has been used for the foundation walls, floors, and columns. The superstructure is a frame construction, with the exception of the concrete columns, a concrete roof (over part of Section A), and the exterior walls which, for the most part, are masonry. The total area of the building is approximately 1,500 square metres (16,000 square feet), with approximately 1,000 square metres (11,000 square feet) of basement area. Half of the building's roof structure, main-floor columns, and beams have been damaged or destroyed in the above-noted fires.

As a result of concerns expressed by staff of various civic departments, by the Saskatoon Community Health Unit, and by adjacent property owners, this building was inspected on August 27, 1992. Staff of the Planning, Buildings and Grounds, Engineering, and Fire Departments, as well as of the Saskatoon Community Health Unit, participated in this inspection.

The exterior grounds around the building have an accumulation of abandoned building-materials (consisting of old lumber, piping, and miscellaneous equipment) and garbage (consisting of paper waste, old furniture, and other refuse). This material is unsightly and poses a safety hazard to people who may wander onto the property. Much of the material involves combustible products and could present a fire hazard. The material also creates ideal conditions for harbouring rodents.

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Major sections of the building have suffered extensive fire damage. This has left the northwest and central portions of the building without any roof. (These areas are identified as Sections B and C on Figure 1.) In these areas, portions of the roof have collapsed; other portions of the building's roof are sagging and are in danger of collapse. There are loose bricks which could fall internally because of the damage to the lintels. These conditions, along with the burnt-out debris which is still within the building, make this structure unsafe for anyone who may gain entry. Both burned areas contain many hazards because of partially-damaged beams, columns, and roof structures. The owner of the building has made little or no attempt to relocate or to salvage the materials that are in this building. (These include carpets, papers, cardboard, building-materials, clothing, bikes, etc.).

There is also a continuous flow of water into the basement. Water covers most of the basement's floor to a depth varying from 5 to 15 centimetres (2 to 6 inches). The source of this water appears to be groundwater, although further tests may be required to verify this. The concrete columns, clay-brick walls, and clay-tile walls are deteriorating in the basement, as a result of several freeze/thaw cycles. Several concrete columns are spalling at the base, while interior clay-tile walls have collapsed. It was also noted that the membrane over the remaining roof is in poor condition. As well, the electrical, heating, and plumbing systems have been damaged by the fires.

To repair this building, the reconstruction must conform with all requirements of the current Building Code because the costs of these repairs will exceed 50% of the market value of the building (in accordance with the requirements under Section 17 of the City's Building and Maintenance Bylaw). Staff of the Civic Buildings and Grounds Department and the Planning Department are of the opinion that such repairs are not economically viable.

The building has not been adequately secured to prevent unauthorized entry. Access to the building can be gained along the west and south walls. There is also a ladder at the rear of the building which provides access to the fire-damaged roof-area. The owner has been requested to secure the building on more than one occasion. Photos of the property are available for viewing in the City Clerk's Department.

In view of the hazardous conditions which have been outlined in this report and because unauthorized persons can enter the building, the Planning and Fire Departments, together with the Saskatoon Community Health Unit, believe this building is a nuisance pursuant to Section 124 of The Urban Municipality Act."

RECOMMENDATION: 1) that City Council declare the property at 485 - 1st Avenue North to be a nuisance pursuant to Section 124 of The Urban Municipality Act because in City Council's opinion the building in its current ruinous and dilapidated state is dangerous to the public safety and health; and,

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- 2) that City Council instruct the City Solicitor to advise the owner and all persons having an interest in the above-noted property of the date wherein Council will consider the making of an order to demolish all buildings on this site.

ADOPTED.

**B3) Ernest Lindner Park
Proposed Subdivision
PR1, Plan 86-S-17948
(File No: CC 4206-1)**

City Council, at its meeting held on July 11, 1988, approved the following recommendations of the Planning and Development Committee concerning the sale of six potential residential lots to Westland Properties:

- "1) that pursuant to Section 200 of The Planning and Development Act, City Council request the Minister of Urban Affairs to authorize the sale of a portion of Public Reserve PR1, Plan 86-S-17948, 42.084 metres in width, 103.8 metres in length and 4368.32 square metres in area, as shown on the attached plan to Westland Properties Ltd., for the price of \$54,660.00;
- 2) that upon receiving the authorization of the Minister of Urban Affairs, the City Solicitor take the necessary action to petition the Master of Titles for an Order amending the plan and to effect the sale; and
- 3) that all monies received from the said sale of the public reserve be paid into the Dedicated Lands Account".

At the request of the Administration, City Council also adopted the following recommendation:

"that as a condition of Council's approval of the sale of the said portion of PR1, Plan 86-S-17948, that Westland Properties Ltd. enter into a development agreement with the City of Saskatoon which provides for the payment of off-site levies".

When City Council agreed to sell the above-noted parcel to Westland Properties, the housing market was still quite strong. However, as the final negotiations between the City and Westland Properties progressed, the market had slowed to the point where finalizing the sale was not a priority for either party.

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Negotiations have now reached the point where Westland Properties has agreed to pay the off-site levies on this property and to proceed with developing the lots. Therefore, in order to complete the sale, action must now be taken by the City to remove the property's municipal-reserve designation. To accomplish this, it is necessary to prepare a bylaw, to publish a notice of the bylaw at least once a week for two consecutive weeks, and to hold a public hearing of Council prior to seeking Ministerial approval to remove the property from the municipal reserve. Because the price and the purchaser of this property were approved by City Council at its meeting on July 11, 1988, the parcel can be transferred to the purchaser upon the receipt of Ministerial approval.

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the City Solicitor prepare a bylaw to authorize the sale of that portion of PR1, Plan 86-S-17948, as outlined on the attached plan;
 - 2) that the Administration advertise Council's intention to consider the said bylaw in accordance with Sections 201 and 207 of The Planning and Development Act, 1983; and
 - 3) that, subject to the approval of the bylaw, the City Solicitor be instructed to transfer the parcel to Westland Properties Ltd. for the sum of \$54,660.00, plus the necessary off-site levies (in accordance with City Council's July 11, 1992, resolution on this matter).

ADOPTED.

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**B4) Easement Requirement
SaskPower
Ptn. NW 26-36-6W3
(File No. CC 4090-3)**

Report of the Acting General Manager of the Planning Department, September 21, 1992:

"Carol A. Moore, on behalf of SaskPower's Land Department, has asked the City to approve an easement over Ptn. NW 26-36-6W3. (See the attached plan.) The proposed easement will be located on City-owned property, but will not be within the City limits.

The Planning and the Land Departments have no objection to the easement."

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that an easement over City-owned property described as Ptn. NW 26-36-6W3 be granted to SaskPower, as outlined in the attached easement agreement; and,
 - 2) that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute this easement agreement, in a form which is satisfactory to the City Solicitor, on behalf of the City of Saskatoon through the application of their respective signatures and the Corporate Seal to such an Agreement.

ADOPTED.

**B5) Communications to Council
From: E. M. K. MacGregor
126 Avenue J South
Date: July 29, 1992
Subject: Expressing concern re condition of property at
124 Avenue J South
(File No. CC 530-1)**

Report of the Acting General Manager of the Planning Department, September 18, 1992:

"At its August 17, 1992, meeting, City Council received the above-noted letter from E.M.K. MacGregor concerning the condition of the property at 124 Avenue J South. A copy of this letter has been attached.

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This property was damaged by a fire in November 1991. At that time, the Planning Department wrote to the owner indicating that it was going to recommend to City Council that the building should be demolished due to the extent of the damage (i.e. the Department believed that it would be very costly to repair the building). The owner's solicitor responded that he was waiting for a report from the insurance adjuster and that he would contact the Department as soon as the report had been received.

To date, the Planning Department has not received the adjuster's report. The Department sent another letter to the owner's solicitor and asked for an indication of his client's intentions on this matter. (It should be pointed out that the building was secured adequately after the fire and has not been a hazard.)

The property is zoned R.4 District. Its dimensions are 7.62 metres (25 feet) by 36.8 metres (120.8 feet), giving it an area of 280.6 square metres (3020 square feet). The house on the property is located close to the front property-line and close to the north property-line. The Planning Department has not obtained a surveyor's certificate for this property and therefore, the actual front-yard and side-yard dimensions are not known.

Under the provisions of the Zoning Bylaw, the lot area for a one-unit dwelling has to be at least 348 square metres. There is an exemption from this requirement for smaller lots which have been held under distinct and separate ownership from adjacent sites since August 18, 1930. The Planning Department has not determined whether this lot is eligible for such an exemption. In addition, the Department has not received any application to repair or rebuild on this site.

The owner's intentions and the history of the lot, as recorded in the Land Titles Office, will govern this Department's future action. Should an application for a building permit or a development permit be denied, the owner has the right to appeal the Department's decision to the Development Appeals Board.

The building is somewhat of an eyesore because it is boarded up and the yard has not been maintained over the summer months. However, the Planning Department does not recommend taking any action under The Building and Maintenance Bylaw at this time."

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that a copy of this report be forwarded to E. M. K. MacGregor; and,
 - 2) that a further report on the status and condition of this property be submitted to City Council in January of 1993.

ADOPTED.

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**B6) Sale of Municipal Reserve in an Industrial Area
Municipal Reserve MR4, Block 637, Plan 79-S-22381
(File No. CC 4215-1)**

On April 13, 1992, City Council approved Bylaw No. 7285 which authorized the sale of the municipal reserve which is located at the south east corner of 50th Street and Northridge Drive (Municipal Reserve MR4, Block 637, Plan No. 79-S-22381). The Bylaw required the sale to occur by public tender and to be subject to a reserve bid of \$236,000.

On May 25, 1992, City Council considered the results of the public tender which was held on this property. Two bids were received, both of which were below the minimum amount specified by the reserve bid. Therefore, the bids were rejected by City Council and the Administration was requested to provide a further report on the disposition of this property.

Report of the Land Manager, September 21, 1992:

"During the time after City Council rejected the two bids, the Land Department has received enquiries from prospective purchasers about this property. Therefore, the Department recommends that the property should again be advertised for sale by public tender, but without a reserve bid. Following the close of tenders, a report and recommendation regarding the acceptability of the bids will be provided to City Council. If City Council agrees to accept an offer, the Master of Titles will be requested to raise the title to the parcel to enable the sale to occur.

To accommodate this recommendation and because the previously-approved bylaw is no longer in effect, a new bylaw must be prepared to authorize the sale of the municipal reserve. A notice of the bylaw must be published at least once a week for two consecutive weeks and then City Council must hold a public hearing on the matter."

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that City Council is satisfied that Municipal Reserve MR4, Block 637, Plan 79-S-22381 is no longer required as a park;
 - 2) that the City Solicitor prepare a bylaw to authorize the sale of all of Municipal Reserve MR4, Block 637, Plan 79-S-22381;
 - 3) that the Administration advertise Council's intention to consider the said bylaw in accordance with Sections 201 and 207 of The Planning and Development Act, 1983;
 - 4) that subject to the approval of the bylaw, the Land Manager

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- be authorized to offer the parcel for sale by public tender;
- 5) that the Land Manager submit a report to City Council with the results of the tender;
 - 6) that, if City Council accepts a bid for the property, the City Solicitor take the necessary action to effect the sale; and,
 - 7) that all monies received from the sale of Municipal Reserve MR4, Block 637, Plan 79-S-22381, be paid into the Dedicated Lands Account.

ADOPTED.

**B7) Rotary Park Program Plan
Donation from Five Saskatoon Rotary Clubs
(File No. CC 4206)**

Report of the Acting General Manager, Leisure Services Department, September 23, 1992:

"During its July 6, 1992, meeting, City Council received a progress report on the preparation of a program plan for Rotary Park. The report also discussed the proposed involvement of Saskatoon's five Rotary Clubs in enhancing and upgrading this Park.

On October 7, 1992, Rotary International President Clifford L. Dochterman will be visiting Saskatoon and will formally announce the involvement of Saskatoon's Rotary Clubs in the upgrading of Rotary Park. As part of this ceremony, Mr. Dochterman will also be announcing the Clubs' involvement in 'Peace Parks Across Canada', a project initiated by the International Institute for Peace through Tourism in cooperation with CANADA 125 and the National Capital Commission.

Along with other communities and community organizations across Canada, the five Rotary Clubs in Saskatoon will be dedicating a portion of Rotary Park as a 'Peace Park', thereby recognizing it as a living legacy of Canada's commitment to World Peace and Environmental Protection. To symbolize this concept, a Peace Grove of twelve trees, representing our provinces and territories, will be planted in Rotary Park.

This Peace Grove will be included as one element of the forthcoming Rotary Park Program Plan. Although the Program Plan has not yet been formally approved, all of the stakeholders in the public participation process for the Plan endorsed the inclusion of a Peace Grove in Rotary Park.

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On October 7, 1992, the Rotary International President and representatives of Saskatoon's five Rotary Clubs will dedicate one tree as an interim representation of the Peace Grove. The actual installation of the twelve trees for the Peace Grove will take place as part of the future upgrading and enhancement projects that will implement the Rotary Park Program Plan. The specific design and location of the Peace Grove will be determined during the site-development planning stage for Rotary Park. The Meewasin Valley Authority will be the lead agency in preparing the site-development plan."

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the information be received; and,
 - 2) that City Council endorse the concept of incorporating a Peace Grove (as part of the Rotary Clubs' "Peace Parks Across Canada" Program) within Rotary Park.

ADOPTED.

Section C - Finance

**C1) Business Tax Adjustments
August 1992
(File No. CC 1985-2)**

Report of the City Treasurer, September 14, 1992:

"Submitted, copy attached, is a listing of 1992 Business Tax Adjustments in the total of \$46,059.50, which requires Council's approval for write-off.

The listing represents businesses which have discontinued business at the premises indicated; these accounts are not uncollectible, but require adjustment in keeping with Business Tax Bylaw #6714(12) which states:

'Where a business is commenced after the 31st day of January or is discontinued before the 1st day of December, the Council, shall, upon written request, adjust the amount levied with respect of that business to correspond with the portion of the year during which the business is, or was, carried on; PROVIDED that such request is made before the expiration of one year following the year in respect of which the amount levied is to be adjusted.'

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Business tax adjustments are offset by supplementary assessments on new businesses or businesses that relocate, renovate, or enlarge premises.

The distribution of this write-off will be as follows:

City	\$19,771.18
School Boards	24,618.33
Business Improvement Districts	<u>1,669.99</u>
	\$46,059.50"

RECOMMENDATION: that Council approve of the 1992 Business Tax write-off in the amount of \$46,059.50, for the reasons detailed on the attached list for the period August 1, 1992, to August 31, 1992.

ADOPTED.

**C2) Investments
(File No. CC 1790-3)**

Report of the Investment Services Manager, September 17, 1992:

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

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

ADOPTED.

Section D - Services

D1) Routine Reports Submitted to City Council

<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
Business Tax - General License	August 1, 1992	August 31, 1992

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(copy attached)
(File No. CC 435-13)

Property Tax Collections (copy attached) (File No. 435-8)	August 1, 1992	August 31, 1992
Schedule of Accounts Paid 1,097,095.80 (File No. CC 1530-2)	September 9, 1992	September 11, 1992
Schedule of Accounts Paid \$5,323,352.72 (File No. CC 1530-2)	September 9, 1992	September 15, 1992
Schedule of Accounts Paid \$2,136,421.29 (File No. CC 1530-2)	September 15, 1992	September 17, 1992
Schedule of Accounts Paid \$1,513,334.43 (File No. CC 1530-2)	September 15, 1992	September 22, 1992
Schedule of Accounts Paid \$881,871.83 (File No. CC 1530-2)	September 22, 1992	September 24, 1992

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

**D2) General Voting Reserve
(File No. CC 265-1)**

The City Clerk will be travelling to Winnipeg in order to observe staff training and poll operations for the municipal election being held on October 28, 1992. She will also be meeting with officials from the City of Red Deer on October 19, 1992, in order to view their computerized ballot counting system. In addition, the City Clerk will be attending a number of meetings in Regina regarding proposed amendments to The Local Government Elections Act.

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The costs for the above travel should be borne by the General Voting Reserve rather than the City Clerk's Operating Budget. The present balance of the Reserve is \$122,800.

RECOMMENDATION: that the City Clerk be authorized to draw funds from the General Voting Reserve for fact-finding trips regarding municipal elections, to a maximum of \$3,000.

ADOPTED.

**D3) Proposed Development and Servicing Agreement
- The City of Saskatoon and Aspen Developments
Inc. (The Muskeg Lake Indian Band No. 375)
- Packham Avenue Area of the Sutherland Industrial
Subdivision
(File No. CC 4110-1)**

Report of the City Solicitor, September 23, 1992:

"City Council, at its meeting held on August 31, 1992, considered the documentation relating to the noted development project and resolved:

- 1) that the proposed form of Agreements as between:**
 - a) The City of Saskatoon and Aspen Developments Inc; and,**
 - b) The City of Saskatoon and The Muskeg Lake Indian Band No. 375; and,**
 - c) The Muskeg Lake Indian Band No. 375, Her Majesty the Queen, and The City of Saskatoon;**

be approved, and,

- 2) that, subject to approval by the Federal Department of Justice, His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute such Agreements on behalf of The City of Saskatoon and affix the corporate seal thereto.'**

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The Federal Department of Justice has now completed its consideration of this matter, and has requested a number of technical changes to the proposed Development and Servicing Agreement as between The City of Saskatoon and Aspen Developments Inc., and the tripartite Agreement between The City of Saskatoon, Her Majesty the Queen, and The Muskeg Lake Indian Band No. 375. The remaining Agreement as between The City of Saskatoon and The Muskeg Lake Indian Band No. 375 has been approved without revision.

The proposed Development and Servicing Agreement has been amended by:

- a) removing the reference in Clause 5 to The Muskeg Lake Band of Indians;
- b) clarifying in Clause 11(f) that no topsoil is to be removed from the Development Area without the consent of the City Engineer and the Developer;
- c) making it clear in Clause 11(g) that references to the City include its agents, servants, etc.

The tripartite Agreement between the City, the Crown and the Muskeg Band has been amended by:

- a) removing those provisions which would have enabled the City and the Band to amend the Development Agreement without reference to the Federal Government;
- b) expressly acknowledging that the proposed new form of Development Agreement has been concluded in keeping with and satisfies the provisions of the original 1988 Agreement in principle.

The requested revisions do not in any way alter the substance of the various Agreements concluded herein, and, accordingly, we have incorporated all requested changes, and submit the amended Agreements herewith for consideration."

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) that the proposed form of Agreements as between:
 - a) The City of Saskatoon and Aspen Developments Inc; and,
 - b) The City of Saskatoon and The Muskeg Lake Indian Band No. 375; and,
 - c) The Muskeg Lake Indian Band No. 375, Her Majesty the Queen, and The City of Saskatoon;

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be approved; and,

- 2) that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute such Agreements on behalf of The City of Saskatoon and affix the corporate seal thereto.

ADOPTED.

**D4) City Hall Operations - Christmas/New Year's Period
(File No. CC 4610-1)**

For the information of Council, the following is the schedule for City Hall hours of operation during the Christmas/New Year's period:

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Thursday, December 24, 1992 - OPEN
Friday, December 25, 1992 - CLOSED
Monday, December 28, 1992 - CLOSED
Tuesday, December 29, 1992 - OPEN
Wednesday, December 30, 1992 - OPEN
Thursday, December 31, 1992 - OPEN
Friday, January 1, 1993 - CLOSED

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

REPORT NO. 22-1992 OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Composition of Committee

Alderman P. McCann, Chairman
Alderman G. Penner
Alderman K. Waygood

**1. 1992 Capital Budget/1993-1996 Capital Plan
Project 860 - Superintendent's Residence
(Files CK. 4206 & 1705)**

City Council considered Clause 7, Report No. 20-1992 of the Planning and Development Committee at its meeting held on August 31, 1992 and ADOPTED the following recommendations:

- "1) that the matter of the preservation, funding for, and use of the Superintendent's Residence at the Forestry Farm be referred to the Administration to work with a Task Force consisting of representatives of the following groups:

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Saskatoon Heritage Society
Saskatoon Natural History Society
Saskatoon Zoological Society
Saskatchewan Perennial Society
Saskatoon Environmental Society
Forest Grove/Sutherland Community Association
Erindale Community Association, and
SILVERSPring Community Association;

- 2) that the Planning and Development Committee meet with the Task Force to determine its Terms of Reference and to determine a reasonable time frame for a report back; and
- 3) that Council now adopt Recommendation No. 3) in Clause 7, Report No. 19-1992 of the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee, as follows:
 - "3) That \$1,000 be provided to the Task Force out of the Heritage Fund, to assist in expediting its work."

Pursuant to Resolution No. 2) above, your Committee has met with representatives of the Task Force and has determined that there is significant interest in pursuing research on whether there is a viable option for reuse of this building and the Task Force is eager to get started on this research project. The Committee has requested that the Task Force report back by December 1, 1992 with an outline of its Action Plan and with an estimate for capital funds which may be required to make the building reusable so that the Administration can insert an item in the 1993 Capital Plan in this regard for consideration by Council. The date for receipt of a final report with recommendations from the Task Force has been set at March 1, 1993.

The Committee will provide a further report to Council after that time.

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

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2. Communications to Council

From: Ken Redekopp, Civics Director

Riversdale Community and School Association Inc.

Date: August 17, 1992

**Subject: Requesting permission to address Council re substandard
revenue properties in the Riversdale area**

(File No. CK. 750-1)

City Council considered the above communication at its meeting held on August 31, 1992 at which time Mr. Ken Redekopp addressed Council indicating that the Association would like to work with the various departments in City Hall and other agencies to come up with standards to satisfy the needs of people who live in substandard revenue properties and to come up with a method of policing so there would be a means of encouraging landlords to keep homes up to standard. Council subsequently ADOPTED the following motion:

Moved by Alderman Penner, Seconded by Alderman Waygood,

THAT the information be received and referred to the Planning and Development Committee and the Social Housing Advisory Committee.

Your Committee has determined that the following legislation is in place to address the problems encountered with substandard properties:

"1. Building Standards

A. *The Uniform Building and Accessibility Standards Act*

This *Act* regulates building and accessibility standards and the inspection of buildings. It applies to the construction of new buildings and the repair and renovation of existing buildings. The *Act* declares the *1990 National Building Code* to be in force in the Province. The *Act* is enforced by the Building Standards Branch of the Planning Department.

B. *The Urban Municipality Act, 1984*

(i) Demolition

Under Section 124 of the *Act*, the City may declare any building to be a nuisance if, because of its ruinous or dilapidated state or its faulty construction, Council is of the opinion that the building is dangerous to the public safety or health or substantially depreciates the value of other land or improvements in the vicinity. Council may

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order that the owner repair or demolish the building. If the owner fails to do so, Council may direct that the work be done at the owner's expense and that the cost be added to the taxes.

(ii) Imminent Danger from Unoccupied Building

Under Section 125(1) of the *Act*, when an unoccupied building is damaged and is an imminent danger to the public safety, Council may take any reasonable emergency action that is required to secure the building and eliminate the danger. The cost of the work can be added to the taxes.

(iii) Occupied Residential Building Dangerous to Occupants

Under Section 125(3) of the *Act*, on the recommendation of the Medical Health Officer, Council may declare any occupied residential building to be dangerous to the health of the occupants of the building and may order the owner to repair the building within a specified time. If the work is not done within the time specified, the City may undertake the work and the cost may be added to the taxes.

(iv) Untidy and Unsightly Premises

Under Section 130 of the *Act*, Council may declare any land or buildings untidy or unsightly and may order the occupant or owner of the land to remedy the condition of the property within ten days of the service of the order. If the work is not done, Council may proceed to have the work done and the cost of doing the work may be added to the taxes. Council may delegate its authority under this Section to a specific municipal employee. By Bylaw No. 3531, Council has designated the City Engineer as the person to control untidy and unsightly premises on behalf of the City.

(v) Junked Vehicles

Under Section 132 of the *Act*, Council may notify the owner or occupant of land to remove a junked vehicle within a specified period of time. If the owner or occupants fails to remove the vehicle, the City may do so at the owner's expense and the cost may be added to the taxes.

(vi) Excavations

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Under Section 134 of the *Act*, Council may declare any basement or excavation on private land a nuisance and dangerous to the public safety or health, and may order the owner or occupant to remove or fill up the excavation within a specified period of time. If the owner or occupant fails to comply with the order, the City may carry out the work and the cost may be added to the taxes.

C. Building Maintenance Bylaw No. 7083

This Bylaw was passed under Section 126 of *The Urban Municipality Act, 1984*. Its purpose is to establish minimum standards relating to the state of repair and maintenance of the physical condition of the exterior of buildings.

The Bylaw deals with such things as the condition of exterior walls, doors, windows, shutters, chimneys, roofs and eavestroughs. The Bylaw is administered by the Building Standards Branch of the Planning Department.

Upon the recommendation of the Planning and Development Committee, Council may order that the owner carry out the required repairs within a specified period of time. If the owner fails to do so, Council may carry out the work at the owner's expense and the cost may be added to the taxes.

2. Fire Safety

A. *The Fire Prevention Act, 1980*

This *Act* deals with the inspection of buildings and the remedy or removal of conditions that are likely to cause fires in buildings. The *Act* is enforced by the Fire Department. Inspections are carried out under Section 15. Orders to remedy dangerous conditions are issued under Section 16. If the owner fails to comply with the order, compliance is achieved through prosecution and court order.

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B. *Fire Prevention Bylaw No. 6885*

This Bylaw was passed under Section 136 of *The Urban Municipality Act, 1984*. The Bylaw declares that the *1990 National Fire Code* is in force in Saskatoon. Part 2 of the *Code* provides for the safety of the occupants in existing buildings, the elimination or control of fire hazards in and around buildings, and the installation and maintenance of certain life safety systems in buildings. Such things as smoke alarms, door closures, portable extinguishers, exit lighting, exit signs and emergency lighting are covered by this Part of the *Code*. The Bylaw is enforced by the Fire Department.

3. **Health**

A. *The Public Health Act*

(i) Nuisances

Under Section 29 of the *Act*, the Medical Health Officer is required to inspect land and buildings in the municipality to ascertain if there are any nuisances and to take necessary measures to remove and abate any nuisances found to exist. The Medical Health Officer is required to notify the owner or occupant of the building if a nuisance is found to exist. The notice requires the owner or occupant to abate the nuisance within a specified period of time. If the person fails to do so, the municipality may do the work at the owner's expense and the cost may be added to the taxes.

(ii) Unsanitary Dwellings

Under Section 37 of the *Act*, the Medical Health Officer may placard any building considered unsanitary and unfit for occupation. The owner of the building is required to vacate the building and to complete all necessary repairs before the building can be re-occupied. If an occupant fails to vacate the premises, the Medical Health Officer may apply to a provincial court judge or a justice of the peace for an order to enforce compliance .

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B. *The Community Health Unit Act*

(i) Nuisances

Under Section 24 of the *Act*, the Community Health Unit Board may order the immediate removal or abatement of the nuisance by the party responsible for it. If the person fails to comply with the order, the Board may remove or abate the nuisance and may bring an action against that person for the cost of doing so."

Attached is a copy of a memo dated September 10, 1992 from the Fire Chief which outlines the action being taken by the Fire Department relative to fire prevention in dwelling units, as well as a copy of a memo dated September 21, 1992 from the Chief Public Health Inspector which comments on the problem of substandard housing in Saskatoon. Also attached is a copy of the above-noted communication from Ken Redekopp.

Your Committee has met with the City Solicitor, Fire Chief and Chief Public Health Inspector to discuss this matter, and supports the initiatives outlined in the attached reports.

Your Committee has determined that the Social Housing Advisory Committee will address the suggestions made by Ken Redekopp in his letter dated August 17, 1992.

Ken Redekopp has been provided with a copy of this report.

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

**3. Nutana (Pioneer) Cemetery
Monument Restoration
(Files CK. 4080-1 & 710-1)**

Report of Director of Planning and Development, June 2, 1992:

"Over the past three years, three monuments in the Nutana (Pioneer) Cemetery (with the family names of Girling, Leslie, and Hilliard) have been repeatedly vandalized. They are made of marble and sandstone -- materials which are not as durable as granite which is used almost exclusively today in the construction of monuments.

During the past three years, the vandalized monuments have been repaired on several occasions by the Civic Buildings and Grounds Department, in an attempt to maintain the historic integrity of the Cemetery. Due to the cost to the City of making these repairs and the danger of losing their component parts through vandalism, the Department would like to initiate actions to determine if these monuments should be replaced or removed. In order to assist the Committee in determining the degree to which these monuments have been damaged, photographs will be shown to the Committee during the meeting when this matter is considered.

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The Nutana (Pioneer) Cemetery is designated as a municipal heritage property under The Heritage Property Act. Section 33 of the Act provides that:

'Notwithstanding any other Act, no person shall destroy, alter, restore, repair, disturb, transport, add to, change or move, in whole or in part, any Municipal Heritage Property ... without the written approval of the municipality in which the Property is situate.'

Therefore, whatever action is taken with respect to these monuments will require City Council's approval.

The Civic Buildings and Grounds Department's preference would be to replace these monuments with granite structures of a similar colour and shape. This action would also require a decision on the appropriate disposition of the existing damaged monuments.

The City's actions on this matter have been subject to considerable discussion within the City's Administration. This is a very sensitive issue because of the significance of the monuments and their relationship to the pioneers of our community. Therefore, the Committee's assistance is being requested in determining what would be, morally, the best way of dealing with this matter.

Because of the length of time since the original interments, the immediate families of the deceased are probably not available to finance the cost of the replacements or to advise the City on the future disposition of the existing monuments. However, the Civic Buildings and Grounds Department has suggested taking the following actions in an attempt to identify these families:

- establishing a list of all current residents of Saskatoon who have the same last name as those who are identified on the monuments,
- contacting these individuals by mail and asking them if, to their knowledge, they are related to the individuals who are buried at the Cemetery, and
- placing, if necessary, an advertisement in The StarPhoenix which asks the relatives of the deceased to contact the Civic Buildings and Grounds Department.

If any individuals identify themselves through this process, the status of the monuments will be discussed with them and a determination will be made if the families are prepared to replace the monuments."

Your Committee considered the above report at its meeting held on June 15, 1992 and resolved:

- "1) that the Administration be advised that the Committee endorses the action which has been proposed by the Civic Buildings and Grounds Department to contact members of the families of the deceased people whose monuments have been damaged at the Nutana (Pioneer) Cemetery; and
- 2) that the Administration be requested to report on further action to replace the damaged monuments at the Nutana (Pioneer) Cemetery after the Civic Buildings and Grounds Department has carried out the actions which have been proposed to contact the families of the deceased."

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The following report of the General Manager, Civic Buildings and Grounds Department dated September 9, 1992 addresses the attempts that have been made by the Department to contact the families of the deceased:

"The Civic Buildings and Grounds Department's staff referred to a study which was done in 1988 for the City of Saskatoon by A. McPherson. This study contained a list of known family members or descendants of the deceased who are buried in the Nutana (Pioneer) Cemetery. This list contained two individuals who were identified as relatives of the deceased. According to the study, one of these individuals resided in Morden, Manitoba and the other was in Lashburn, Saskatchewan. The Department attempted to contact these people, but was unable to trace any of them or their relations.

The Department then compiled a list of all residents in Saskatoon with the family names of Girling, Leslie, and Hilliard. Each of these residents were contacted by mail or telephone and were asked if, to their knowledge, they were related to the individuals who are buried at the Nutana (Pioneer) Cemetery. No relations were located through this process."

Report of Director of Planning and Development, September 9, 1992 (excerpt):

"As was reported in my June 2, 1992, report, the three monuments have been repaired by the Civic Buildings and Grounds Department on several occasions in an attempt to maintain the historic integrity of the Cemetery. However, due to the cost of these repairs and the danger of losing their component parts through vandalism, the Department is recommending that the monuments should be replaced with granite structures of a similar colour and shape.

The Department has attempted to locate the relatives of the deceased in order to give them an opportunity to decide on and to finance the disposition of these monuments. This action has not been successful. However, because of the heritage designation of the Nutana (Pioneer) Cemetery and because the monuments mark the graves of several pioneers of our community, the Department is recommending that the City should undertake the cost of removing and replacing the vandalized monuments. This action is not, and will continue not to be, the practice of the City for monuments that might be vandalized at the Woodlawn Cemetery. The City's participation is specifically responsive to heritage considerations and to our respect for the founders of Saskatoon.

If the Committee (and City Council) agree that the three monuments at the Nutana (Pioneer) Cemetery should be replaced, consideration will have to be given to the appropriate disposition of the pieces of the current markers. Earlier this spring, the Cemetery Supervisor brought this matter to the attention of the Heritage Evaluation Subcommittee of the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee. On March 26, 1992, the Subcommittee reached a consensus agreement:

- (a) that the monuments should be replaced with granite markers of a similar colour and shape, and
- (b) that the original monuments should be placed in a fibreglass vault and should be interred at the Nutana (Pioneer) Cemetery at a location which will be identified with a flat marker.

The costs of purchasing and installing the replacement markers and of interring the existing monuments is estimated to be \$3,500. This expenditure would be financed through the maintenance provisions in the Nutana (Pioneer) Cemetery's operating budget. (Because of funding limitations, this financing approach

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might result in the work being undertaken over more than one year.)

To protect the existing monuments from being further vandalized and lost, the Committee should make a decision on whether it is prepared to authorize (as required under Section 33 of The Heritage Property Act) and to fund the replacement of the three monuments for the individuals whose family names are Girling, Leslie, and Hilliard. I recommended that out of respect for these individuals, the replacement project should be approved.

Before proceeding with a final decision on the disposition of the existing monuments, I suggest that the Planning and Development Committee should ask the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee to formally review the practicality and appropriateness of the proposal of its Heritage Evaluation Subcommittee and to forward a recommendation to the Planning and Development Committee for consideration. The final decision on this matter will be made by City Council in light of the latter Committee's recommendation."

Your Committee has considered this matter and

- RECOMMENDS:**
- 1) that the replacement of three monuments in the Nutana (Pioneer) Cemetery (for individuals with the family names of Girling, Leslie and Hilliard) be approved;
 - 2) that the City of Saskatoon fund the cost of replacing these three monuments and that this expenditure be financed from the operating budget of the Nutana (Pioneer) Cemetery; and
 - 3) that the Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee consider the alternatives and provide a recommendation, through the Planning and Development Committee, on a practical and appropriate method of storing or disposing of the existing (vandalized) monuments after they have been replaced.

ADOPTED.

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**4. Development Plan Amendment
Core Neighbourhood Study Review 1990
Lansdowne Avenue -- 600 and 700 Blocks
"Low Density -- Conversions" District to
"Low Density -- No Conversions" District
(File No. CK. 4353-1)**

Report of Director of Planning and Development, September 15, 1992:

"On April 13, 1992, City Council held a public hearing to consider an amendment to the City of Saskatoon's Development Plan which would change the policy designation of several blocks surrounding Albert Avenue from 'Low Density -- Conversions' to 'Low Density -- No Conversions'. The area which was addressed by this proposal excluded three blocks -- the 600 and 700 blocks of Lansdowne Avenue and the 800 block of 12th Street.

During the public hearing, Ms. Judy Buckle, a resident of Lansdowne Avenue, asked City Council to consider including the 600 and 700 blocks of Lansdowne Avenue in the proposed 'Low Density -- No Conversions' policy-district. City Council referred the matter to the Planning and Development Committee for further review.

On May 4, 1992, the Planning and Development Committee met with Ms. Buckle and another resident of Lansdowne Avenue, Ms. Joanne Beckett. The residents pointed out that although the 600 and 700 blocks of Lansdowne Avenue currently have lower owner-occupancy than the other blocks, the land-use policy should take into account the aspirations of the property-owners in the area. They stressed that due to the land-use changes occurring in the immediately adjacent area, there is a good chance that the amount of owner-occupancy in these blocks may increase in the future. As a result of this presentation, the Planning and Development Committee resolved:

'that this matter be referred to the Administration for review and for a report back to the Committee.'

Report of the Acting General Manager of the Planning Department, September 2, 1992:

'On May 5, 1992, representatives of the Planning Department met with Ms. Buckle and Ms. Beckett to discuss their proposal. Since the owner-occupancy on the 600 and 700 blocks of Lansdowne Avenue was only 50%, they agreed that a meeting should be arranged with all property-owners to discuss the issue of dwelling-unit conversions. (Because the 800 block of 12th Street contains several potential non-conforming uses and is only 17% owner-occupied, it was agreed that an amendment to the policy-district for this block would not be considered further at this time.)

After sending notices to all assessed owners of properties in the 600 and 700 blocks of Lansdowne Avenue, the Planning Department held a meeting on June 10, 1992, in the Albert Community Centre to explain the City's Development Plan and Zoning Bylaw, as well as the consequences of amending the current requirements. During the meeting, no property-owners or residents indicated any plans to construct within these blocks any more dwelling-units beyond a basement suite. They were advised that if any property-owner owned a house with more than

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two dwelling units and that as long as the suites were legal today, these units would be considered a legal non-conforming use after the down-zoning action has taken place. The meeting ended with a consensus among the participants that the 600 and 700 blocks of Lansdowne Avenue should be included in a 'Low Density -- No Conversions' policy-district.

The Planning Department agrees and supports the consensus position that was expressed at this meeting. Recent trends in the Nutana area demonstrate increased owner-occupancy and considerable renovation and home-improvement activities. There is also little desire on the part of absentee-owners to construct more rental units on these blocks.

The Planning Department's desire is to stabilize and to support greater confidence within the City's core neighbourhoods. The Department believes that strong municipal land-use policies will ultimately strengthen the character of this particular neighbourhood over the long-term. Although the 600 and 700 blocks of Lansdowne Avenue are presently only 50% owner-occupied, there are positive indications (from the experience in adjacent blocks) that over time, the percentage of owner-occupancy will increase."

Your Committee has considered this matter and

- RECOMMENDS:**
- 1) that approval be granted for advertising the proposed amendment to the Development Plan which will include the 600 and 700 blocks of Lansdowne Avenue in a "Low Density -- No Conversions" policy-district;
 - 2) that the Acting General Manager of the Planning Department be requested to prepare the required notice for advertising the proposed amendment;
 - 3) that at the time of the Public Hearing, Council receive a report and recommendation from the Municipal Planning Commission; and
 - 4) that the land use on the 800 block of 12th Street remain a "Low Density -- Conversions" policy-district.

ADOPTED.

**5. Leisure Services Department -- Customer Service
Registration and Booking Systems -- Facilities and Programs
Upgrading of Computer Hardware
(File No. CK. 1100-1)**

This report is to be considered in conjunction with Clause 3, Report No. 19-1992 of the Legislation and Finance Committee.

Report of Director of Planning and Development, September 2, 1992.

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"Introduction

The Leisure Services Department currently uses an IBM RT 135 computer to serve its customers in registering for the Department's programs and in booking its leisure facilities. The computer uses two software systems to provide these services:

- the Facility Automated Booking System (FABS), and
- the Facility Automated Registration System (FARS).

These systems have been implemented in a phased manner over the past six years and their use has evolved during this period. At the same time, the Department's customer-service requirements have expanded and have become more complex. As a result, it is now necessary to replace the existing computer hardware in order to ensure that the existing systems are being used most effectively and efficiently to serve our customers.

The following report is a request to replace the Department's IBM RT 135 computer with a more powerful IBM RS/6000 computer and thereby to accommodate a more efficient approach to utilizing its existing registration and booking systems. The new computer will continue to use the FABS and FARS software systems, but will address various problems which are now being encountered because the Department's customer-service requirements have expanded beyond what can be accommodated with the existing equipment.

In preparing this request, the Leisure Services Department and the Corporate Information Services Department considered alternative solutions which involved retaining the existing equipment. However, for technical reasons, these alternatives were either not feasible or not practical solutions for addressing the Department's immediate business and customer-service problems.

Background

According to criteria which were established in 1986, the facility-booking system (FABS) was acquired to address the following requirements:

- to provide adequate control for handling cash from the booking of leisure facilities by external groups and individuals,
- to minimize the number of staff required for recording cash receipts at the City's leisure facilities,
- to manage the rental space in the City's leisure facilities by providing timely and accurate reports on the bookings,
- to facilitate centralized control, access to information, and reporting on the rental activities at a number of sites, and
- to improve the Department's service to the public in providing a more convenient and reliable process for booking our leisure facilities.

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During the period since its initial installation, the Facility Automated Booking System has accommodated the Leisure Services Department's new business practices and policies (pertaining to contracts, cancellations, credit, and payments), as well as facilitating the reporting and the analysis of revenues and usage for budgeting and rate-setting purposes. Currently, FABS controls annual rental revenues of more than \$1.7 million from over 4,500 customers' accounts.

The facility-registration system (FARS) was purchased and implemented in 1991. The major benefits that have been, or could be, realized from this comprehensive system include:

- providing the means whereby, eventually, our customers will be able to register at any facility for all of the Department's courses or programs,
- handling, more quickly, larger volumes of mail-in registrations than the previous data-entry systems could support,
- obtaining more information on our customers' profiles and integrating this information with the needs-assessment system for the purpose of developing and marketing the Department's programs, and
- maintaining and controlling more efficiently, through a centralized file (and thereby, making it available for Department-wide analysis and use), all information on our customers and courses.

Currently, FARS contains the registration records for over 8,000 'family' accounts which represent over 20,000 individual customers. All of the Department's facilities that are using this system will process well over 24,400 individual registrations in the current year, representing budgeted revenues for the Department of \$729,500.

The Leisure Services Department's Current Business Problems

The Leisure Services Department has encountered a significant number of problems in servicing its customers because its IBM RT 135 computer does not have sufficient power and storage to process the large volumes of information and the business-transactions requirements for both the facility-booking and the facility-registration systems. From a practical business perspective, the implications for the Department are as follows:

- After their rental or registration requests are entered into the respective systems, customers have to wait for an extended period of time to receive their receipts and contracts; documents often are prepared manually when printers are not functioning correctly. Customers who are registering for classes at the various facilities have had, on many occasions, to wait up to ten minutes for the computer to print their class confirmations and receipts. The slow response-time for providing such documentation is very unsatisfactory from a customer-service perspective.
- Registrations may be accepted up to the commencement of a class. However, the computer is often unable to process this information fast enough to produce class lists for the instructors' use during the first class.

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- In-person or telephone enquiries from customers to book facilities or to register for classes (as well as to confirm such bookings and registrations) often cannot be addressed efficiently because the computer is unable to provide the information quickly.
- Because of the current problems with the computer, the Department cannot offer alternative registration services to existing and potential customers. Currently, most registrations are taken by mail and limited opportunities are provided for customers to register in person at the facilities. A more powerful computer would support more phone-in and walk-in registrations and hence, could use the more convenient procedures to market the Department's programs.
- The computer has not been able to provide timely (e.g. overnight) management reports on registration and booking activities because often the computer has not been able to process, and has lost, the information (resulting in a re-run on one or more subsequent evenings). Timely reporting on revenues is a critical requirement for management, control, and marketing purposes.
- With the current computer, it is not possible to operate both FABS and FARS at the same time and with a good and reliable response rate. A significant amount of time and energy is being wasted by the Department's staff in trying to co-ordinate the operation of these two systems.

Benefits of Upgrading the Computer Support for the Booking and Registration Systems

The most significant benefit that will be derived from this project is that the reliability, response-time, and information-processing capability of FABS and FARS will be improved. This improvement will directly affect the Department's service to its customers, the efficiency of its front-line and support staff, and its analytical capacity for management and marketing purposes.

The project will also allow the Department to consider alternative registration methods which cannot currently be implemented because of the existing computer's limited processing capabilities. Some of the methods that could be considered are:

- centralized telephone registration to replace or to supplement the current mail-in system,
- more options for walk-in registrations (e.g. currently walk-in registrations for swimming programs are only accommodated for the last few remaining spots in the latter stages of the registration process), and
- an 'advance' registration system whereby patrons of one session of a program can pre-register for future sessions.

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Finally, the project will benefit the Department's business operations. Some of these benefits include the following:

- Faster response times for processing registrations will provide an opportunity to generate more revenue. For example, if a customer comes to the Lakewood Civic Centre to register for a class which is already full, the Department's customer-service staff can immediately offer and attempt to persuade the customer to register in other comparable programs (e.g. the same program at another facility). Without this integration of the registration system among all of the facilities, customers are unaware of the options that are available at other facilities and will wait for the next season to attempt to register for the class at the same facility.
- Registration by telephone is not only more convenient for the customer, but also more efficient for the Department. Currently, because primarily mail-in registrations are accommodated, the Department must rely on the written instructions from our customers. These instructions can be incorrectly recorded both by the patron or by the Department. A phone-in service allows the Department's staff to clarify and to confirm the request directly with the customer at the time when the registration is being made. Telephone registration cannot be supported by the slow response time that is provided by the Department's current computer.

Implementation

Arrangements have been made for the City to have access, on loan, to an IBM RS/6000 computer during the period between November 1, 1992, and November 15, 1992. The purpose of this loan is to test the equipment in order to verify its adequacy to meet the needs and expectations of the Leisure Services Department. If the test results are not as has been anticipated, the entire project will be re-evaluated and alternative solutions will have to be considered.

In order to test the computer during the time that has been made available, it will be necessary to convert the City's existing systems into the appropriate operational form. The conversion and installation costs (which are part of the total project's costs) are \$11,400. This is the only amount which will be "at risk" if the proposed hardware does not meet our expectations.

If the test is successful, then the Leisure Services Department would like to proceed to acquire the IBM RS\6000 computer. Full installation will then proceed to have all systems in operation by the end of 1992 and in time for the next registration and booking period.

Financial Implications

In addition to acquiring a more powerful computer, this project involves converting, loading, and testing the existing software for FABS and FARS with respect to the new hardware. Some external contractual work will be required to convert the software and to assist in loading it onto the test computer. Staff from the Corporate Information Services Department and from the Leisure Services Department will be primarily involved in the testing and implementation phases of this project.

The total cost of the project is estimated at \$86,500. This includes the cost of the new computer, software-conversion services, installation and testing of the converted software, and taxes. However, if

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the proposed new computer is purchased from the same firm that performs the conversion work, the City could receive a \$2,500 rebate on the above-noted estimated cost.

This project was not identified in the 1992 Capital Budget because the Department had not completed its analysis of the business problems and of the potential solutions at the time when this document was being considered. For example, FARS was implemented in late 1991 and the implications of adding the data and associated processing requirements of this system to the existing computer could not be evaluated until early 1992 (in relation to the registration season). At the same time, the project cannot wait for consideration as part of the 1993 Capital Budget because the business problems which have been cited in this report are affecting the Department's service to its customers, its ability to manage and control its revenues, and the potential for generating revenues through more direct marketing and on-site sales efforts.

Because of its implications on corporate revenues and customer service, this project qualifies for financing from the Electronic Equipment Replacement Reserve. Therefore, it is proposed that the entire cost of the project (including the conversion of the existing systems, the purchase of a more powerful computer, the upgrading of the operating systems, and the testing procedures) should be funded from this Reserve."

Your Committee considered the above-noted report at its meeting held on September 8, 1992 and requested additional information which is contained in the attached report of the Director of Planning and Development dated September 15, 1992.

Your Committee has thoroughly reviewed this request with representatives of the Leisure Services Department and

- RECOMMENDS:**
- 1) that, subject to confirmation through the Administration's testing of the equipment, the Leisure Services Department's facility-booking and facility-registration services be upgraded through the acquisition of an IBM RS/6000 computer and the associated conversion of the existing systems to support these services, and
 - 2) that the total cost of this project be approved at \$86,500.

ADOPTED.

REPORT NO. 19-1992 OF THE LEGISLATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Composition of Committee

Alderman M.T. Cherneskey, Q.C., Chairman
Alderman M. Thompson
Alderman P. Mostoway

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**1. Appointment of Broker/Agent
Risk Management and General Insurance Services
July 31, 1992 through July 31, 1997
(File No. CK. 1880-1)**

Your Committee has considered the following report of the Risk and Administration Manager dated September 3, 1992:

"At its meeting of May 5, 1992, the Legislation and Finance Committee resolved:

`that the tender process for Risk Management and General Insurance Agent Services be as outlined in the report of the Risk and Administration Manager dated April 27, 1992.'

Proposals were received from Butler Byers Insurance, Cherry Insurance, Johnston & Higgins, Marsh & McLennan, Reed Stenhouse and Sedgwick James. As in previous years, the proposals were reviewed and evaluated by the City's Risk Management Committee on the basis of the proposals' comprehensiveness in response to the City's invitation for proposals.

Main Criteria for Selection

1. Knowledgeable assistance to the Risk Manager in determining insurance needs of the City, including customizing policy wording and identification of new areas of risk.

In this area, it is critical that the broker have experience with the various risks and specific problems of medium sized municipalities.

2. Purchasing insurance policies for the City (i.e. general liability, umbrella liability, environmental impairment liability, auto fleets such as police, main fleet, property, boiler and machinery, public officials and employees' liability and crime).

In this area, it is critical that the broker have wide contacts with many insurance companies to get the best possible deal in terms of coverage and premiums. We also expect the ability to buy insurance customized to the City's specific needs.

3. Assistance with claims administration by dealing with insurance underwriters when the City has large complex claims or is dealing with more than one underwriter. The broker also provides advice on loss prevention measures.

In this area, it is critical that the broker provide fast, efficient service when it is needed. It is useful if we have a large broker as they have more influence with insurance underwriters than we do, because of their big-buying power. Access to knowledgeable loss prevention specialists is also desirable.

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Comments on Proposal Submissions

Judging by the proposals submitted, all four of the large firms have the capability of handling the City's account. The two smaller firms (Cherry Insurance and Butler Byers) may not have the access to national and international markets necessary to get the exact insurance coverage requirements of the City at the lowest possible cost.

Therefore, the main criteria for selection is the quality of service provided by the successful firm. Based on this criteria, it is the Risk Management Committee's unanimous recommendation that Marsh & McLennan continue as the City's broker for the next five years. As the Committee is aware, Marsh & McLennan has provided brokerage services to the City since 1959. We continue to be very satisfied with the services provided.

The City has had no brokerage/agent experience with the other firms."

RECOMMENDATION: that Marsh & McLennan (Sask.) Ltd. be appointed as broker for the City's Risk Management and General Insurance Services for the period July 31, 1992 to July 31, 1997.

Pursuant to earlier resolution, Items A.20 and 23 of "Communications" were brought forward and considered.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that Marsh & McLennan (Sask.) Ltd. be appointed as broker for the City's Risk Management and General Insurance Services for the period July 31, 1992 to July 31, 1995.

**2. Application for Travel Assistance
Marian Gymnastics Club
Rempel Brothers Fastball Club
Bridge City Cosmos Synchro Club
(File No. CK. 1870-1) _____**

Report of the Acting General Manager, Leisure Services Department, September 4, 1992:

"The attached Travel Assistance applications were reviewed by the Executive of the Saskatoon Sports Council at their meeting on August 31. The following recommendations were passed:

1. that the application from the Marian Gymnastics Club be approved for assistance to Jenna Piche for \$100.00 towards attending the Canadian Gymnastics Championships, May 14-16, in Quebec City, Quebec. (Note: This application was meant to have been included with the original one which has already been reviewed by the Committee. However, due to some confusion this athlete was not identified as an attendee and therefore not originally considered for assistance);
2. that the application from the Rempel Brothers Fastball Club be approved in the amount of

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\$500.00 for participation at the Canadian Senior Mens `A' Fastball Championships, August 29 - September 7 in Charlottetown, PEI;

3. that the application from the Bridge City Cosmo Aqualenes Synchro Club be denied on the basis that the French International Open is considered an `invitational' event."

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the above recommendations of the Saskatoon Sports Council be approved with respect to the applications for travel assistance from Marian Gymnastics Club, Rempel Brothers Fastball Club and Bridge City Cosmos Synchro Club; and
 - 2) that the travel assistance be charged to the Sports Component of the 1992 Community Initiatives Program.

ADOPTED.

**3. Leisure Services Department -- Customer Service
Registration and Booking Systems -- Facilities and Programs
Upgrading of Computer Hardware
(File No. CK. 1100-1)**

This report is to be considered in conjunction with Clause 5, Report No. 22-1992 of the Planning and Development Committee.

The Planning and Development Committee requested this Committee to consider the financing of the IBM RS/6000 computer (and the associated conversion of the existing systems to support these services), which will be used by the Leisure Services Department to more efficiently register customers for programs and book leisure facilities.

- RECOMMENDATION:** that subject to City Council adopting the recommendation of the Planning and Development Committee with respect to the purchase of the IBM RS/6000 computer at a total cost of \$86,500, the project be financed from the Electronic Equipment Replacement Reserve.

ADOPTED.

**4. Proclamation of Boxing Day, December 26, 1992,
as a Civic Holiday
(File No. CK. 184-2-6)**

As in previous years, The City of Saskatoon has the authority (by passing a bylaw) to declare Boxing Day a civic

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holiday.

<i>December, 1992</i>						
<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

Your Committee is of the opinion that Boxing Day should be declared a civic holiday.

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) that the City Solicitor be requested to prepare a bylaw authorizing His Worship the Mayor to proclaim Boxing Day (Saturday, December 26, 1992), as a Civic Holiday;
- 2) that the bylaw be considered by City Council at its regular meeting to be held on October 13, 1992; and
- 3) that the City Clerk inform the Chamber of Commerce, the Business Improvement Districts and the major shopping malls of the above.

Alderman Thompson excused himself from discussion and voting on the matter and left the Council Chamber.

Pursuant to earlier resolution, Items A.16, 17, 18 and 19 of "Communications" were brought forward and considered.

- IT WAS RESOLVED:**
- 1) *that the City Solicitor be requested to prepare a bylaw authorizing His Worship the Mayor to proclaim Boxing Day (Saturday, December 26, 1992), as a Civic Holiday;*

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- 2) *that the bylaw be considered by City Council at its regular meeting to be held on October 13, 1992; and*
- 3) *that the City Clerk inform the Chamber of Commerce, the Business Improvement Districts and the major shopping malls of the above.*

Alderman Thompson re-entered the Council Chamber.

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REPORT NO. 19-1992 OF THE WORKS AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE

Composition of Committee

Alderman M. Hawthorne, A/Chairman
Alderman B. Dyck
Alderman D.L. Birkmaier
Alderman O. Mann

**1. 1992 Budget - Transportation of the Disabled
(File No. CK. 7305-1)**

Report of Transit Manager, August 31, 1992:

"The 1991 Budget was prepared using 1990 wage rates as directed. This was not adjusted to include a provision for a negotiated wage settlement.

The 1992 Budget was prepared using the 1990 wage rates plus a provision for a 4% wage increase, which was the anticipated wage settlement for the 1991 contract.

The union contract was settled in March 1992, which included a retroactive wage increase of 4% for 1991. The estimated cost for 1991 is \$42,000 for which there is no provision in either the 1991 Budget or the 1992 Budget. A source of funding to cover the \$42,000 cost is required.

The City's and the Province's approved budgets for 1992 include a provision for the replacement of one vehicle for the transportation of the disabled. It is suggested that the replacement be cancelled for 1992 and the provisions be used to fund the \$42,000 shortfall from 1991 on a one time basis. The preliminary indication from the Province is that it would approve such a request.

The City's share of the \$42,000 shortfall is \$21,000 or 50%. The provision in the City's Budget is \$16,300, which would result in a \$4,700 overexpenditure for 1992. The Province's budget is not sufficient to fund its share of the shortfall without the transfer of funds."

Your Committee has reviewed this matter with the Transit Manager and

- RECOMMENDS:**
- 1) that the replacement of the vehicle for the transportation of the disabled for 1992 be cancelled;
 - 2) that the City's share of the shortfall in funding for transportation of the disabled from 1991 be funded from the 1992 provision for vehicle replacement; and
 - 3) that the Administration request the Province to approve a similar transfer in funding from its Budget.

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ADOPTED.

REPORT NO. 20-1992 OF THE WORKS AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE

Composition of Committee

Alderman B. Dyck, Chairman
Alderman M. Hawthorne
Alderman D.L. Birkmaier
Alderman O. Mann

**1. Enquiry - Alderman Dyck (August 31, 1992)
Charter Service Revenue
Saskatoon Transit System
(File No. CK. 7300-1)**

The following enquiry was made by Alderman Dyck at the meeting of City Council held on August 31, 1992:

"Would the Administration report on total revenues derived by the Saskatoon Transit System from charter service over the last five years, on a yearly basis."

Report of the Transit Manager, September 3, 1992:

"The information requested by Alderman Dyck is as follows:

1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992
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SCHOOL

Jan to June	155,997	135,434	135,871	138,911	174,155	117,534
July to Dec.	84,713	79,750	78,195	99,891	86,883	

Total School	240,710	215,184	214,066	238,802	261,038	
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OTHER

Jan to June	47,288	59,094	137,477	78,737	145,919	61,470
July to Dec.	83,889	94,243	161,260	97,201	108,361	

Total Regular	131,177	153,337	298,737	175,938	254,280	
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Yearly Total 371,887 368,521 512,803 414,740 515,318"

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

**2. Transportation for the Disabled
(File No. 7305-1)**

Attached is an excerpt from the minutes of meeting of City Council held on August 17, 1992, dealing with the above-noted matter. As will be noted, your Committee had recommended that the weekday service for the Transportation for the Disabled Program be reduced by five hours per day, effective September 1, 1992. Council referred the matter back to the Committee for further information and report.

As suggested during Council's discussion of this matter, a meeting with representatives of the users of the program has been held.

Your Committee has been informed about discussions between the Transit Manager and the Saskatchewan Abilities Council with respect to the budget of the Transportation for the Disabled Program. It is understood that based on the eight-month actuals, the projected shortfall (originally placed at \$20,000) is now \$7,000. This change is largely a result of actual fuel costs being lower than anticipated. By reducing the service as recommended effective October 1, 1992, the cost of operation can be reduced by \$7,000. Essentially this brings the program on budget.

It is the Administration's position that this program must be operated within budget. However, the Director of Works and Utilities suggested, and your Committee agrees, that for 1993 an attempt should be made to improve the service at times when there is a demonstrated demand. Your Committee supports this position and has requested the Administration to meet with representatives of the Provincial Community Services Department on the matter of the Transportation for the Disabled Program in 1993, following which a report be submitted to the Committee (prior to consideration of the 1993 operating budget).

RECOMMENDATION: that the weekday service for the Transportation for the Disabled Program be reduced by five vehicle hours per day, effective October 1, 1992.

Pursuant to earlier resolution, Items A. 21 and 22 of "Communications" were brought forward and considered.

Ms. Mary Frerichs, representing the Saskatoon Committee for Accessible Transportation, requested that Council not proceed with the recommendations of the Works and Utilities Committee.

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Moved by Alderman Dyck,

THAT the weekday service for the Transportation for the Disabled Program be reduced by five vehicle hours per day, effective October 1, 1992.

YEAS: NIL.

*NAYS: His Worship Mayor Dayday, Aldermen Hawthorne, Penner, Thompson, Waygood, Birkmaier,
Mostoway, McCann, Dyck and Cherneskey 10*

NOTE: Alderman Mann was absent from the meeting

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Moved by Alderman McCann,

THAT Clause 1, Report No. 19-1992 of the Works and Utilities Committee and Clauses 1 and 2, Report No. 20-1992 of the Works and Utilities Committee be forwarded to each of the Saskatoon MLAs to show the effect of provincial off-loading; and that the matter of provincial funding for Transportation for the Disabled be placed on an agenda for a future meeting between MLAs and City Council.

CARRIED.

REPORT NO. 9-1992 OF THE COMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

Composition of Committee

His Worship the Mayor, Chairman
Alderman D. L. Birkmaier
Alderman M. T. Cherneskey, Q.C.
Alderman B. Dyck
Alderman M. Hawthorne
Alderman O. Mann
Alderman P. McCann
Alderman P. Mostoway
Alderman G. Penner
Alderman M. Thompson
Alderman K. Waygood

**1. Aldermanic Representation on
Economic Development Authority
(File No. CK. 175-8)**

Bylaw 7308, The Economic Development Authority Bylaw, provides that there be up to two Aldermen on the Economic Development Authority.

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RECOMMENDATION: that Aldermen P. McCann and O. Mann be appointed to the Economic Development Authority for the years 1992 and 1993.

ADOPTED."

Moved by Alderman Hawthorne, Seconded by Alderman Penner,

THAT the report of the Committee of the Whole be adopted with the exception of Clause 4, Report No. 19-1992 of the Legislation and Finance Committee.

CARRIED.

Alderman Thompson excused himself from discussion and voting on the report of the Committee of the Whole dealing with Clause 4, Report No. 19-1992 of the Legislation and Finance Committee.

Moved by Alderman Hawthorne, Seconded by Alderman Penner,

THAT the report of the Committee of the Whole dealing with Clause 4, Report No. 19-1992 of the Legislation and Finance Committee be adopted.

CARRIED.

ENQUIRIES

Alderman Birkmaier: Would the Works and Utilities Committee please review the placing of refuse disposal units re:

- 1) length of time a unit may be left on a city roadway;
- 2) use of reflectors on units; and
- 3) issuing a permit for use on city roadways.
(File No. CK. 7830-5)

GIVING NOTICE

Alderman Thompson gave the following Notice of Motion:

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

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WHEREAS Canada is a great nation, and

WHEREAS there have been considerable discussions and negotiations resulting in a constitutional agreement known as the Charlottetown Accord, the text of which is available in a report called "Consensus Report on the Constitution - Charlottetown, August 28, 1992 - Final Text"; and

WHEREAS all of the Premiers and the Federal Government have unanimously supported the Charlottetown Accord; and

WHEREAS the people of Canada are being asked to show their support for the Charlottetown Accord through a national referendum;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Saskatoon endorse and encourage a "yes" vote in favour of the Charlottetown Accord."

INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF BYLAWS

Bylaw No. 7313

Moved by Alderman Hawthorne, Seconded by Alderman Penner,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 7313, being "*A Bylaw of The City of Saskatoon to authorize the construction of street paving on new base as a local improvement on the initiative plan under Section 5(1)(a) of The Local Improvements Act, R.S.S. 1978, Chapter L-33*", and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

Moved by Alderman Hawthorne, Seconded by Alderman Thompson,

THAT Bylaw No. 7313 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a second time.

Moved by Alderman Hawthorne, Seconded by Alderman Waygood,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 7313.

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CARRIED.

Council went into Committee of the Whole with Alderman Hawthorne in the Chair.

Committee arose.

Alderman Hawthorne, Chairman of the Committee of the Whole, made the following report:

That while in Committee of the Whole, Bylaw No. 7313 was considered clause by clause and approved.

Moved by Alderman Hawthorne, Seconded by Alderman Birkmaier,

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

CARRIED.

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Moved by Alderman Hawthorne, Seconded by Alderman Mostoway,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 7313 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Alderman Hawthorne, Seconded by Alderman McCann,

THAT Bylaw No. 7313 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.

The bylaw was then read a third time and passed.

Bylaw No. 7314

Moved by Alderman Hawthorne, Seconded by Alderman Penner,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 7314, being "*A Bylaw of The City of Saskatoon to authorize the reconstruction of concrete sidewalks, curbs and gutters as a local improvement on the initiative plan under Section 5(1)(a) of The Local Improvements Act, R.S.S. 1978, Chapter L-33*", and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

Moved by Alderman Hawthorne, Seconded by Alderman Thompson,

THAT Bylaw No. 7314 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a second time.

Moved by Alderman Hawthorne, Seconded by Alderman Waygood,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 7314.

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CARRIED.

Council went into Committee of the Whole with Alderman Hawthorne in the Chair.

Committee arose.

Alderman Hawthorne, Chairman of the Committee of the Whole, made the following report:

That while in Committee of the Whole, Bylaw No. 7314 was considered clause by clause and approved.

Moved by Alderman Hawthorne, Seconded by Alderman Birkmaier,

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

CARRIED.

Moved by Alderman Hawthorne, Seconded by Alderman Mostoway,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 7314 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Alderman Hawthorne, Seconded by Alderman McCann,

THAT Bylaw No. 7314 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.

The bylaw was then read a third time and passed.

Bylaw No. 7315

Moved by Alderman Hawthorne, Seconded by Alderman Penner,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 7315, being "*A Bylaw of The City of Saskatoon to change the name of a certain street in the City of Saskatoon as shown on Plan No. 84-S-31152*", and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

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The bylaw was then read a first time.

Moved by Alderman Hawthorne, Seconded by Alderman Thompson,

THAT Bylaw No. 7315 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a second time.

Moved by Alderman Hawthorne, Seconded by Alderman Waygood,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 7315.

CARRIED.

Council went into Committee of the Whole with Alderman Hawthorne in the Chair.

Committee arose.

Alderman Hawthorne, Chairman of the Committee of the Whole, made the following report:

That while in Committee of the Whole, Bylaw No. 7315 was considered clause by clause and approved.

Moved by Alderman Hawthorne, Seconded by Alderman Birkmaier,

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

CARRIED.

Moved by Alderman Hawthorne, Seconded by Alderman Mostoway,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 7315 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Alderman Hawthorne, Seconded by Alderman McCann,

THAT Bylaw No. 7315 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.

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CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a third time and passed.

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Moved by Alderman Hawthorne, Seconded by Alderman Dyck,

THAT the meeting stand adjourned.

CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk