

Council Chamber  
City Hall, Saskatoon, Sask.  
Monday, June 7, 1993,  
at 7:00 p.m.

## **MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL**

**PRESENT:** His Worship Mayor Dayday in the Chair;  
Councillors Cherneskey, Birkmaier, Penner, Mann,  
Thompson, McCann, Hawthorne and Dyck;  
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;  
City Councillors' Assistant Kanak

*Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Cherneskey,*

*THAT the minutes of the regular meeting held on May 25, 1993, and of Special Meeting held on May 31, 1993, be approved.*

*CARRIED.*

### **HEARINGS**

- 2a) **Development Plan Bylaw Amendment  
Proposed Bylaw No. 7350 - Core Neighbourhood Study 1990  
Brunskill Neighbourhood - West side of Cumberland Avenue  
from 406 Cumberland Avenue to 14th Street  
"Low Density - Conversions Policy District" to  
"Low Density - No Conversions Policy District"  
(File No. CK. 4110-3)**

#### **REPORT OF CITY CLERK:**

"Attached is a copy of Clause 10, Report No. 8-1993 of the Planning and Development Committee which was adopted by City Council at its meeting held on March 29, 1993.

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, JUNE 7, 1993  
PAGE 2**

A copy of the Notice which appeared in the local press under dates of May 15 and 22, 1993, is also attached.

Council, at this meeting is to hear and determine any submissions with respect to the proposed amendment prior to its consideration of Bylaw No. 7350, copy attached.

The matter is also being reported under Clause 1, Report No. 6-1993 of the Municipal Planning Commission.

Also attached is a copy of a letter dated May 31, 1993, from Fred F. Langford."

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

*Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Cherneskey,*

*THAT Clause 1, Report No. 6-1993 of the Municipal Planning Commission be brought forward and considered.*

*CARRIED.*

**REPORT NO. 6-1993 OF THE MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION**

**1. Development Plan Amendment  
406 Cumberland Avenue North to 14th Street  
Low Density - Conversions Policy District to  
Low Density - No Conversions Policy District  
(File No. CK. 4110-3)**

City Council, at its meeting held on March 29, 1993, considered a report of the Planning and Development Committee regarding the above-noted matter and requested that the Municipal Planning Commission provide a report and recommendation at the time of the public hearing.

The Municipal Planning Commission has considered the attached report of the Planning Department dated April 8, 1993, proposing to amend Appendix 03 (Core Neighbourhood Study Review 1990) of the City of Saskatoon Development Plan between 406 Cumberland Avenue North to 14th Street, from a Low Density - Conversions Policy District to a Low Density - No Conversions Policy District.

Your Commission notes that, currently, the existing zoning of Cumberland Avenue is not

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, JUNE 7, 1993  
PAGE 3**

consistent with approved Development Plan land use policies for this street. The existing zoning is R.2 and allows one and two unit dwellings. The existing land use policy, which was approved by Council on July 2, 1991, as part of the Core Neighbourhood Study Review, allows for the conversion of existing dwellings and the construction of new dwellings of up to four units.

The Planning Department has advised that there is no desire among property owners at this time to allow more than two unit dwellings along Cumberland Avenue. Additionally, there is no immediate need for more rental accommodation along Cumberland Avenue. The property owners along Cumberland and adjacent streets are concerned that any changes to current zoning along Cumberland Avenue may change the character of the neighbourhood.

Your Commission therefore

**RECOMMENDS:** that City Council approve the proposed amendment to Appendix 03 (Core Neighbourhood Study Review 1990) of the City of Saskatoon Development Plan between 406 Cumberland Avenue North to 14th Street, from a Low Density - Conversions Policy District to a Low Density - No Conversions Policy District.

*Moved by Councillor Hawthorne, Seconded by Councillor Thompson,*

*THAT the submitted correspondence and Clause 1, Report No. 6-1993 of the Municipal Planning Commission be received as information.*

*CARRIED.*

*Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor McCann,*

*THAT the hearing be closed.*

*CARRIED.*

*Moved by Councillor Cherneskey, Seconded by Councillor Mann,*

*THAT Council consider Bylaw No. 7350.*

*CARRIED.*

**2b) Hearing  
Zoning Bylaw Amendment**

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, JUNE 7, 1993  
PAGE 4**

**Core Neighbourhood Study Review 1990  
Albert & Brunskill Neighbourhoods  
R.M.1 and R(CON) District to R.2 District  
Proposed Bylaw No. 7351  
(File No. CK. 4351-1)**

REPORT OF CITY CLERK:

"Attached is a copy of Clause 2, Report No. 3-1993 of the Municipal Planning Commission which was adopted by City Council at its meeting held on March 15, 1993.

A copy of the Notice which appeared in the local press under dates of May 15 and 22, 1993, is also attached.

Council, at this meeting, is to hear and determine any submissions with respect to the proposed amendment prior to its consideration of Bylaw No. 7351, copy attached.

Also attached are copies of the following communications:

- Letter dated May 24, 1993, from Betty Townsend and Phil Bone, 806 10th Street East;
- Letter dated May 27, 1993, from Laurie Stone, President, Nutana Community Association;
- Letter dated May 31, 1993, from Fred F. Langford, 1212 Colony Street;
- Letter dated June 2, 1993, from Joanne Beckett, 707 Lansdowne Avenue;
- Letter dated June 2, 1993, from P. A. Miquelon, 822 - 14th Street East; and
- Letter dated June 3, 1993, from Steve Boechler, 910 - 10th Street East."

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

*Moved by Councillor Mann, Seconded by Councillor McCann,*

*THAT the submitted correspondence be received.*

*CARRIED.*

*Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Cherneskey,*

*THAT the hearing be closed.*

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, JUNE 7, 1993  
PAGE 5**

*CARRIED.*

*Moved by Councillor Cherneskey, Seconded by Councillor McCann,*

*THAT Council consider Bylaw No. 7351.*

*CARRIED.*

**COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL**

The following communications were submitted and dealt with as stated:

**A. ITEMS WHICH REQUIRE THE DIRECTION OF CITY COUNCIL**

**1) Pat McNeil, on behalf of Big Brothers of Saskatoon and  
The Christmas Gift Foundation, undated\_\_\_\_\_**

Requesting Council to extend the hours under the Noise Bylaw for an outdoor concert and beer garden at the Gordon Howe Bowl on July 24, 1993. (File No. CK. 185-9)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that permission be granted to the Big Brothers of Saskatoon and the Christmas Gift Foundation to extend the time to 11:00 p.m., Saturday, July 24, 1993, for an outdoor concert and beer garden at the Gordon Howe Bowl.

*The City Clerk noted that the request has been withdrawn by the writer.*

*Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Mann,*

*THAT the information be received.*

*CARRIED.*

**2) Kristine Magnus, Festival Manager  
Saskatchewan Jazz Festival Inc., dated May 21**

Requesting permission for exclusive use of North Kiwanis Park and for the temporary closure of

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, JUNE 7, 1993  
PAGE 6**

Spadina Crescent East between 22nd and 23rd Streets on Sunday, June 27, 1993, between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 5:45 p.m. (File No. CK. 205-1)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the request be approved subject to Administrative conditions.

*Moved by Councillor Mann, Seconded by Councillor McCann,*

*THAT the request be approved subject to Administrative conditions.*

*CARRIED.*

**3) J. E. Chase, President  
Saskatchewan Construction Association Inc., dated May 17**

Submitting comments regarding Provincial Government Union Preference Policy. (File No. CK. 277-1)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the information be received.

*Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Cherneskey,*

*THAT the information be received.*

*CARRIED.*

**4) Clara and Clifford Loseth  
1128 5th Street East, dated May 19**

Commenting regarding prayer in schools. (File No. CK. 150-1)

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, JUNE 7, 1993  
PAGE 7**

**5) Clara Loseth on behalf of the Women's Christian  
Temperance Union, Saskatoon Unit, dated May 19**

Commenting regarding prayer in schools. (File No. CK. 150-1)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the letters be forwarded to the Public School Board as information.

*Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor McCann,*

*THAT the letters be forwarded to the Public School Board as information.*

*CARRIED.*

**6) Barb Engel, Family Life Coordinator  
Catholic Family Services, dated May 20**

Requesting Council to proclaim the week of October 4 to 10, 1993, as National Family Week. (File No. CK. 205-5)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that His Worship the Mayor be authorized to proclaim the week of October 4 to 10, 1993, as National Family Week.

*Moved by Councillor Cherneskey, Seconded by Councillor Mann,*

*THAT His Worship the Mayor be authorized to proclaim the week of October 4 to 10, 1993, as National Family Week.*

*CARRIED.*

**7) A. Owen Maguire  
Chief of Police, dated May 20**

Requesting Council to proclaim the week of June 14 to 20, 1993, as Police Week in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 205-5)

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, JUNE 7, 1993  
PAGE 8**

**RECOMMENDATION:** that His Worship the Mayor be authorized to proclaim the week of June 14 to 20, 1993, as Police Week in Saskatoon.

*Moved by Councillor Mann, Seconded by Councillor Cherneskey,*

*THAT His Worship the Mayor be authorized to proclaim the week of June 14 to 20, 1993, as Police Week in Saskatoon.*

*CARRIED.*

**8) Patricia Melnychuk for the Saskatoon and District Branch  
Canadian Diabetes Association, dated May 19**

Requesting Council to proclaim the month of November, 1993, as Diabetes Month in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 205-5)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that His Worship the Mayor be authorized to proclaim the month of November, 1993, as Diabetes Month in Saskatoon.

*Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor Dyck,*

*THAT His Worship the Mayor be authorized to proclaim the month of November, 1993, as Diabetes Month in Saskatoon.*

*CARRIED.*

**9) Charlene Pilon, Area 6 Recreation Consultant  
Leisure Services Department, dated May 26**

Requesting Council to proclaim the week of July 5 to 9, 1993, as Play Week in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 205-5)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that His Worship the Mayor be authorized to proclaim the week of



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, JUNE 7, 1993  
PAGE 9**

July 5 to 9, 1993, as Play Week in Saskatoon.

*Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Hawthorne,*

*THAT His Worship the Mayor be authorized to proclaim the week of July 5 to 9, 1993, as Play Week in Saskatoon.*

*CARRIED.*

**10) Don Kowalchuk  
1316 Cumberland Avenue, undated**

Requesting permission to address Council regarding proposed business on the Saskatchewan River in front of Bessborough Park. (File No. CK. 300-1)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that Mr. Kowalchuk be heard.

*Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Cherneskey,*

*THAT Mr. Kowalchuk be heard.*

*CARRIED.*

*Mr. Don Kowalchuk addressed Council regarding the proposed business of renting Sea-doods on the Saskatchewan River in front of Bessborough Park.*

*Moved by Councillor Thompson, Seconded by Councillor Mann,*

*THAT the matter be referred to the Administration for an early report to Council.*

*CARRIED.*

**11) Dale Rochelle, Promotion Coordinator  
The Partnership, dated May 31**

Requesting permission for temporary closure of 21st Street from Spadina Crescent to Fourth Avenue on Saturday, June 26, 1993, from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for a rollerblade-a-thon to be held in conjunction with the Jazz Street Faire sidewalk sale. (File No. CK. 205-1)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the request be approved subject to Administrative conditions.

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, JUNE 7, 1993  
PAGE 10**

*Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor Hawthorne,  
THAT the request be approved subject to Administrative conditions.*

*CARRIED.*

**12) Marlene Hall, Secretary  
Development Appeals Board, dated June 1**

Submitting Notice of Development Appeals Board Hearing regarding two private detached garages at rear of property at 220 - 3rd Street East. (File No. CK. 4352-1)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the information be received.

*Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Mann,  
THAT the information be received.*

*CARRIED.*

**13) Judy Jordan, Committee Member  
Hotel Olympics, dated May 31**

Requesting permission for temporary closure of 21st Street between Spadina Crescent and 4th Avenue from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on August 22, 1993, in conjunction with the 7th Annual Hotel Olympics. (File No. CK. 205-1)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the request be approved subject to Administrative conditions.

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, JUNE 7, 1993  
PAGE 11**

*Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Mann,*

*THAT the request be approved subject to Administrative conditions.*

*CARRIED.*

**14) Isabel Buhr  
Third Avenue United Church, dated May 31**

Requesting permission for temporary closure of 24th Street between 3rd and 4th Avenues and for use of lawn across from the Third Avenue United Church from 12:00 noon to 3:30 p.m. on June 13, 1993, in conjunction with a picnic. (File No. CK. 205-1)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the request be approved subject to Administrative conditions.

*Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Birkmaier,*

*THAT the request be approved subject to Administrative conditions.*

*CARRIED.*

**15) Murray Gibb  
Ride for Sight, undated**

Requesting Council to proclaim the week of June 6 to 12, 1993 as Ride for Sight Week in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 205-5)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that His Worship the Mayor be authorized to proclaim the week of June 6 to 12, 1993, as Ride For Sight Week in Saskatoon.

*Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor McCann,*

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, JUNE 7, 1993  
PAGE 12**

*THAT His Worship the Mayor be authorized to proclaim the week of June 6 to 12, 1993, as Ride for Sight Week in Saskatoon.*

*CARRIED.*

**16) James Yuel, Chair  
Economic Development Authority, dated May 31**

Recommending that Council endorse the resolutions of the Phillco Economic Growth Council regarding the North/South Corridor. (Files CK. 277-1 and 3500-1)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the resolutions be endorsed.

*Moved by Councillor Mann, Seconded by Councillor McCann,*

*THAT the resolutions be endorsed.*

*CARRIED.*

**17) Frances Bergles, President  
Persephone Theatre Board of Directors, dated June 3**

Expressing appreciation for Council's approval of grant to Persephone Theatre. (File No. CK. 1871-2)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the information be received.

*Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Dyck,*

*THAT the information be received.*

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, JUNE 7, 1993  
PAGE 13**

*CARRIED.*

**18) Denis R. Hall, Program Director  
Young Athlete Saskatchewan Sports Schools, dated June 3**

Requesting permission to address Council regarding the Young Athlete Saskatchewan children's summer basketball school program to be held in Saskatoon in July. (Files CK. 5500-1 and 175-2)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that Mr. Hall be heard.

*Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Birkmaier,*

*THAT Mr. Hall be heard.*

*CARRIED.*

*Mr. Denis Hall, Program Director, Young Athlete Saskatchewan Sports Schools, circulated further information regarding the matter to Council members. He advised Council of the need of his organization for the use of St. Volodymyr School for its children's summer basketball school program and requested Council to act immediately to direct Leisure Services to find an alternate location for its program.*

*Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Birkmaier,*

*THAT the matter be referred to the Planning and Development Committee.*

*CARRIED.*

**19) June Friesen, Chair  
Breastfeeding Matters, dated May 31**

Requesting Council to proclaim the week of August 1 to 7, 1993, as Breastfeeding Awareness Week in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 205-5)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that His Worship the Mayor be authorized to proclaim the week of August 1 to 7, 1993, as Breastfeeding Awareness Week in Saskatoon.

*Moved by Councillor Cherneskey, Seconded by Councillor Dyck,*

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, JUNE 7, 1993  
PAGE 14**

*THAT His Worship the Mayor be authorized to proclaim the week of August 1 to 7, 1993, as Breastfeeding Awareness Week in Saskatoon.*

*CARRIED.*

**20) Ron Golden, President  
Saskatoon Triathlon Club, dated June 3**

Requesting permission to address Council regarding Saskatoon Triathlon's request for permission for a river swim. (File No. CK. 205-1)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the information be received and considered with Clause 1, Report No. 16-1993 of the Works and Utilities Committee.

*Moved by Councillor Cherneskey, Seconded by Councillor Dyck,*

*THAT the information be received and considered with Clause 1, Report No. 16-1993 of the Works and Utilities Committee.*

*CARRIED.*

**21) John Maxin  
326 Avenue D South, dated June 3**

Requesting permission to address Council regarding the relocation of the powerlines from the east to the west bank of the river. (File No. CK. 2010-1)

**22) Tom Morgan, President  
Riversdale Community & School Association Inc., undated**

Requesting permission to address Council regarding the relocation of the powerlines from the east to the west bank of the river. (File No. CK. 2010-1)

**23) Mark McGregor**

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, JUNE 7, 1993  
PAGE 15**

**1301 Spadina Crescent West, undated**

Requesting permission to address Council regarding the relocation of the powerlines from the east to the west bank of the river. (File No. CK. 2010-1)

**24) Rusty Chartier, dated June 4**

Requesting permission to address Council regarding the relocation of the powerlines from the east to the west bank of the river. (File No. CK. 2010-1)

**25) Ruth Schollar  
1137 Spadina Crescent West, dated June 4**

Requesting permission to address Council regarding the relocation of the powerlines from the east to the west bank of the river. (File No. CK. 2010-1)

**26) H. F. Feldkamp  
427 Lakeshore Bay, dated June 3**

Requesting permission to address Council regarding the relocation of the powerlines from the east to the west bank of the river. (File No. CK. 2010-1)

**27) Anita Langford, Secretary  
Holiday Park Community Association, dated June 4**

Requesting permission to address Council regarding the relocation of the powerlines from the east to the west bank of the river. (File No. CK. 2010-1)

**28) Bob Fink, President  
King George Community and School Association Inc., dated June 7**

Requesting permission to address Council regarding the relocation of the powerlines from the east to the west bank of the river. (File No. CK. 2010-1)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the information be received and considered with Clause 4, Report No. 16-1993 of the Works and Utilities Committee.

*Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Cherneskey,*

*THAT the information be received and considered with Clause 4, Report No. 16-1993 of the Works and Utilities Committee.*

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, JUNE 7, 1993  
PAGE 16**

*CARRIED.*

**29) Michel Mellinger, Past Treasurer  
Nutana Community Tennis Club, dated June 7**

Submitting comments regarding the resurfacing of tennis courts at Nutana Kiwanis Park. (File No. CK. 610-1)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the information be received and considered with Clause 6, Report No. 13-1993 of the Planning and Development Committee.

*Moved by Councillor Cherneskey, Seconded by Councillor Dyck,*

*THAT the information be received and considered with Clause 6, Report No. 13-1993 of the Planning and Development Committee.*

*CARRIED.*

**30) Kelly Lendsay, General Manager  
Saskatoon Slam, dated June 7**

Requesting permission to address Council regarding game day signs. (File No. CK. 6280-1)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the information be received and considered with Clause A3, Report No. 13-1993 of the City Commissioner

*Moved by Councillor Cherneskey, Seconded by Councillor Dyck,*

*THAT the information be received and considered with Clause A3, Report No. 13-1993 of the City Commissioner.*

*CARRIED.*



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, JUNE 7, 1993  
PAGE 17**

**B. ITEMS WHICH HAVE BEEN REFERRED FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION**

- 1) **Clara Kroeker, Secretary**  
**Resident Council of Bethany Manor, dated May 20**

Requesting Council to approve the installation of traffic lights on the corner of Pinehouse Drive and LaRonge Road. Referred to the Works and Utilities Committee. (File No. CK. 6250-1)

- 2) **Lawrie McFarlane, President**  
**Saskatoon Health Board, dated May 20**

Submitting comments regarding issues relating to smoking and smoking bylaws. Referred to the Legislation and Finance Committee. (File No. CK. 185-3)

- 3) **Lloyd R. Jones**  
**1909 Lansdowne Avenue, dated May 31**

Expressing concern regarding the keeping of bees within City limits. Referred to the Advisory Committee on Animal Control and to the Administration. (File No. CK. 4350-1)

- 4) **I. Darlene Thompson**  
**Melfort, SK, dated May 31**

Submitting concerns regarding parking ticket. Referred to the Administration. (File No. CK. 5301-1)

- 5) **Gary N. Johnson**  
**226 Perehudoff Crescent, dated May 31**

Expressing concern regarding problem with dandelions. Referred to the Administration. (File No. CK. 4200-2)

- 6) **W. Thomas Molloy, Chair**  
**Meewasin Foundation, dated June 1**

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, JUNE 7, 1993  
PAGE 18**

Expressing concern regarding fundraising initiative. Referred to the Planning and Development Committee. (File No. CK. 1500-1)

**7) Robert G. Klombies, Chair  
The Saskatoon Foundation, dated June 2**

Submitting concerns regarding Leisure Services Department Private Fundraising Initiative. Referred to the Planning and Development Committee. (File No. CK. 1500-1)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the information be received.

*Moved by Councillor Cherneskey, Seconded by Councillor Birkmaier,*

*THAT the information be received.*

*CARRIED.*

*Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Mann,*

*THAT the regular Order of Business be suspended and Item 6a) of "Unfinished Business" and Clause B5, Report No. 13-1993 of the City Commissioner be brought forward and considered.*

*CARRIED.*

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**6a) Demolition - Grover Holdings Ltd.  
228 Avenue I South  
(File No. CK. 530-2)**

REPORT OF CITY CLERK:

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, JUNE 7, 1993  
PAGE 19**

"Attached is a copy of an excerpt from the minutes of meeting of City Council held on March 29, 1993. City Council, at this meeting, deferred consideration of the following recommendations contained under Clause B4, Report No. 8-1993 of the City Commissioner:

- 1) that the information be received;
- 2) that the Civic Buildings and Grounds Department be instructed to prepare the appropriate tender documents and to take whatever steps that it considers necessary to carry out the Order of City Council concerning the demolition of the building at 228 Avenue I South; and
- 3) that all costs incurred in the tendering process and demolition work be added to and thereby form part of the taxes on the land known as 228 Avenue I South.'

Also attached is a copy of a letter dated June 2, 1993, from Mr. J. L. Grover, requesting permission to speak to Council on the matter.

The matter is also being reported under Clause B5, Report No. 13-1993 of the City Commissioner."

**REPORT NO. 13-1993 OF THE CITY COMMISSIONER**

**B5) Demolition -- Grover Holdings Ltd.  
228 Avenue I South  
(File No. CC 530-2)**

During its March 29, 1993, meeting, City Council considered a report (i.e. Clause B4 of Report No. 8-1993) from the City Commissioner on the status of an order to demolish the building at 228 Avenue I South. This report recommended that the City should make the arrangements to demolish this building and that the costs of this action should be added to the property-owner's taxes. However, a second report from the City Solicitor advised City Council that the owner had appealed the demolition order to the Saskatchewan Court of Appeal. As a result of the latter information, City Council resolved:

"that the recommendations with respect to Clause B4, Report No. 8-1993 of the City Commissioner be deferred and brought forward once the Appeal has been heard".

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, JUNE 7, 1993  
PAGE 20**

The following June 2, 1993, report on the status of the appeal has been submitted by the City Solicitor:

"We wish to advise Council that the Rules of the Court of Appeal require that a Notice of Appeal of this nature be served within 15 days from the date of the order to be appealed. In this case, the Court Order upholding the demolition was made on March 4, 1993. The Notice of Appeal was served on our office on March 25, 1993. The Court of Appeal refused to allow Grover Holdings Ltd. to file the Appeal. The Registrar of the Court of Appeal advised Grover Holdings Ltd. by letter dated April 8, 1993 that it could apply for an extension of the time within which to serve the Notice. As of June 1, 1993, Grover Holdings Ltd. has not applied for an extension of time to serve the Notice of Appeal.

Under these circumstances, there has been no appeal filed in this matter and there is nothing to stay the execution of the Demolition Order. We would respectfully suggest that City Council now consider the recommendations contained in Clause B4, Report No. 8-1993 of the City Commissioner."

As a result of the preceding report from the City Solicitor, the City Planner has submitted the following June 2, 1993, report on the present condition of the building at 228 Avenue I South:

"The Planning Department has been receiving numerous complaints about the condition of this building. Therefore, frequent inspections have been made of the property to ensure that it is secured. (On at least two occasions in the last month, unauthorized entry has been gained to the building.)

The building is deteriorating and materials are still strewn around the site and the adjacent lane. The owner has made no attempt to tidy up the site. (Recent photographs of the property are available for viewing in the City Clerk's Department.)

If City Council now proceeds to adopt the recommendations in Clause B4 of Report No. 8-1993 of the City Commissioner, the Civic Buildings and Grounds Department believes that (taking in to consideration the time that is required to issue the tender documents and to award the contract) the building will likely be demolished by mid-July of 1993."

**RECOMMENDATION:** that City Council consider the recommendations contained in Clause B4 of Report No. 8-1993 of the City Commissioner, which are as follows:

- 1) that the Civic Buildings and Grounds Department be

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, JUNE 7, 1993  
PAGE 21**

instructed to prepare the appropriate tender documents and to take whatever steps that it considers necessary to carry out the Order of City Council concerning the demolition of the building at 228 Avenue I South; and,

- 2) that all costs incurred in the tendering process and demolition work be added to, and thereby form part of, the taxes on the land known as 228 Avenue I South.

*The City Solicitor verbally reported that Allan's Landscaping Ltd. has purchased the property and will be taking possession on June 15. They would like the matter to be deferred for one month to allow them to meet with the Planning Department to discuss the cleanup required. The cleanup will start on June 9.*

*Moved by Councillor Mann, Seconded by Councillor Hawthorne,*

*THAT consideration of the matter be deferred to the first meeting in July.*

*CARRIED.*

**LETTER DATED JUNE 2, 1993**

**FROM: RICHARD SCHROH, PRESIDENT  
SASKATOON STADIUM SPORTS LTD.  
RE: PROPOSAL TO LEISURE SERVICES DEPARTMENT  
TO OPERATE THE LIONS AND ARCHIBALD ARENAS  
(FILE NO. CK. 611-1)**

---

Councillor Mann tabled a copy of the above-noted letter for consideration at the next Council meeting.

**REPORTS**

Mr. R. Tennent, Chair, submitted Report No. 6-1993 of the Municipal Planning Commission;

City Commissioner Irwin submitted Report No. 13-1993 of the City Commissioner;

Councillor McCann, Member, presented Report No. 13-1993 of the Planning and Development Committee;

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, JUNE 7, 1993  
PAGE 22**

Councillor Cherneskey, Member, presented Report No. 12-1993 of the Legislation and Finance Committee;

Councillor Thompson, Chair, presented Report No. 2-1993 of the Personnel and Organization Committee; and

Councillor Hawthorne, Chair, presented Report No. 16-1993 of the Works and Utilities Committee.

*Moved by Councillor Cherneskey, Seconded by Councillor McCann,*

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

- a) Report No. 6-1993 of the Municipal Planning Commission;*
- b) Report No. 13-1993 of the City Commissioner;*
- c) Report No. 13-1993 of the Planning and Development Committee;*
- d) Report No. 12-1993 of the Legislation and Finance Committee;*
- e) Report No. 2-1993 of the Personnel and Organization Committee; and*
- f) Report No. 16-1993 of the Works and Utilities Committee.*

*CARRIED.*

His Worship Mayor Dayday appointed Councillor Mann as Chairman of the Committee of the Whole.

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

Committee arose.

Councillor Mann, 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:

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, JUNE 7, 1993  
PAGE 23**

**"REPORT NO. 6-1993 OF THE MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION"**

Composition of Committee

Mr. R. Tennent, Chair  
Mr. Jim Kozmyk  
Councillor D.L. Birkmaier  
Mr. Norm McLennan  
Ms. Ann March  
Mr. Glen Grismer  
Mr. Bill Delainey  
Ms. Fran Alexson  
Mr. Victor Pizzey  
Dr. H.O. Langlois  
Dr. Brian Noonan  
Ms. Lina Eidem

- 1. Development Plan Amendment  
406 Cumberland Avenue North to 14th Street  
Low Density - Conversions Policy District to  
Low Density - No Conversions Policy District  
(File No. CK. 4110-3)**

*DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 1.*

**REPORT NO. 13-1993 OF THE CITY COMMISSIONER**

**Section A - Works and Utilities**

- A1) Proposed Parking Prohibition  
Forest Drive, Attridge Drive to Forestry Farm Park  
(File No. CC 6120-1)**

Report of the City Engineer, June 1, 1993:

"The Engineering Department has been requested by the Leisure Services Department to prohibit parking on both sides of Forest Drive, from Attridge Drive to the Forestry Farm Park and Zoo. This

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, JUNE 7, 1993  
PAGE 24**

roadway is the main entrance into the Park and becomes quite busy at certain times. Parking is occurring on both sides of the roadway. This parking is interrupting traffic flow and is causing some safety concerns. It should be noted that this section of Forest Drive is narrow and only one driving lane is provided for each direction. There is no provision for parking along this roadway.

This roadway was constructed with ditch drainage, therefore concrete curbs do not exist on each side of the roadway. Vehicles are parking on grassed areas making maintenance of this area difficult. Rutting is likely to occur if vehicles park in this area after periods of wet weather.

It should be noted that the Leisure Services Department charges a \$2.00 per vehicle entrance fee for the Forestry Farm Park. There is no entrance fee for persons walking or biking into the park. It is likely that at least some of the parking on Forest Drive is occurring because of the entrance fee. Regardless of the reason why parking is occurring on this roadway, the fact remains that this roadway was not constructed to accommodate parking on either side.

In view of the above, the Engineering Department recommends that parking be prohibited on both sides of Forest Drive, between Attridge Drive and the Forestry Farm Park and Zoo."

**RECOMMENDATION:** that parking be prohibited on both sides of Forest Drive, between Attridge Drive and the Forestry Farm Park and Zoo.

*ADOPTED.*

**A2) Capital Project No. 723-22  
Network Transformer Additions and Secondary Main Extension  
(File No. CC 1000-2)**

Report of the Manager, Electrical Distribution Department, May 31, 1993:

"The Central Purchasing and Stores Department has called for tenders on the supply of two Network Transformers complete with two Network Protectors, two Network Limiters, and two Control Panels for Capital Project No. 723-22, Network Transformer Additions and Secondary Main Extension. Three bids were received and opened publicly on April 28, 1993. The results of the three bids are as follows:

	Item 1A	Item 1B
	Two Network Transformers	Two Network Limiters
<u>Company</u>	<u>c/w Network Protectors</u>	<u>c/w Control Panels</u>



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL  
 MONDAY, JUNE 7, 1993  
 PAGE 25**

Wesco	\$161,224.00	\$63,383.00 (2)
Ferranti Packard	167,950.00	66,225.00 (3)
ASEA Brown Boveri	247,248.00	No Quote

- Note: 1. Prices shown include transportation and insurance charges but do not include GST and PST.
2. Wesco's original bid was \$126,766.00 but after further investigation and confirmed to the Central Purchasing and Stores Department by Wesco, there was an error in their original bid and the quoted price should have read \$63,383.00.
3. Ferranti Packard's original bid was \$132,450.00. After checking with Ferranti Packard, they confirmed they made the same error and their price should have read \$66,225.00.

Project No. 723-22, Network Transformer Additions and Secondary Main Extension, involves the purchase, installation, and commissioning of the Network Transformers, Protectors, Limiters and Control Panels. The electrical equipment in this tender will be used to improve the capacity, reliability and safety of the City of Saskatoon downtown electrical network system.

The total budget for this project is \$332,000.00 and the budget estimated amount for the equipment in this tender is \$224,000.00. The lowest bid from Wesco meets specification requirements and is acceptable. The net cost of the equipment to the City after the GST rebate, as calculated below, is higher than the budgeted amount of \$224,000.00, but the final completion cost of this project including cabling, installation and commissioning is not expected to exceed the total budgeted amount of \$332,000.00.

Transformers, Protectors, Limiters and Control Panels	\$224,607.00
PST (9 %)	20,214.63
GST (7 %)	<u>15,722.49</u>
Total Contract Amount	\$260,544.12
Less GST Rebate	<u>15,722.49</u>
<b>Net Cost to City</b>	<b><u>\$244,821.63"</u></b>

**RECOMMENDATION:** 1) that City Council accept the bid submitted by Wesco, for the supply of two Network Transformers complete with two Network Protectors, two Network Limiters, and two Control

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, JUNE 7, 1993  
PAGE 26**

Panels, for a total estimated amount of \$260,544.12, F.O.B. Saskatoon, GST and PST included; and,

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

*ADOPTED.*

**A3) Request to Install Signs  
on City Right-of-Ways  
Saskatoon Slam  
(File No. CC 6280-1)**

Report of the City Engineer, June 3, 1993:

"The following report has been prepared to provide City Council with background information pertaining to the anticipated request of the Saskatoon Slam basketball team to install 'game day' signs on City boulevards and centre medians.

The Saskatoon Slam started installing 'game day' signs on City right-of-ways at the end of May. They were contacted by the Department and asked to have all signs removed by Wednesday, June 2, 1993, and not to reinstall any signs until their request had been approved by City Council. Mr. Kelly Lendsay of the Saskatoon Slam stated that they had received approval from the Planning Department to install these signs, however, the Planning Department gave no such approval. The matter of signing on City right-of-ways is not within the purview of the Planning Department. The signs were removed as requested but were reinstalled on Thursday, June 3, 1993, against the order of the Engineering Department.

City Bylaw No. 7200, the Traffic Bylaw, states the following:

- '8) Unless authorized by the City Council, a person shall not install a sign, signal or marking on a street, sidewalk or City boulevard. The City Engineer or the Chief of Police are hereby empowered to remove without notice, every such prohibited sign, signal or marking.'

The purpose of the above is to keep roadway right-of-ways free of devices that do not pertain to the movement of pedestrian, bicycle and vehicular traffic. Such signs, if not controlled, can cause

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, JUNE 7, 1993  
PAGE 27**

safety problems by distracting motorists from the task of driving or blocking sight distances, which are both potential contributing factors in traffic accidents. The requirement to keep these signs off right-of-ways also improves the general appearance of roadways by removing unnecessary clutter. The importance of this latter benefit is evidenced by the Chamber of Commerce's request of the City to improve the appearance of its entrance roadways and the efforts that the City has undertaken to achieve this goal.

The Engineering Department actively enforces the above section of the Traffic Bylaw. Its three Bylaw Inspectors are continually asking owners of signs on City right-of-ways to have their signs removed. If the signs are not removed, then the Department removes the signs and holds them at the City Yards. Recently the Department has had to expand its efforts in this regard by having one Inspector work Saturday mornings to deal with the problem of commercial businesses placing signs along roadways during the weekends. The businesses did this knowing that the Department would not have normally removed the signs until Monday morning. The Inspector who works the Saturday morning shift also reviews that weekend's garage sale signs to ensure that they have not been installed such that they create a hazard. It should be noted that the City does not legally permit garage sale signs and Civic, Provincial and Federal election signs to be installed on City right-of-ways, however, the City does not actively enforce the Bylaw for these types of signs.

The Engineering Department is opposed to granting permission to allow any additional signage on City right-of-ways. The position is considered by the Engineering Department to be reasonable (in that it fulfills a purpose), is enforceable and easily understood by the public. These are three key components that every bylaw should have to be effective. The public may not agree with this restriction but it is quite clear what the public can and cannot do regarding placement of signs on City right-of-ways.

The Engineering Department suggests that allowing the Saskatoon Slam to place signs on City right-of-ways will generate the following problems:

- 1) City Council will be requested by many other groups to allow their signs on City right-of-ways. Requests from non-profit organizations to promote their interests or cause, from special events organizations such as The Fringe, the Jazz Festival, Folkfest, Winterfest, Louis Riel Days, the Exhibition, Cruise Night, the boat races, the go-kart races, etc., from events at Sask Place, from sports clubs such as the Saskatoon Blades, Titans and University of Saskatchewan teams, and from for-profit businesses, such as OK Tire, which has been placing signs on City right-of-ways on an ongoing basis on weekends. City Council will then have to decide who can and cannot place signs on City right-of-ways. Because the Saskatoon Slam is a for-profit organization, City Council should expect requests from other for-profit businesses.
- 2) The general public will become confused as to what type of signs are allowed on City right-of-ways if they see many different types of signs being installed. This will result in an

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, JUNE 7, 1993  
PAGE 28**

increase in the number of illegal signs being installed which will increase the amount of enforcement effort that the Engineering Department must use to control this practice. This will increase costs above that already being experienced. The increased number of signs will also increase the chance that a sign will be installed in a way that it creates a traffic hazard.

The Engineering Department contacted the Cities of Regina, Moose Jaw and Prince Albert to determine what other cities in the Province are doing with the matter of signs on right-of-ways. All three Cities contacted do not permit signs, other than garage sale signs, along their roadways.

The Engineering Department strongly recommends denying the Saskatoon Slam's request to install signs on City right-of-ways. The Saskatoon Slam should be encouraged to find alternative methods of promoting their product."

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the information be received; and,
  - 2) that the request from the Saskatoon Slam to install signs on City right-of-ways be denied.

*Pursuant to earlier resolution, Item A.30 of "Communications" was brought forward and considered.*

*Moved by Councillor Penner,*

*THAT Mr. Lendsay be heard.*

*CARRIED.*

*Mr. Kelly Lendsay, General Manager, Saskatoon Slam, asked for support from Council to allow game day signs.*

*Moved by Councillor Birkmaier,*

- 1) *THAT the request by the Saskatoon Slam to install signs on City right-of-ways be approved for 1993; and*
- 2) *THAT the Works and Utilities Committee review the current bylaw controlling signage on boulevards.*

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, JUNE 7, 1993  
PAGE 29**

*CARRIED.*

**A4) Installation of Parking Meters  
In Former Bus Stop Areas  
(File No. CC 6120-3)**

Report of the City Engineer, June 4, 1993:

"At its meeting held on May 10, 1993, City Council approved several transit route changes which required the creation, expansion or removal of certain bus stops in the downtown area. The changes are to go into effect on June 6, 1993.

The Engineering Department has reviewed the curb side space which will no longer be required for bus stop purposes because of the above changes. Two bus stops will be removed and it is proposed to replace the stops with metered parking stalls. The two stops were located at:

- 1) the west side of 4th Avenue, just south of 23rd Street, next to the Frances Morrison Library;
- 2) the south side of 22nd Street, just east of 3rd Avenue, next to the Saskatoon Credit Union parking lot.

Attached Plan Nos. G8-63A and G7-15D show the installation of parking meters in these areas. A total of eight one-hour meters are proposed to be installed."

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the curb side space formerly utilized for bus stop purposes on the southwest corner of 4th Avenue/23rd Street, and on the southeast corner of 3rd Avenue/22nd Street, be replaced by one- hour metered parking, as shown on Plan Nos. G8-63A and G7-15D.

*ADOPTED.*

**Section B - Planning and Development**

**B1) Easement Requirement  
Saskatoon Underground  
Municipal Buffer Strip MB2, Plan 84-S-43536  
and Lots 2-5 incl., Block 228, Plan 90-S-11481  
E23-275-33; E233-15-729  
(File No. CC 4090-1)**

Report of the City Planner, May 25, 1993:

"Carol A. Moore, on behalf of SaskPower's Land Department, has requested the City's approval of an easement over parts of Municipal Buffer Strip MB2, Plan 84-S-43536, and over Lots 2 - 5 incl., Block 288, Plan 90-S-11481. (See the attached plan.)

Subdivision Application #36/89 was adopted by City Council during its November 6, 1989, meeting. The utility agencies chose not to indicate any easement requirements at that time, but rather were of the opinion that easements should be determined when the lots are purchased and when specific services are requested by the developer.

The Land, Civic Buildings and Grounds, and Planning Departments have no objections to granting the easements which have been requested."

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that City Council grant an easement to SaskPower, as outlined in the attached easement agreement; and,
  - 2) that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute the 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.*

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, JUNE 7, 1993  
PAGE 31**

**B2) Enquiry - Councillor Cherneskey (May 25, 1993)  
Field House Floor Repairs  
(File No. CC 612-2)**

---

"Could I have a report from the City Administration with respect to the need of pilings in the current Field House repair. Attached is a copy of the Tuesday, May 18, 1993 article dealing with this matter."

With reference to Councillor Cherneskey's enquiry concerning a May 18, 1993, article in The StarPhoenix, the manager of Western Caissons Ltd. is not correct in the statement, which has been attributed to him, that members of City Council did not consider the option of installing pilings under the new floor at the Saskatoon Field House. Attached is a copy of a report from the Planning and Development Committee on the replacement of the Field House's floor which was considered by City Council on December 2, 1991. This report was the result of the studies and recommendations which the City received from its consultants on this matter, Cochrane Lavalin Inc. and P. Machibroda Engineering Ltd.

As can be seen from the 1991 report, four options were considered by the Committee, of which the most expensive was installing a "structural concrete floor on piles". However, after reviewing this and the other options, the Committee agreed with the consultants and with the Civic Buildings and Grounds Department that this option would not be pursued because "the cost far exceeds the benefits that will be derived from this form of construction".

For budgetary reasons, City Council did not proceed with this project in the 1992 Capital Budget. However, the matter was again considered during the review of the 1993 Capital Budget, at which time a decision was made to fund the project.

In light of Councillor Cherneskey's enquiry, the Civic Buildings and Grounds Department asked the project's consultants to provide comments on the statements which have been attributed to Western Caissons Ltd. Attached is a copy of a May 28, 1993, letter from Mr. J. R. Ostrander of Cochrane-SNC-Lavalin Inc. In his letter, Mr. Ostrander re-affirms the original recommendation that while the pile-supported structural-floor option was considered during the design stage of the project, this option was considered to be more costly and provided relatively few, if any, additional benefits over the ground-supported floor system that has been approved by City Council.

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, JUNE 7, 1993  
PAGE 32**

The tendering process for the approved project confirmed that the pile-supported approach is a more expensive approach. Therefore, the Civic Buildings and Grounds Department continues to support its original recommendation as the most cost-effective means of addressing the problems of this building.

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the information be received.

*ADOPTED.*

**B3) Enquiry - Councillor Birkmaier (May 25, 1993)  
Policy - Maintenance of Boulevards  
(File No. CC 4070-1)**

"Would the Administration please report on the frequency of cutting and the policy with respect to the cutting of boulevards and maintenance of boulevards."

All mowing of grass on City-owned property is undertaken through the Grounds Maintenance Program of the Civic Buildings and Grounds Department. This Program was reviewed by the Audit Committee in 1992 and various changes have been made, or are being considered, in relation to implementing the recommendations of the comprehensive audit report.

For the most part, the City's mowing procedures are determined not by a specific policy, but rather by City Council's annual approval of the Grounds Maintenance Program's operating budget. The consequences of these budgetary decisions on the aesthetic appearance of the City's parks, boulevards, right-of-ways, and vacant land will depend on each year's weather conditions (e.g. the amount of rainfall and the temperature).

In 1992, City Council approved several significant reductions to the Civic Buildings and Grounds Department's operating budget which affect the maintenance of City-owned property. These reductions occurred in both the Grounds Maintenance Program and the Pest Management Program. The impact of these budgetary reductions was only partially realized during the 1992 summer season because of actions taken by the Civic Buildings and Grounds Department in the fall of 1991 (e.g. a fall herbiciding program) and because of the use in 1992 of the remaining inventory of chemicals which were left over from 1991 (e.g. poison for gophers). In addition, weather conditions in 1992 were less favourable to the rapid growth of grass during the spring.



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, JUNE 7, 1993  
PAGE 33**

The circumstances which obscured the impact of the budgetary reductions in 1992 to the Grounds Maintenance and to the Pest Management Program do not apply in 1993. Therefore, the implications for the aesthetic appearance of various City-owned property are much more visible to the general public and are resulting in a growing number of complaints. The Civic Buildings and Grounds Department maintained a record of the complaints which were received in 1992 by its staff concerning the maintenance of City-owned property. Similar records will be kept in 1993 and the results will be available, for City Council's consideration, if required.

In order to clarify the 1993 budgetary provision for the Grounds Maintenance and for the Pest Management Programs and to assist members of City Council to respond to any concerns or questions which are brought to their attention by the general public, the General Manager of the Civic Buildings and Grounds Department has provided the following May 31, 1993, report which responds very broadly to Councillor Birkmaier's specific enquiry:

"Maintenance of City-Owned Parks

In 1993, the parks-maintenance program will operate on a five-month season, with seasonal staff being hired on a phased basis during the period between the first of May and the first of June and being laid off (also on a phased basis) by the end of September. The length of the season has been reduced, as a budget-reduction measure, over several years. The current five-month season was established in 1992; previously, the season was between 5.5 and 6 months in length. (The 1992 budgetary measure resulted in a cost-saving of \$97,000 and a reduction of 4.2 staff-years.)

The impact of the shorter season is that the budgeted standard of service for maintaining City-owned parks is not fully in place until the beginning of June and continues until the beginning September. If there is an early spring or a late fall, the City does not have sufficient staff to prevent an accumulation of garbage or to cut a rapid growth of grass and/or weeds during these periods. Also, the preparation of sportsfields that are located in parks will occur later, as the appropriate seasonal staff are hired.

Also, in 1992, City Council approved a reduction in the mowing cycle for the non-irrigated portions of the City-owned parks. (Most of these are parks which were constructed prior to 1988 and which have not been irrigated through a subsequent upgrading project.) By a specific resolution during its review of the preliminary operating budget, City Council reduced the number of times that the non-irrigated and non-sportsfield parklands are cut from nine times to seven times a year, thereby removing \$37,600 and 1.6 staff-years from the budget. There have been some practical difficulties in applying this decision because a single park can have irrigated, non-irrigated, and sportsfield areas which will each have different mowing standards (i.e. a single park could have three different mowing standards). As was explained, last year, in an implementation report to City Council, the

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, JUNE 7, 1993  
PAGE 34**

Civic Buildings and Grounds Department has made some operational adjustments in order to minimize the potential inefficiencies in administering the different standards within a single park.

Maintenance of Roadway Rights-of-Way

The dryland turf on roadway rights-of-way, bridge-heads, and associated road medians (such as Circle Drive, Attridge Drive, Idylwyld Drive, and the highways entering Saskatoon) is mowed twice during each growing season. Prior to 1992, these areas were mowed five times each season. However, as part of its consideration of the 1992 operating budget, City Council reduced the annual mowing cycle for these areas and saved \$35,000 and 1.5 staff-years.

Depending on the growing conditions in the spring (including the amount of rainfall and the temperature), the first of the two cuts on all rights-of-way may not be completed until the end of June or mid-July. The second mowing cycle is completed by the middle to the end of August. As a result, there will be long grass and tall weeds on the City's roadway rights-of-way and buffer strips for a period during the summer.

Maintenance of Boulevards

In accordance with the City's definition, boulevards are the piece of City-owned land which is located between the property line of the private landowner and the edge of the street in front of this property. The adjacent property-owners are responsible for maintaining these boulevards. However, the City has undertaken selective cutting of grass on flankages along the side of lots which are at the end of a block, when the adjacent property-owner has not voluntarily maintained this land.

Vacant City-Owned Land

Vacant properties which are owned by the City and are administered by the Land Department (as part of the City's Land Bank) are maintained by the Civic Buildings and Grounds Department. These lands are selectively mowed to keep down the weeds, with the extent of the mowing being determined by the land's proximity to residential developments, the ability to utilize the City's equipment on the undeveloped lands, and the number of complaints. For those properties where mowing is undertaken, the frequency will vary from two to five times a year.

Pest Control Program

During its consideration of the 1992 operating budget, City Council approved significant changes to the City's Pest Management Program. Effective in that year, no funds are provided for the application of herbicides to control weeds such as dandelions on City-owned land; as well, funding has been eliminated for the control of ground squirrels (i.e. gophers) and other nuisance animals and insects (e.g. crows, wasps, hornets) that might be causing problems for the city's residents. The

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, JUNE 7, 1993  
PAGE 35**

elimination of these funding provisions resulted in an operating cost-saving of \$32,000 and 0.2 staff-years.

With respect to the elimination of herbiciding, the Civic Buildings and Grounds Department agrees that this is an environmentally-sound decision. However, complaints from the public concerning the proliferation of dandelions (particularly as these weeds have been able to go to seed because of the later start of the initial mowing cycle in City-owned parks due to the reduced season for the parks-maintenance program) suggest that not all of the general public agree with this decision.

The growing conditions in 1992 were of a nature that permitted the Civic Buildings and Grounds Department to control the growth of dandelions to an extent that resulted in a small number of complaints. In addition, the growth of dandelions in that year was somewhat controlled by the herbiciding program that occurred in the fall of 1991.

For 1993, the spring's growing conditions and the lack of any previous years' herbiciding effects resulted in a vigorous growth of dandelions throughout the City's properties. For the balance of this year, the Civic Buildings and Grounds Department will attempt to control the growth of dandelions through its mowing operations. However, it should be recognized that this is not as effective as herbiciding in controlling these broad-leaved weeds. Also, as these weeds are able to seed and to become established in the turf over many seasons, the re-introduction of a herbiciding program will be more costly in comparison to the initial operational savings which were realized when the program was eliminated."

**RECOMMENDATION:**                   that the information be received.

*IT WAS RESOLVED: that the matter be referred to the Planning and Development Committee for a report.*

**B4) Land-Use Applications Received by the Planning Department  
For the Period Between May 19 and June 2, 1993  
(For Information Only)  
(File Nos. CC 4300-1 and 4351-1)**\_\_\_\_\_

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, JUNE 7, 1993  
PAGE 36**

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

Subdivision

- Application #15/93: 22nd Street West and Witney Avenue North  
(Street Closure)  
(Refer to attached Map No. 1.)  
Applicant: Webster Surveys Ltd. for the City of Saskatoon  
Legal Description: Plan 63-S-10510  
Current Zoning: B.4  
Date Received: May 20, 1993

Rezoning

- Application Z8/93 503 - 527 Perehudoff Crescent  
(Refer to attached Map No. 2.)  
Applicant: Land Manager for the City of Saskatoon  
Legal Description: Lots 1 - 7, Block 306, Plan 86-S-17946  
Current Zoning: R.2  
Proposed Zoning: R.1A  
Date Received: May 26/93

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the information be received.

*ADOPTED.*

- B5) Demolition -- Grover Holdings Ltd.  
228 Avenue I South  
(File No. CC 530-2)\_\_\_\_\_**

*DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 19.*

- B6) Demolition -- 485 - 1st Avenue North  
(Former Palm Dairy Building)  
Peter Shinkaruk  
(File No. CC 530-2)\_\_\_\_\_**

Report of the City Planner, June 2, 1993:

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, JUNE 7, 1993  
PAGE 37**

"During its December 7, 1992, meeting, City Council held a public hearing to consider the making of an order to demolish all buildings on the property at 485 - 1st Avenue North. As a result of this hearing, City Council resolved:

'That, because of its ruinous and dilapidated state, City Council declare the building located at 485 First Avenue North, Saskatoon, Saskatchewan and more particularly described as:

Lots Eighteen (18), Nineteen (19), Twenty (20), Twenty-two (22), Twenty-three (23), Twenty-four (24), Twenty-five (25), Twenty-six (26) and Twenty-seven (27), all in Block "A", in the City of Saskatoon, in the Province of Saskatchewan, in the Dominion of Canada, according to a Plan of Record in the Land Titles Office for the Saskatoon Land Registration District as No. (Q13) F 4928,

a nuisance, because in Council's opinion, the building is dangerous to the public safety and health as a result of its current ruinous and dilapidated state, and is dangerous to the public safety and health and constitutes a nuisance; and

That Peter Shinkaruk, the registered and assessed owner, be ordered:

- 1) to demolish or remove the said building and to fill in any open basement or excavation remaining on the site of the said building after the demolition or removal thereof; and
- 2) to complete the work on or before the 1st day of June, 1993.'

No attempt was made by Mr. Shinkaruk to demolish the buildings which are identified in the preceding order. The buildings are in the same condition as they were in December of 1992.

As a result of a tax-enforcement action, the City now has the title to this property. The Land Department will advertise that this property is for sale, with one of the conditions of such a sale being that the buildings are demolished by the purchaser."

The City's Administration will report to City Council on the results of the Land Department's actions to attempt to sell this property. It is anticipated that this report will be submitted on or before October of 1993.

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the information be received.

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, JUNE 7, 1993  
PAGE 38**

*ADOPTED.*

**B7) 1993 Capital Budget -- 1994-1997 Capital Plan  
Project 602: Prepaid Subdivision Services - Silverspring  
Award of Tender -- Neighbourhood Park Development  
(File Nos. CC 4206-1 and 1703)**

Report of the General Manager, Civic Buildings and Grounds Department, June 2, 1993:

"Project 602 in the approved 1993 Capital Budget (Prepaid Subdivision Services - Silverspring) involves the development of a new neighbourhood park in the Silverspring Subdivision. The planned development of this park follows from extensive consultations with the current residents of the subdivision, with potential user-groups, with the Leisure Services Department, and with the Meewasin Valley Authority.

The adjacent reserve of prairie-native grasslands (which is owned and which is being managed by the Meewasin Valley Authority) has been recognized in the grading and drainage plans for the new neighbourhood park. The park's design, which has been approved by the Meewasin Valley Authority, attempts to reduce the intrusion of cultivated grasses and horticultural chemicals from the park to the native-grasslands reserve.

Tenders for the development of the Silverspring neighbourhood park were publicly opened on May 26, 1993. The following bids were received:

Wilco Landscape Contractors Ltd.	Edmonton	\$614,182.25
McEwen Bros. Sask. (1986) Ltd.	Regina	632,112.77
C & F Installations Co. (1984) Ltd.	Saskatoon	649,999.64
Nemanishen Contracting Ltd.	Langham	893,619.51

All of the tenders were accompanied by the required bid bonds and letters of surety. The tenders included provisions for Provincial and Federal sales taxes. The low bidder is acceptable to the Civic Buildings and Grounds Department.

The low tender is within the budget which was established for this phase of the project. The net cost to the City of accepting this tender is:

Base bid, exclusive of taxes	\$565,596.50
Provincial sales tax	8,994.00

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, JUNE 7, 1993  
PAGE 39**

G.S.T.	<u>39,591.75</u>
Contract Amount	\$614,182.25
G.S.T. Rebate	<u>39,591.75</u>
Net cost to the City	\$574,590.50

Additional work beyond the scope of this tender will be performed on this project. Because of the number of rocks and other conditions on the land where this park will be constructed, some portions of the grading work will be undertaken on a unit-price basis and verified by measurement. Certain elements of the project will be performed by the Civic Buildings and Grounds Department, the Engineering Department, and the Electrical Distribution Department. All of the additional work will be handled by separate contracts.

Budgetary Implications

The anticipated cost of all of the proposed work for this project is within the amount which has been approved (\$912,000) for Project 602 in the 1993 Capital Budget. When completed, the on-going maintenance of this park is anticipated to add \$36,500 each year (in 1993 dollars) to the Civic Buildings and Grounds Department's operating budget. These additional operating costs include such matters as the mowing and fertilizing of the turf, the cost of water for the irrigation system, maintaining the ball-diamonds and the playground's structures, pruning and watering the trees, garbage collection, and the general control of litter."

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the low tender for the development of the Silverspring neighbourhood park, as submitted by Wilco Landscape Contractors Ltd. in the amount of \$614,182.25, including all taxes, be accepted; and,
  
  - 2) that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute, under the Corporate Seal, the appropriate contract documents as prepared by the City Solicitor.

*THE DIRECTOR OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT REQUESTED THAT THE ABOVE ITEM BE WITHDRAWN.*

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, JUNE 7, 1993  
PAGE 40**

**Section C - Finance**

**C1) Sinking Fund Withdrawal  
(File Nos. CC 1810-1 and 1815-1)**

Report of the City Comptroller, May 25, 1993:

"City Council has, during its 1993 Operating Budget deliberations, endorsed the transfer of \$900,000 from the Sinking Fund to the Interest Stabilization Reserve. In order to make that withdrawal, a formal resolution must accompany our request to The Saskatchewan Municipal Board, along with a copy of the 1992 audited Sinking Fund Statement. Council is, therefore, requested to formally approve a motion for the withdrawal."

**RECOMMENDATION:** that The Saskatchewan Municipal Board be requested to approve the withdrawal of \$900,000 from the Sinking Fund Reserve, to be transferred to the Interest Stabilization Reserve.

*ADOPTED.*

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

Report of the City Treasurer, June 1, 1993:

"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.



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, JUNE 7, 1993  
PAGE 41**

*ADOPTED.*

**Section D - Services**

**D1) Routine Reports Submitted to City Council**

<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
Statement of Residential and Miscellaneous Lot Sales (copy attached) (File No. CC 435-2)	May 1, 1993	May 31, 1993
Schedule of Accounts Paid \$2,726,833.43 (File No. CC 1530-2)	May 18, 1993	May 26, 1993
Schedule of Accounts Paid \$1,687,276.79 (File No. CC 1530-2)	May 26, 1993	May 28, 1993
Schedule of Accounts Paid \$3,016,410.14 (File No. CC 1530-2)	May 26, 1993	June 1, 1993
<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
Schedule of Accounts Paid \$723,951.13 (File No. CC 1530-2)	June 1, 1993	June 3, 1993

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the information be received.

*ADOPTED.*

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, JUNE 7, 1993  
PAGE 42**

**D2) Arrears on Property Tax  
A. L. Cole Pumphouse Site  
(File Nos. CC 1965-1 and 500-10)**\_\_\_\_\_

On April 16, 1993, the City gained title to Parcel "Q", Plan No. 63-S-01249 (A. L. Cole Pumphouse Site). The previous owner of the property, TSL Industries Ltd. was in arrears on property taxes totalling \$25,019.56. With the transfer of ownership of the property to the City of Saskatoon, these arrears in taxes should be written off. It is recommended that this amount be recorded as a charge to the provision for uncollectible taxes.

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the tax arrears on Parcel "Q", Plan No. 63-S-01249, totalling \$25,019.56 be charged to the provision for uncollectible taxes.

*ADOPTED.*

**D3) Buy Back of Pension Benefits  
- Approved Leaves of Absence  
Proposed Bylaw No. 7359  
(File No. CC 4730-1)**\_\_\_\_\_

Report of the City Solicitor, June 3, 1993:

"City Council at its meeting held on September 14, 1992, resolved:

- 1) that members of the City's General Superannuation Plan be permitted to buy back approved leaves of absence on the same cost basis as the first-year buy back;
- 2) that for leaves which occurred prior to the passage of the bylaw, a period of ten years from the effective date of the bylaw be granted to exercise the buy back option;
- 3) that for leaves which occur after passage of the bylaw, a period of ten years from the date of return from leave be granted to exercise the buy back option; and
- 4) that the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the necessary bylaw amendment.'

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, JUNE 7, 1993  
PAGE 43**

Pursuant to the above resolution, we have prepared and enclose proposed Bylaw No. 7359 for Council's consideration."

**RECOMMENDATION:**                   that City Council consider Bylaw No. 7359.

*ADOPTED.*

**REPORT NO. 13-1993 OF THE PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

Composition of Committee

Councillor K. Waygood, Chair  
Councillor G. Penner  
Councillor P. McCann

**1.     Decision - Development Appeals Board Hearing  
       41 Degeer Crescent  
       (File No. CK. 4352-1)**

Attached is a copy of Record of Decision of the Development Appeals Board dated May 12, 1993, respecting the above appeal.

Council will note that the Board GRANTED the appeal.

Pursuant to Council policy in such matters, the Director of Planning and Development is to report to the Planning and Development Committee with recommendations.

Attached is a copy of a report of the Director of Planning and Development dated May 25, 1993, together with a report of the City Planner, dated May 25, 1993.

Your Committee has reviewed this matter and

**RECOMMENDS:**     that the above decision of the Development Appeals Board not be appealed to the Planning Appeals Committee of the Saskatchewan Municipal Board.

*ADOPTED.*

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, JUNE 7, 1993  
PAGE 44**

**2. Delivery of Leisure Services by Non-profit Agencies  
(File No. CK. 5500-1)**

City Council, at its meeting held on March 1, 1993, adopted the Planning and Development Committee's recommendations concerning a new funding strategy for Saskatoon's community associations. As part of this decision, Council also resolved that the Planning and Development Committee formally review and report on how it would include other non-profit agencies in the delivery of services.

Your Committee considered this matter and requested the Administration to provide an update on the Needs Assessment process.

Report of the General Manager, Leisure Services Department, May 17, 1993:

"The Leisure Services Department is presently providing information from its annual needs-assessment surveys to non-profit agencies in order to support them in the development and the delivery of leisure services. The following report outlines the process that the Department is using to collect, to analyze, and to disseminate the information in a manner which will help these agencies and organizations. The process starts with the door-to-door surveys (needs-assessment), proceeds to the analysis of the information (program-design guidelines), and ends with an inventory of ready-to-deliver leisure activities (activity plans).

Needs Assessment

The needs-assessment phase of the process starts by establishing a survey sample that will represent adequately all segments of the suburban area's population. This sample ensures that the collected data is reliable for all age and interest groups (e.g. income, family-type, the disabled, unemployed people, etc.). To provide a frame of reference, respondents are asked to indicate their participation, and their interest in participation, during the previous 12 months in the following leisure-needs categories:

- Health and fitness
- Heritage
- Lifeskills
- Literary arts
- Multicultural
- Outdoor recreation
- Performing arts
- Sports and games

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, JUNE 7, 1993  
PAGE 45**

- Visual arts

The door-to-door surveys take each respondent approximately 30 minutes to complete. They provide information on the following matters:

- a) From the people who are presently participating in leisure activities and are satisfied with this participation (i.e. the existing market):
  - specific activities in which they are participating
  - reasons for their participation
  - frequency, satisfaction, and preferred frequency of their participation
  - barriers to participating more frequently
  - satisfaction with staff/volunteers, facilities, money and time spent
  - general satisfaction
  
- b) From the people who are presently participating in leisure activities but who would like to increase the amount of their participation, as well the people who are not participating in any leisure activities but would like to (i.e. the potential market):
  - reasons for wanting to participate
  - barriers to participation
  - preferred delivery location
  - preferred format of delivery:
    - structured/unstructured
    - season
    - days of week
    - time of day
  - preferred delivery agency
  - preferred funding for the activity (i.e. should the activity be subsidized)

After the data has been collected and tested for its reliability, summary reports are prepared for analysis by the Leisure Services Department's staff.

To date, the Leisure Services Department has completed needs-assessment surveys in the Confederation (1,079 surveys), Nutana (1,067 surveys), Inner City (711 surveys), and Lawson (999 surveys) Suburban Areas. A leisure needs-assessment survey was also completed for people who work in the Downtown area (310 surveys). The Leisure Services Department will be completing a needs-assessment survey in the Lakewood Suburban Area in 1993.

Program-design Guidelines

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, JUNE 7, 1993  
PAGE 46**

A working group of staff within the Leisure Services Department analyzes and summarizes the information from the surveys. This analysis is used to develop program-design guidelines for each suburban area which provide a profile of the existing and potential participants in each of the nine leisure-needs categories. The guidelines also provide specific directions on ways to address one or more of the following issues within each category:

- the requirements of specific interest groups
- the number of people in this geographical area who are identifying specific interests or similar barriers to participation
- the reasons why people participate in leisure activities
- barriers to participation
- scheduling issues (e.g. potential location, format, timing, delivery agency)
- how to meet the needs that are being expressed
- the delivery agencies' expectations (e.g. leadership, physical setting, marketing)
- pricing considerations
- potential performance indicators

Program-design guidelines have been completed for the Confederation, Inner City, and Nutana Suburban Areas and for the people who work in the Downtown area. The guidelines for the Lawson Suburban Area are approximately one-third completed.

Following the completion of a package of program-design guidelines for an area, the Leisure Services Department's staff will provide workshops for any organizations and agencies that are interested in using this information to develop and to deliver specific leisure activities. The workshop explains:

- a) how the needs-assessment information has been analyzed and summarized, and
- b) how the program-design guidelines can be used to choose activities that will address a specific leisure-needs category (e.g. health/fitness) or interest group (e.g. the unemployed).

Because the community associations are the primary leisure-service providers at the neighbourhood level, the Department's Indoor and Outdoor Program Coordinators are the first group who are targeted to participate in these workshops.

For the Committee's information, the following are some of the organizations and agencies that have participated in one or more of the Department's workshops:

- **Y.W.C.A.:** This organization's programming staff have used the Inner City

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, JUNE 7, 1993  
PAGE 47**

Program Design Guidelines to develop two new programs for senior citizens (i.e. gardening and money management). They will be using the guidelines to develop more new programs for this fall.

- **Y.M.C.A.:** This organization's programming staff have had an introductory workshop on the program-design guidelines. They have met since the workshop to discuss how they can use the information to design new activities or to modify the existing ones.
- **Boys and Girls Club:** The management staff of this organization has had an introductory workshop on the guidelines.
- **Aboriginal Program Advisory Committee and Staff from the Indian and Metis Friendship Centre:** The volunteers and staff of these organizations have had an introductory workshop on the guidelines.
- **Saskatoon Public Library:** According to the surveys, a city-wide profile of disabled people shows that this segment of Saskatoon's population has a much greater interest in the literary arts than does the general public. This information assisted the Library in obtaining a grant from the Federal Government to acquire a computer system that can scan books, newspapers, etc. and can read the information back to a person who has a vision disability.
- **Meewasin Valley Authority:** A city-wide profile of people interested in heritage activities was used to develop the Authority's interpretive program at the Marr Residence. Numerous changes have been made to the existing program (e.g. hours of operation, types of interpretive activities) to attract those people who are not participating in activities at this facility.
- **City-wide Heritage Groups:** A number of city-wide heritage organizations participated in an introductory workshop on the guidelines. They have asked for more specific needs-assessment information that will help them to target-market, more effectively, some of their existing activities. The Leisure Services Department has also been asked to facilitate introductory workshops for interpreters and for tour guides in order to allow them to update their existing heritage activities.
- **Market Mall:** The Leisure Services Department's Seniors/Special Needs Consultant met with the management of Market Mall and the programming staff of the Y.W.C.A. to review the information on the leisure needs of senior citizens. A seniors' healthy-lifestyles promotional week will be held at Market Mall this year. The week will include displays and demonstrations by agencies and organizations that offer leisure services for senior citizens. Consideration is being given to

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, JUNE 7, 1993  
PAGE 48**

chartering buses to provide senior citizens with transportation to this activity.

- **Saskatoon Housing Authority:** The Authority requested a profile of the low-income people in Saskatoon. The profile included their leisure needs, the barriers to their participation in leisure activities, and the preferred methods of delivering these activities. The profile will be made available to the programming committees of the various housing projects throughout the city.

Activity Plans

The Leisure Services Department has developed an inventory of leisure-activity plans which can be used by non-profit agencies. These plans provide, in a standardized format, a detailed outline that a qualified instructor or leader can use to develop a detailed delivery plan (e.g. a specific lesson plan, a special-event task list, etc.) for a leisure activity. These plans include information on:

- type of activity
- the interest group which could be served (e.g. single parents, the unemployed)
- leadership expectations (directions for any instructors or leaders)
- the main objective and components of the activity
- methods of delivery:
  - format (i.e. beginner, intermediate, advanced, and structured/unstructured)
  - timing (e.g. months during the year, days during the week, hours during the day)
  - length of the activity (i.e. hours, days, weeks, months)
- location and delivery agency
- resources required (materials, equipment, facility, personnel)
- pricing information
- marketing issues
- evaluation criteria

The Department is establishing an inventory of both existing leisure activities and new activities, as they are developed. The inventory will include the activities that are delivered by the Leisure Services Department and by other profit and non-profit agencies and organizations.

Part of the process of analyzing the needs-assessment data is to ensure that both existing and new leisure-needs are being met. The activity plans can be modified or be dropped if they are no longer meeting a need; as well, new plans can be developed to meet the changing needs.



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, JUNE 7, 1993  
PAGE 49**

The inventory of activity plans offers a vehicle for the efficient sharing of expertise within our community. The Leisure Services Department's staff and community volunteers can easily access the information in the inventory on existing activities. Those who do not have the expertise to develop activities in a particular interest-area (e.g. heritage) can access the plans which have been developed by those who do have the expertise (e.g. Natural History Society). For the Committee's information, a copy of the activity plan for a mall-walking program has been attached to this report.

Summary

Agencies and organizations that have used the program-design guidelines to develop or to modify existing leisure activities have reacted very favourably to the availability of this information. The inventory of activity plans will save time and effort for many agencies and organizations in developing a leisure activity for delivery. Through the use of the program-design guidelines and the activity plans, the Leisure Services Department is committed to ensuring that all interested agencies and organizations have access to the statistically-reliable market information on our community that is being collected through the needs-assessment surveys."

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the information be received.

*ADOPTED.*

**3. Leisure Services Department  
Municipal Outdoor Pools  
General Admission rates  
(Files CK. 613-1 and 1720-3)**

Report of the General Manager, Leisure Services Department, May 26, 1993:

"Introduction

On November 9, 1992, City Council approved a new pricing strategy for general admissions to the City's five major indoor leisure facilities -- the Cosmo Civic Centre, the Lakewood and Lawson Civic Centres, the Harry Bailey Aquatic Centre, and the Saskatoon Field

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL  
 MONDAY, JUNE 7, 1993  
 PAGE 50**

House. As a result of this decision, the rate structure which is used to set general admission fees for the City's three indoor swimming pools (i.e. the Lakewood and Lawson Civic Centres and the Harry Bailey Aquatic Centre) is different from the structure which is being applied at the four municipal outdoor pools (i.e. Riversdale, George Ward, Lathey, and Mayfair).

The following report proposes that the pricing criteria which are used at the municipal indoor pools should also be used to set the general admission fees for the four outdoor pools. The Leisure Services Department is not proposing any changes to the outdoor pools' base (adult) rate for the 1993 season. This rate is the one upon which all admission fees are set.

Rate Structure for General Admissions

The following table indicates the inconsistencies in the admission fees that currently exist for certain age-categories at the City's indoor versus the outdoor swimming pools:

**Current Rate Structures**

<b>Age Category</b>	<b>Outdoor Pools</b>	<b>Indoor Pools</b>
Adults (19 years and up)	Basic Rate	Basic Rate
Youth (13 - 18 years)	75% of Basic Rate	60% of Basic Rate
Children (6 - 12 years)	50% of Basic Rate	60% of Basic Rate
Children (1 - 5 years)	50% of Basic Rate	Free of Charge
Infants (under 1 year)	Free of Charge	Free of Charge
Family Rate	Two times the adult rate	Two times the adult rate
Group Rate*	General admission rate less 50 cents per person	General admission rate less 50 cents per person

\* A group is defined as six or more persons requesting admission as one unit.

The Leisure Services Department has observed that during the summer, the public tends to use the swimming pool which is located closest to their homes, regardless of whether it is an indoor or outdoor pool. Consequently, the Department is proposing that the same criteria for setting admission rates should be used at all municipal aquatic facilities. The pricing criteria which would apply to the outdoor pools' admission rates would be as follows:

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, JUNE 7, 1993  
PAGE 51**

- The adult rate will continue to be the base rate upon which all other admission fees are set. There will be no change in the adult rate for the 1993 season.
- In order to encourage greater participation by youth in the 13 to 18 years age-category, the youth rate will be blended with the child rate to establish one rate for anyone from 6 to 18 years of age. This change will increase the general admission rate for children who are 6 to 12 years of age and will decrease the rate for youth. The new rate for children and youth will be 60% of the basic rate.
- Recognizing that an increase in the child rate will have the most significant impact on families with young children (because the parent must accompany the child in order to participate), pre-school children who are five years of age and under will be admitted free of charge.

Subject to City Council's approval, the new rates will be effective on June 26, 1993, when all four outdoor pools are open to the public. (A schedule of the proposed rates has been provided in Appendix A.)

Rate Structure for Admission Packages

One of the Leisure Services Department's primary marketing objectives is to build repeat usage within its existing customer base. A variety of pricing and admission strategies has been employed by the Department to achieve this objective.

In addition to the single-admission rates, the City offers the following options at both its indoor and outdoor pools:

- Family rates, which are based on the cost of two adult general admissions, encourage families to participate together.
- Group rates offer a discount of fifty cents per person off the regular general admission rates for groups of six or more. This rate provides an incentive for such groups as school classes and minor-sports teams.
- The facility-pass system has been restructured to make it more convenient, flexible, and attractive for our customers in a broad range of situations. The Leisurecard now provides our patrons with full access to public open-times at the five major indoor facilities and at the four outdoor pools.

The outdoor pools' Swimcards (which provide twelve swims for the price of ten) were introduced in 1991 at the request of various community associations. These associations

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, JUNE 7, 1993  
PAGE 52**

wanted to assist the City to market its outdoor pools, thereby helping to finance the opening of all four locations in that year.

On February 24, 1992, City Council considered a report from the Planning and Development Committee with respect to the previous year's operations of the City's outdoor pools and resolved, in part, that all four outdoor pools would be operated in 1992. This decision appears to have reduced the concern by community associations about the future of these facilities and as a result, only a few associations actively promoted the sale of Swimcards last year. These cards have, therefore, evolved into an admissions' vehicle, rather than a marketing package.

In order to maintain consistency with the City's indoor aquatic centres, the Leisure Services Department is proposing to replace the outdoor pools' Swimcards with a package of bulk tickets. These tickets provide a 20% discount on all regular general admissions (including family admissions) when purchased in multiples of ten.

Financial Impact

Based on the Leisure Services Department's projections of the 1993 attendance at the City's outdoor pools, the changes which have been proposed in this report will result in additional net revenues of \$4,500.

Conclusion

With the exception of implementing the Goods and Services Tax in 1991, the last increase in the admission rates at the City's outdoor pools occurred in 1988. In light of the Leisure Services Department's analysis of the current market for the municipal outdoor pools, the Department is not recommending a general rate-increase for the 1993 season. The Department believes that the rate-structure adjustments which have been outlined in this report are all that the market can bear at this time."

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the following pricing strategy for general admissions to the City's four outdoor pools (i.e. George Ward, Lathey, Mayfair, and Riversdale), be implemented on June 26, 1993:

- 1) that the rate structure for all admission programs be as follows:

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, JUNE 7, 1993  
PAGE 53**

Adults (19 years of age and older) Base rate  
Youth (6 to 18 years of age) 60% of the base rate  
Pre-school (5 years and under) Free; and

- 2) that bulk tickets (to replace the Swimcard) be approved to provide patrons with a 20% discount off all regular general admission rates when purchased in multiples of ten.

*ADOPTED.*

**4. Comprehensive Maintenance Program  
Civic Buildings and Grounds Department  
(Files CK. 610-1, 630-1, and 640-1)**

Your Committee has considered the following report of the Director of the Planning and Development Committee dated May 19, 1993:

"On January 18, 1993, City Council approved the financing criteria for implementing the City's comprehensive-maintenance program for civic buildings. This included a rationalization of various major-repair reserves, including the replacement of these reserves with a single comprehensive-maintenance reserve.

At the time when City Council approved the above-noted criteria, the comprehensive-maintenance program only applied to the buildings that are within the jurisdiction of the Director of Planning and Development. However, in developing this program, the City's Administration intended that it would apply to the buildings for all departments within the Planning and Development Division and the Finance Division. Therefore, when approving the financing criteria for the new comprehensive-maintenance reserve, City Council also resolved:

'that the Administration provide a further report to the Planning and Development Committee on the implementation of a comprehensive-maintenance program in the Fire Department and in the Central Purchasing and Stores Department and on these departments' eligibility to draw upon the Civic Buildings Comprehensive-maintenance Reserve.'

In addressing this resolution, the Fire Department and the Central Purchasing and Stores Department mu (like the Leisure Services Department has done). If the responsibility is transferred, then the latter Department would implement the program on an interdepartmental basis and would charge the other departments for this service in accordance with the established financing criteria.

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, JUNE 7, 1993  
PAGE 54**

On the other hand, if the responsibility is not transferred, the Civic Buildings and Grounds Department would be responsible for the underlying principles of the City's comprehensive-maintenance program. These principles include the following:

- that these departments have completed a comprehensively- and externally-prepared condition assessment of their buildings,
- that these departments have implemented a comprehensive-maintenance program (in accordance with the standards that have been established by the Civic Buildings and Grounds Department) for these buildings,
- that these departments have implemented a preventive-maintenance program which is consistent with the Civic Buildings and Grounds Department's comprehensive-maintenance program, and
- that these departments are prepared to contribute to the Civic Buildings Comprehensive-maintenance Reserve an annual provision that is equal to the established percentage (1.3% in 1993) of their buildings' appraised (new replacement) value as directed by the insurance schedules.

As a result of City Council's January 18, 1993, resolution, the Civic Buildings and Grounds Department entered into extensive discussions with the Fire Department and with the Central Purchasing and Stores Department on the full implementation of a comprehensive maintenance program for their buildings. In addition, both of the latter departments incorporated the appropriate provisions into their 1993 operating-budget submissions to accommodate the current year's maintenance requirements (as are determined through the comprehensive-maintenance program), as well as making the required provision to the Civic Buildings Comprehensive-maintenance Reserve. These budgetary provisions were approved by City Council when it considered the preliminary 1993 Operating Budget.

Subsequent discussions resulted in the Fire Department and the Central Purchasing and Stores Department transferring their buildings of the former departments. The existing maintenance staff in the Fire Department and in the Central Purchasing and Stores Department will continue to be used to the extent of their qualifications and experience. Accordingly, the approved operating-budget provisions have been reallocated among the three affected departments to reflect this new arrangement.

This decision has achieved the City's goal which was specified in 1989 when the Civic Buildings and Grounds Department was established. The co-ordination and consolidation of this program has occurred by placing the responsibility and accountability for implementing and managing the program in a single department (i.e. the Civic Buildings and Grounds Department).

As occurred when the comprehensive-maintenance program was introduced in City Hall and in various other buildings, the Central Purchasing and Stores Department to the standards which have been established under the City's comprehensive-maintenance program. A condition assessment of the

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, JUNE 7, 1993  
PAGE 55**

buildings has been undertaken and various deficiencies have been identified which, when addressed (and financed through one-time allocations from the Civic Buildings Comprehensive-maintenance Reserve), will then permit the year-to-year maintenance and repair expenditures in subsequent years to proceed in a planned manner. Further reports will be submitted in the future on the one-time expenditures that will be required to bring the buildings of the Fire Department and of the Central Purchasing and Stores Department to the base standards for the City's comprehensive-maintenance program."

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the information be received.

*ADOPTED.*

**5. 1993 Capital Budget/1994-1997 Capital Plan  
Project 867: Harry Bailey Aquatic Centre -- Floor Replacement  
(Files CK. 613-2 and 1703)**

Attached is a copy of Project 867 (Harry Bailey Aquatic Centre -- Floor Replacement) in the 1993 Capital Budget/1994-1997 Capital Plan. This project is scheduled for 1994 and the proposed source of funding is the Civic Buildings Comprehensive-maintenance Reserve (formerly, the Civic Buildings and Grounds Major Repair Reserve). Your Committee notes that a final decision on whether this project will proceed in 1994 will depend on the City's spending priorities and on the available funding at the time when the Capital Budget is considered.

During its consideration of the current version of the City's Capital Budget/Plan, City Council resolved that the Administration report through the Planning and Development Committee on the reasons for requiring a new floor at the Harry Bailey Aquatic Centre (Project 867).

In response to the above resolution, your Committee has considered the following May 17, 1993, report of the General Manager of the Civic Buildings and Grounds Department:

"Project 867 was included in the City's 1994-1997 Capital Plan to address the following concerns:

The tiles on the 25-metre pool's deck and in the shower and washroom areas have become a safety hazard and must be replaced with a more appropriate material. The flooring in these areas consists of 8" x 8" ceramic tiles that become very slippery when they are wet. The Harry Bailey Aquatic Centre's staff have attended to a significant number of incidents where our customers have slipped or have fallen on the deck or in the showers. A lower-cost

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, JUNE 7, 1993  
PAGE 56**

alternative has been tried in order to improve the floor's condition, but this has been unsuccessful. The City's Risk Manager supports replacing the tiles because of the severity and the number of recorded falls by our customers due to the slippery conditions.

Over the past seventeen years, the one-inch tiles in the change rooms and on the basin and deck of the 50-metre pool have been patched with a dissimilar product (i.e. different size and colour) because the tile is no longer available. The Civic Buildings and Ground Department originally was experiencing some difficulties with the deterioration of the grouting in these areas; however, improved cleaning procedures have now alleviated the problem. Except for aesthetic reasons, there is no immediate urgency to have these tiles replaced."

Your Committee has been advised that the timing and prioritization of this project and of its components will be re-evaluated when the 1994 Capital Budget is prepared. Whether all or part of this work will proceed in 1994 will be considered in light of the available funding and in relation to the urgency and purpose of all other capital expenditures that are being proposed by the Civic Buildings and Grounds Department and all other civic departments. At this time, the safety concerns arising from the slippery ceramic tiles have a higher urgency and priority than the component of this project that pertains to replacing certain tiles primarily for aesthetic reasons.

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the information be received.

*ADOPTED.*

- 6. Communications to Council**  
**From: Leslie Balsevich, President**  
**Nutana Community Tennis Club**  
**Date: April 26, 1993**  
**Subject: Asking Council to provide sufficient funds for**  
**resurfacing all of the Nutana Community Tennis**  
**Club Courts (Tabled by Councillor Penner at the**  
**City Council meeting held on April 26, 1993)**  
**(File No. CK. 610-1)**

City Council, at its meeting held on May 10, 1993, considered the above-noted communication, copy attached, and resolved that the letter be referred to the Planning and Development Committee.



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, JUNE 7, 1993  
PAGE 57**

Your Committee notes that the writer of the letter is asking the City to resurface all six of the tennis courts at Nutana Kiwanis Park, rather than just the three which have been approved for 1993.

As background information, Council should recall that in the preliminary 1993 Capital Budget, the City's Administration had recommended an \$80,000 provision for the resurfacing of the six tennis courts at Nutana Kiwanis Park. On December 15, 1992, as part of its review of the Capital Budget, City Council reduced this provision to \$40,000, on the understanding that this would result in phasing the project over two years -- that is, as many courts as possible (within the approved funding) would be resurfaced in 1993 and the remainder would be resurfaced in a subsequent year (when sufficient funds become available). As a result of this decision, the City's Administration arranged for the 1993 work to proceed.

Your Committee has considered the following May 20, 1993, report of the General Manager, Civic Buildings and Grounds Department:

"The project has been tendered. This process has confirmed that only three courts can be resurfaced and lined within the amount that has been approved in the 1993 Capital Budget. The Civic Buildings and Grounds Department will submit a capital-budget request to complete the remaining three courts in 1994; however, the decision on whether this work will be done next year will be made within the overall funding priorities which are approved by City Council when it considers the 1994 Capital Budget.

The Civic Buildings and Grounds Department is also aware of a second letter on this issue which was received by several councillors from Michel Mellinger and Alice Mellinger who are the Past Treasurer and Past President, respectively, of the Nutana Community Tennis Club. (A copy of this April 26, 1993, letter has been attached to this report.) The writers of this letter claim that the courts at Nutana Kiwanis Park are in very poor condition and are maintained to a lower standard than other City-owned courts. As was reflected in its submission to the preliminary 1993 Capital Budget, the Department agrees that these tennis courts have deteriorated and need to be resurfaced. (They were last resurfaced in 1986.) However, the Department does not agree that these courts are being maintained to a different standard than other City-owned tennis courts."

Copies of this report have been forwarded to Leslie Balsevich, Michel Mellinger and Alice Mellinger of the Nutana Community Tennis Club.

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the information be received.

*Pursuant to earlier resolution, Item A.29 of "Communications" was brought forward and*

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, JUNE 7, 1993  
PAGE 58**

*considered.*

*IT WAS RESOLVED: that the information be received.*

**REPORT NO. 12-1993 OF THE LEGISLATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Composition of Committee

Councillor P. Mostoway, Chair  
Councillor M. Thompson  
Councillor M.T. Cherneskey, Q.C.

**1. Request for Exemption from Amusement Tax  
Saskatoon Folkfest Inc.  
(File No. CK. 1910-2)**

Report of City Treasurer, May 25, 1993:

"The attached application for exemption from Amusement Tax has been received from Saskatoon Folkfest Inc. The Organization's audited Financial Statement for the year ended October 31, 1992, have also been provided.

The significant figures from the Financial Statement are as follows:

	<u>1992</u>	<u>1993</u>
Total Assets	139,957	
158,199		
Total Liabilities	12,037	26,433
Accumulated Surplus	127,920	131,766

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, JUNE 7, 1993  
PAGE 59**

Estimated amount of Amusement Tax: \$238,000 x 9% = \$12,420.

According to the applicant, surplus earnings are used 'to further the development and promotion of culture and folk arts within the Province of Saskatchewan.'

City Council has the authority under The Amusement Tax Bylaw to exempt this event from Amusement Tax on the grounds that it is an 'entertainment, the receipts of which are for charitable purposes.' Similar requests in previous years have received favourable consideration.

The Organization's request for exempt in 1992 received the approval of Council."

**RECOMMENDATION:** that Saskatoon Folkfest Inc. be exempted from Amusement Tax for Folkfest '93 to be held August 19 to 21, 1993 inclusive.

*ADOPTED.*

**REPORT NO. 2-1993 OF THE PERSONNEL AND ORGANIZATION COMMITTEE**

Composition of Committee

Councillor M. Thompson, Chair  
Councillor D.L. Birkmaier  
Councillor O. Mann  
Councillor M.T. Cherneskey, Q.C.  
Councillor P. McCann

**1. Participation on Purchasing Task Force, PLATINUM  
Software Corporation, Irvine, California March 23, 1993  
(File No. CK. 1706-1)**

Report of the Manager, Central Purchasing and Stores, May 20, 1993:

"At its meeting held on March 15, 1993, the Personnel and Organization Committee approved the attendance of Mr. Dean Derald at the Platinum Software Corporation Task Force meeting at Irvine, California, March 23 to 24th inclusive. The following report outlines the purpose and scope of the meeting.

The purpose of the Task Force meeting was to provide input and recommend specifications from a municipal government point of view that would assist in developing a purchasing system that would meet the business requirements of the City of Saskatoon. The potential new purchasing system would be fully integrated with the City's new financial systems which was acquired in 1992, and would also conform with the strategic computing direction

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, JUNE 7, 1993  
PAGE 60**

the City is following.

The meeting was conducted by Platinum's Vice President of Financial applications. Various product managers responsible for development of the purchasing systems also participated in the meeting. Also in attendance were representatives from a private company in the United States who were also interested in developing a new purchasing system.

The meeting began with an overview presentation on the background and structure of Platinum Software Company and included a brief introduction to the company's product development strategies and procedures.

The meeting then focused on the presentation and review of a purchasing system prototype which had been developed by Platinum. Participants were given the opportunity to view the prototype in detail, discuss the features of the system and also address specific purchasing requirements as they related to the prototype. The presentation of the prototype was very useful as it gave participants a good idea of where Platinum was in the development process of a system and it enabled participants to assess Platinum's ability to address specific requirements in developing a purchasing system.

The remainder of the day concentrated on discussing detailed issues in terms of actual specifications and feature that would be required in an acceptable purchasing system. There was also discussion about issues regarding the integration of purchasing data with the financial systems and other systems such as inventory control.

In summary, I believe the trip was beneficial in the sense that the City had the opportunity to directly influence the design and development of a purchasing system which would be fully integrated with the financial systems. Platinum Software Company has committed to consult with the City in the ongoing design and development of the purchasing system. Platinum's intent is to release a final product towards the end of 1993, at which time we will make a further assessment on the product's suitability for the City of Saskatoon."

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the information be received.

*ADOPTED.*

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, JUNE 7, 1993  
PAGE 61**

**REPORT NO. 16-1993 OF THE WORKS AND UTILITIES COMMITTEE**

Composition of Committee

Councillor O. Mann, Chair  
Councillor D.L. Birkmaier  
Councillor B. Dyck  
Councillor M. Hawthorne

- 1. Communication to Council**  
**From: Ron Golden, President**  
**Saskatoon, Triathlon Club Inc.**  
**Date: January 27, 1993**  
**Subject: Requesting Approval for a river swim on**  
**June 27, 1993 beginning at 9:00 a.m.**  
**(File No. CK. 205-1)**

City Council, at its meeting held on February 8, 1993, was advised that the above-noted communication, copy attached, was referred to the Administration for further handling.

Your Committee has considered a report of the Director of Works and Utilities containing the following report of the City Engineer dated April 7, 1993:

"Bylaw No. 4433, Section 1, states:

'No person shall swim in the South Saskatchewan River within the limits of the City of Saskatoon.'

A meeting was held recently between representatives of the Triathlon Club and Civic Officials from the Engineering, Police and Fire Departments.

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, JUNE 7, 1993  
PAGE 62**

The triathlon club reviewed the proposed river swim and the accompanying safety measures as follows:

1. The swim would start on the east side of the river adjacent to Diefenbaker Park and proceed downstream for 1500 metres, ending on the west side adjacent to the Rowing Club in Victoria Park.
2. The participants would be swimming in a 10-20 metre wide channel lined by a buoy supported cable system.
3. Members of the Canoe Club & Rowing Club will patrol the course in ten (10) canoes and ten (10) kayaks each equipped with two (2) extra life preservers.
4. Also on course will be two (2) radio-equipped Zodiac boats (rubber rescue boats) each with Red Cross Lifesaving personnel on board.
5. Radio equipped spotters (in contact with the Zodiac boats) will be located on both the east and west banks.

The Fire Department also indicated that its river rescue team would be made available to assist with the event.

The Fire, Police and Engineering Departments feel that with the safety measures mentioned and assistance from the Fire and Police Departments, the River Swim can be safely accommodated.

The Departments also feel that, with public notification and event advertising, the River Swim can also serve as an effective means of warning the public as to the dangers that the river presents.

There would be no cost implications to the City of Saskatoon in allowing in River Swim."

The above report recommended the following:

- 1) that the Saskatoon Triathlon Club and the Bridge City Triathlon be granted approval, subject to the usual Administrative conditions, to stage the swim portion of the triathlon in the South Saskatchewan River on Sunday, June 27, 1993;
- 2) that the Saskatoon Triathlon Club work with the Fire Department's River Rescue

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, JUNE 7, 1993  
PAGE 63**

Team to coordinate the safety measures; and

- 3) that the City Solicitor be requested to prepare an amendment to Bylaw No. 4433 to permit this event.

Notwithstanding the above, your Committee

**RECOMMENDS:** that the request by the Saskatoon Triathlon Club to stage the swim portion of the triathlon in the South Saskatchewan River on Sunday, June 27, 1993, be denied.

*Pursuant to earlier resolution, Item A.20 of "Communications" was brought forward and considered.*

*Moved by Councillor Hawthorne,*

*THAT Mr. Golden be heard.*

*CARRIED.*

*Mr. Ron Golden, President, Saskatoon Triathlon Club Inc., addressed Council to alleviate any concerns regarding the river swim.*

*Moved by Councillor Hawthorne,*

*THAT the request by Saskatoon Triathlon Club to stage the swim portion of the triathlon in the South Saskatchewan River on Sunday, June 27, 1993, be denied.*

*YEAS: Councillors Birkmaier and Mann 2*

*NAYS: His Worship Mayor Dayday, Councillors Cherneskey,  
Penner, Dyck, Hawthorne, McCann and Thompson 7*

*Moved by Councillor McCann,*

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, JUNE 7, 1993  
PAGE 64**

- 1) *THAT the Saskatoon Triathlon Club and the Bridge City Triathlon be granted approval, subject to the usual Administrative conditions, to stage the swim portion of the triathlon in the South Saskatchewan River on Sunday, June 27, 1993;*
- 2) *THAT the Saskatoon Triathlon Club work with the Fire Department's River Rescue Team to coordinate the safety measures; and*
- 3) *THAT the City Solicitor be requested to prepare an amendment to Bylaw No. 4433 to permit this event.*

*CARRIED.*

**2. 1993 Capital Budget/1994-1997 Capital Plan  
Project 960 - Pavement Restoration Program  
(Files CK. 1703 and 6315-1)**

City Council, at its special meeting held on December 15, 1993, during review of the above-noted matter, resolved that Project 960 (Pavement Restoration Program) be approved and that the matter be referred to the Works and Utilities Committee for review and report.

Your Committee has considered the following report of the City Engineer dated April 23, 1993:

"This program deals with streets which have major depressions resulting from settlement of water and sanitary sewer house connection trenches. This results in a 'roller-coaster' ride with complaints of the need to travel at very low speeds to prevent vehicle damage and premature failure of the road surface as a result of the water permeating the structure. Due to impairment of the designed drainage for the street, there are also multiple ponds after every rain which last until they evaporate.

The current method of rehabilitating these streets is to fill in the settled areas, repair any associated asphalt failures, and restore all or most of the drainage. This does not include a curb-to-curb resurfacing, but only as much spot or area paving as is required. After the restoration work, the street is oil-sealed to close the surface.

This program serves all streets not covered by Project No. 626 'Prepaid Subdivision Services -Warranty'. Project No. 626 is used to fund street repairs for up to three years after acceptance from the developer. Due to a recent revision to the City's land development specifications which requires all house connections to be augered rather than open cut for their street portion, it is envisaged that the problem of trench settlements will be minimized. For now though, and for several years to come, there are still many candidates for the Pavement Restoration Program."

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the information be received.



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, JUNE 7, 1993  
PAGE 65**

*ADOPTED.*

**3. Removal of Bus Stops  
(File No. CK. 7311-1)**

Report of the City Engineer, March 15, 1993:

"The Urban Design Committee is currently completing a master plan of streetscape improvements for 20th Street between Idylwyld Drive and Avenue H. Part of the planning process involved a review of the use of the on-street curb space along both sides of 20th Street to determine corner bulbing opportunities. This review was completed by representatives of the Transit and Engineering Departments and was separate from the Riversdale Parking Study recently completed by the Engineering Department. A portion of the review concentrated on the number and size of existing bus stops along 20th Street, with the goal of optimizing limited curb space for bus stops and parking stalls.

At the present time, bus stops for eastbound and westbound traffic exist at all intersections along 20th Street with the exception of Idylwyld Drive, as shown on the attached plan.

To determine the utilization of the existing stops, the Transit Department counted the number of persons getting on and off a bus at each stop over the period of one day of Transit service. The volumes counted are shown in the following table:

**BUS STOP USAGE ON 20TH STREET  
IDYLVYLD DRIVE TO AVENUE H**

<u>INTERSECTION</u>	<u>BOARDING</u>		<u>UNBOARDING</u>		<u>TOTAL</u>
	Eastbound	Westbound	Eastbound	Westbound	
Avenue B	55	38	40	55	188
Avenue C	53	37	38	56	184
Avenue D	31	39	43	44	157
Avenue E	63	27	28	53	171
Avenue F	52	64	37	57	210
Avenue G	<u>47</u>	<u>47</u>	<u>28</u>	<u>54</u>	<u>176</u>

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, JUNE 7, 1993  
PAGE 66**

Total	301	252	214	319	1086
-------	-----	-----	-----	-----	------

The steady utilization of these stops suggests that care be taken in considering the removal of any of the stops. It is recognized that Transit customers are also customers of the businesses along 20th Street. Therefore, the trade-off between the potential loss of business customers who arrive by bus versus the potential gain of customers due to increased parking supply, must be seriously considered. In discussing this trade-off with representatives of the Riversdale Business Improvement District on February 17, 1993, it was their decision that the bus stops at Avenue C should be removed, and replaced with six on-street parking stalls.

A review of the other stops concludes that:

- a) the stops at Avenue B should be retained to provide service to the senior citizen complex on Avenue B just north of 19th Street;
- b) the stops at Avenue F are to be retained to provide service to the OK Economy grocery store at this location, plus bus patrons would be able to cross 20th Street at the traffic signals at Avenue F; and,
- c) the stops at Avenue H are to be retained as this is a transfer point and they provide service to the church located in the northwest corner of this intersection.

Saskatoon Transit will review the other remaining stops vis-a-vis the various concept plans for streetscape improvements along 20th Street. Consideration could be given to bus stop removal, skip stopping or any other options which would complement the streetscaping objectives, yet would continue adequate service."

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the bus stops at the intersection of 20th Street and Avenue C be removed and replaced by metered parking stalls.

*ADOPTED.*

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, JUNE 7, 1993  
PAGE 67**

- 4. Capital Budget - Project #721 - Electrical Feeders - 138 Kv  
City Centre Supply Improvement  
AND  
Communications and Petitions  
From: Walter Katelnikoff, President,  
Holiday Park Community Association  
Date: December 6, 1990  
Subject: Expressing concern re proposal to move the high voltage  
transmission lines along the east bank of the river  
(Files CK. 1703 and 2010-1)**

City Council, at its meeting held on February 8, 1993, considered Clause A3, Report No. 3-1993 of the City Commissioner, copy attached, and resolved that the matter be referred back to the Works and Utilities Committee to report regarding the stabilization of the riverbank and other alternatives.

Your Committee discussed the issue and requested that the Administration report further on various matters. Additionally, on May 19, 1993, Committee members and other interested individuals went on a bus tour and viewed the East River Bank, the route of the recommended overhead power line on Spadina Crescent, the new 138 Kv structures on Dundonald Avenue and the westerly overhead route alternatives.

On May 26, 1993, your Committee considered the following report of the Manager, Electrical Distribution Department, dated May 13, 1993:

"The various matters relating to the City Centre Supply Project that were referred to the Administration for report are discussed in the following sections headed by subject.

**STABILIZATION OF THE RIVERBANK**

The potential for loss of the single major source of electrical supply to the city centre, due to instability of the east river bank, was first identified in a report prepared by Cochrane Lavalin in December, 1988. That study examined the overall reliability of the city centre electrical supply and identified the river bank slope instability problem in the vicinity of certain powerline structures as a high priority. The report included an explanation of the slope instability mechanism and identified some conditions that could precipitate a slope failure affecting the powerline support towers. The identified conditions were:

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, JUNE 7, 1993  
PAGE 68**

1. A flood of the South Saskatchewan River exceeding a 1 in 10 year return.
2. A water main break on St. Henry Avenue adjacent to a tower structure.
3. Three to five wetter than average rainfall years in succession.
4. A heavy sudden rainfall, such as a 50 mm to 100 mm rain, occurring in less than 12 hours.

A further study by Clifton Associates was commissioned to examine possible options and costs for stabilizing the river bank near the affected towers numbered 8, 9, 10 and 11. Four methods of stabilization were identified and their cost estimates presented in the 1989 report<sup>1</sup>. The four options were:

Toe Berms  
Slope Trenches  
Interceptor Trenches  
Interceptor Shafts

Sketches depicting the four stabilization approaches and the cost summary, as taken from the report, are shown in Appendix A. Cost estimates ranged between \$0.58M and \$1.58M.

Slope stabilization at the four towers at risk on the east riverbank is considered to be a short-term solution. The existing powerline is 34 years old and would need to be replaced within the next 10 to 15 years regardless. It is unlikely that the existing powerline would be replaced by a new powerline using the same tower design (i.e. steel latticed framework). As a result, the tower locations would change and the slope stabilization now under consideration would no longer be of service. Any future line along the east bank would also require slope stabilization.

In 1992, Golder Associates carried out a geotechnical study<sup>2</sup> of the west river bank, specifically

---

<sup>1</sup> "Report of Slope Stability Assessment at Four Tower Structures East Bank of the South Saskatchewan River Power Line Between Queen Elizabeth Power Station and Avenue C Switching Station", Clifton Associates Ltd., December 1989.

<sup>2</sup> "Report on Geotechnical Study Proposed Transmission Line West Bank South Saskatoon, Saskatchewan", Golder Associates, April 1992.

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, JUNE 7, 1993  
PAGE 69**

considering possible powerline construction. The results of the study indicated:

1. The transmission line will not impact existing riverbank stability.
2. Neither extensive flooding nor a dramatic rise in groundwater levels will result in instability of the riverbank or Spadina Crescent.

At a Public Meeting held on January 14, 1993, the question arose as to whether the proposed powerline could be placed at the base of the east riverbank slope, so as to avoid the riverbank instability problem and avoid having to place the line on the west side of the river. This question was subsequently posed to the geotechnical consultants, Golder Associates. Their response is contained in a letter of January 26, 1993, a copy of which is included as Appendix B1 to this report. The consultant recommends against constructing at the base because the earth slumps can still affect this area, and it would be difficult to design structures that could withstand the extreme forces associated with a large earth mass movement from an adjacent slide on the bank. The photograph in Appendix B2 shows the extent to which the base of the river bank was affected by a slump which occurred in the mid 1960's near tower #11. The tower was subsequently relocated farther east.

**ELECTROMAGNETIC FIELD (EMF)**

There are two types of fields associated with electricity, electric fields and magnetic fields. Electricity provided by the utilities for use by customers has a frequency of 60 Hertz or 60 cycles per second. As a result, both the electric and the magnetic fields associated with electricity provided by utilities have a frequency of 60 Hertz which is in the range of the spectrum termed Extra Low Frequency (ELF).

Electric fields are proportional to the operating voltage of the electrical wires or appliances and the field strength decreases with distance. Electric fields may exist even if there is no current or power being consumed. For example, a lamp cord that is plugged in will have an electric field even if the lamp switch is turned off.

Magnetic fields result from the current that is carried in the wires and the field strength decreases with distance. The strength of magnetic fields depend on the current in the wire, not the operating voltage of the electrical wires or appliances. **As a result, the strength of magnetic fields associated with the operation of consumers' appliances or electric service wires can be as great or greater than the strength of magnetic fields associated with high voltage transmission lines. The burial of electrical wires does not diminish the strength of magnetic fields.**

Research continues on the question of whether or not electric and magnetic fields have any

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, JUNE 7, 1993  
PAGE 70**

effects on health. The bulk of research has focused more on magnetic fields rather than electric fields.

Various research projects continue to examine whether there are health implications from EMFs. Health and Welfare Canada is participating in the funding of several research projects to examine if there are any health effects from electromagnetic fields. Descriptive information as supplied by Canada Health and Welfare concerning these studies is included as Appendix D. An informational report entitled 'Electric and Magnetic Fields and Your Health' was assembled by a working group under the Environmental Health Directorate and published by the authority of the Minister of National Health and Welfare. This particular publication is included as Appendix E.

At the City Council meeting of February 8, 1993, the Holiday Park Community Association presented a video on the subject of EMF and health. In the video, reference was made to a Swedish study. This report, which suggests a link between magnetic fields and leukemia, is included as Appendix F.

Appendix G is a copy of a paper outlining the methodology and results of a recent comprehensive study of over 36,000 employees of Southern California Edison. The study included 12,000 workers with especially high exposure to EMFs in their occupations. This paper was published in the March 1993 edition of Epidemiology.

The proposed 138 Kv overhead powerline for the City Centre Supply along Spadina Crescent is located such that it is 100 feet from the nearest residence. The configuration of the wires and the selection of phases will be designed to maximize the cancellation of the electric and magnetic fields by the two circuits. As a result, the EMF strengths emanating from the proposed power line along Spadina Crescent at the nearest residence are of the same magnitude as normal background EMF strengths. It is therefore our view that the matter of EMFs from the proposed overhead powerline along Spadina Crescent is a non-issue. Appendix C is a chart showing the relative EMF levels at the nearest residence from the proposed powerline in comparison with other sources of EMFs.

**RISKS FROM FAILURE OF PRESENT CITY CENTRE POWERLINE**

The existing City Centre 138 Kv supply lines on the east river bank carry about half of the City Electrical System's total load of 180 megawatts. There are no other major alternate electrical supply lines into the centre of the city.

The Electrical Department has in place a contingency plan for dealing with the loss of one tower. Such an occurrence would result in a power interruption of at least 24 hours. Often

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, JUNE 7, 1993  
PAGE 71**

though, the loss of one tower will pull adjacent towers down in a cascade effect. In such a case, the length of time required to restore power would depend on the extent of the damage and the availability of materials, but would certainly be several days.

A power interruption on the existing powerline would affect the central portion of the City. This area has office buildings, commercial stores, high-rise hotels and apartment buildings, as well as houses. A lengthy power interruption could have several adverse effects:

1. Loss of business.
2. Loss of perishables.
3. Office buildings would be shut down. No lights, no computers.
4. Two hospitals would be affected.
5. Emergency DC systems would run out of power.
6. Increased risk to personal safety and security of property.
7. Inadequate heating in most buildings if the interruption occurred during cold weather. Serious property damage would result if water pipes in buildings froze.
8. No cooling in buildings if the interruption occurred during hot weather.
9. No streetlights or traffic lights.
10. Elevators in high rise buildings would not work.

**POWERLINE ROUTING THROUGH HOLIDAY PARK GOLF COURSE**

In the course of discussions with various interested parties concerning routing options for the powerline, the question was raised as to why the Holiday Park Golf Course would be off limits for the powerlines. The combined use of land for transmission lines and golf courses is not incompatible. Often, a golf course is an excellent use of powerline rights-of-way which might not otherwise have another use.

A route across the Holiday Park Golf Course was not ruled out because of land use conflict. The problem is that once the route crossed the golf course, there is insufficient space in the back lanes and along roadways to continue the line through the Holiday Park residential area. This situation is evident on the map in Appendix H.

**CRUSHED GLASS FOR PACKING LINES**

The Electrical Department has investigated the suggestion of using crushed glass as a backfill material around buried powerlines. We have been unable to determine any utility that has attempted to use crushed glass as a thermal backfill. The thermal characteristics would likely be much the same as sand. We understand that crushed coloured glass had been suggested as a possible backfill covering merely to provide a visible marker in helping to prevent dig-ins to buried cables.

**FEASIBILITY OF SUBMARINE CABLE IN RIVERBED**

The Electrical Department was asked to examine the feasibility of 138 Kv cables submerged in the riverbed. This type of installation is technically feasible. The costs of such an installation are estimated at just over \$12M. Appendix I shows the approximate route for this powerline option labelled 'Alternative I'. The length of the two sets of 138 Kv cable under this option is about 3.9 kilometres each. Based on discussion with cable manufacturers and a major Canadian utility experienced in submarine cable installations, it appears that the installed cost of submarine transmission cables is in the same order of magnitude as the cost of land buried cables. The use of high voltage submarine cable to run along and parallel to the river rather than on land is unusual. Normally, submarine cable is used to cross a body of water when an overland route is not geographically an option. According to Ontario Hydro Engineers, no such installation running along a river bed exists in Canada.

The installation of submarine cables would require that they be trenched below the surface of the river bed to provide mechanical protection. The river is relatively shallow and, as a result, the riverbed is subject to scouring. A concrete cap would likely be required to protect the cable.

At the Queen Elizabeth Plant end of the powerline, the transition from overhead systems to cable would take place on cable termination support structures. The cables would be run down the river bank and out into the river a suitable distance. The trenched-in cable would then run north along the river and be brought back up on land north of the Water Treatment Plant.

There are a number of factors affecting the location of the cables at the north end. At the Water Treatment Plant, there are several water intake pipes that have to be avoided and sufficient space left for future additions and relocations of piping. Also, there are two water lines that cross the river at this location which would have to be crossed by the submarine power cables. The existing tower at the Water Treatment Plant is in a location that is unsuitable for bringing the submarine cable to, because of a lack of space for the cable termination structure. A new transmission line tower would be installed between the Water Treatment Plant and the swimming pool site and the existing tower by the water plant would be removed. During the entire construction process, power must be maintained.

A disadvantage of the submarine cable alternative is that timely cable repairs are not possible in the event of a cable failure. This is due to poor access to cables that are not only under water and buried below the river bed, but, may also be under heavy ice cover in the winter.

The advantage of this route is that it avoids construction of an overhead powerline along the



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, JUNE 7, 1993  
PAGE 73**

river bank.

If further consideration is to be given to this option, engineering studies would be necessary to establish the most suitable cable placement location and more detailed estimates would have to be prepared.

**CITY CENTRE SUPPLY OPTIONS CONSIDERED TO-DATE**

Appendix J is a report prepared by the Electrical Distribution Department entitled 'Capital Project #721 Electrical Feeders - 138kV City Centre Supply Improvement' January 1993. In that report several alternatives were considered. In summary:

Alternative A: is a double circuit overhead line from QE along the west side of Gordie Howe Park, north on Fletcher Road to 11th Street, east on 11th Street to Avenue P, north on Avenue P to 17th Street, and east on 17th Street to Spadina Crescent. This alternative is not being recommended because of higher cost, longer indirect route, and several corners requiring massive structures.

Alternative B: is a double circuit overhead line from QE along Spadina Crescent connecting with the existing line near the Water Treatment Plant. This alternative is being recommended because of the lower cost, more direct route, and a net improvement over the existing line on the east bank.

Alternative C: is a double circuit, combination of overhead and underground construction, from QE along Spadina Crescent connecting with the existing line near the Water Treatment Plant. This alternative is not being recommended because of the higher cost, the lack of space for the underground section, the longer time to repair in the event of an underground cable failure, and the impact on potential heritage sites.

Alternative D: is a double circuit underground line from QE along Spadina Crescent connecting with the existing line near the Water Treatment Plant. This alternative is not being recommended because of the high cost, the lack of space for the section near the Water Treatment Plant, the longer time to repair in the event of an underground cable failure, and the impact on potential heritage sites.

Alternative E: is a double circuit overhead line from QE north along the west side of Gordie Howe Park, east along the north side of the Holiday Park Golf Course to Avenue P, north along Avenue P to 17th Street, east

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, JUNE 7, 1993  
PAGE 74**

on 17th Street to Spadina Crescent. This alternative is not being recommended because of higher cost, longer indirect route, several corners requiring massive structures, and clearance problems.

Alternative F: is a double circuit overhead line from QE, north along Fletcher Road to and F1:11th Street, across the Petro Can site to railway right-of-way, northeast along the right-of-way to 17th Street, east on 17th Street to Spadina Crescent. Alternative F1 diverts over to Avenue W to avoid crossing the Petro Can site. This alternative is not being recommended because of higher cost, longer indirect route, several corners requiring massive structures, and clearance problems.

Alternative G: considers relocation of part of the existing line east away from the riverbank. This alternative is being ruled out because Tower #11 would remain in the area of unstable slopes. Clearances are also not adequate.

Alternative H: is a combination of stabilizing the east bank to maintain the existing line, and a single circuit overhead line along the same route as Alternative F1 to serve as a backup in the event of a failure on the existing line. This alternative is not being recommended because of the higher cost and longer indirect route.

Alternative I: is a double circuit, submarine cable along the riverbed from QE to a point just north of the Water Treatment Plant. This alternative is not being recommended because of high cost, and the potentially long time to repair in the event of an underwater cable failure.

In conclusion, a new powerline on the west side of the river is the most logical alternative. While buried cable on land or submarine cable along the river bed minimizes the visual impact to the area, either is extremely costly (i.e. 9 to 10 times the cost of improved appearance overhead construction). Overhead construction is visually more obtrusive than underground, however, improved appearance overhead steel structures go a long way toward minimizing the visual impact. Additional landscape work in this area to further minimize the visual impact would be appropriate.

The question of whether EMFs constitute a health hazard is not resolved and it may be some time before it is resolved. EMFs should not be an issue in this case as the EMF levels are quite low by virtue of the distance being maintained from homes and the special configuration of the line to cancel most of the EMFs.

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, JUNE 7, 1993  
PAGE 75**

While recognizing that there is opposition to construction of a powerline along Spadina Crescent, it is the Electrical Department's view that an overhead powerline as identified as Alternative B in the January 1993, report to City Council, is still the most reasonable overall choice."

Your Committee heard presentations from Mr. Bob Fink, President, King George Community and School Association; Mr. Henry Feldkamp; Mr. Tom Morgan, President, Riversdale Community and School Association; and Mr. Ken Redekopp, Coordinator, Committee of Concerned Citizens and invited the Administration to respond to the comments contained in the presentations. The following report of the Manager, Electrical Distribution, dated May 28, 1993, addresses the presentations:

"Written copies of material from three of the four presenters have been made available to the Electrical

The Electrical Department has reviewed the various material and has the following comments in response:

**BOB FINK**

The presenter suggested that two, rather than one set of submarine cables, should have been considered by the Electrical Department when it examined the submarine cable alternative.

**Response:** Alternative 'I', as described in the May 13, 1993, report of the Manager, Electrical Distribution Department, does in fact include two sets of 138 Kv submarine cables.

Mr. Fink expressed concern about EMF and health, and referred to the Swedish study.

**Response:** There are study reports that would support both positive and negative sides of the question of whether there are any adverse health effects from EMF's. It may be some time before this question is answered to everyone's satisfaction. It is important that the matter of EMF's, as they relate to the proposed power line, be put into perspective. Appendix C of the May 13, 1993, report is a table taken from a Health and Welfare Canada publication. The table shows the relative strengths of electric and magnetic fields typically associated with electricity in the home, with distribution and transmission lines, and with electricity in occupational environments. Also marked on this table are the computed

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, JUNE 7, 1993  
PAGE 76**

**EMF levels from the proposed transmission line that would be observed at the nearest point of the nearest residence (worst case). This information shows that the EMF's from the proposed power line would be no greater than ambient field levels typically experienced in homes. It remains the view of the Electrical Department that EMFs, as they relate to the proposed line, are a non-issue.**

The presenter made reference to a report on the reliability of submarine cables, suggesting that there have not been any submarine cable failures to date.

**Response: Mr. Bob Fink has provided a copy of the subject report to the Electrical Department. The report which was prepared by Alcatel, a cable manufacturer, is on the subject of crosslinked polyethylene cables (XLPE) and the experience with XLPE insulated cables primarily in Norway. This same report, which had been sent to City Council and the Works and Utilities Committee by the Holiday Park Community Association, had been reviewed by the Electrical Department and was included in the referenced material and correspondence contained in Report No. 3-1993 of the City Commissioner, that was dealt with by City Council at its meeting held on February 8, 1993. The Alcatel report indicates that the majority of XLPE cables laid in Norway are buried rather than submarine. The report provides some cable failure rate statistics for the period up to 1988. In the Scandinavian countries, the failure rates for XLPE cables range between 0.09 to 0.38 failures per year per 100 circuit kilometres. The report indicates that recent improvements in this type of cable have reduced the failure rates. The report indicates that the limited experience with submarine cable has been good. A 12 Kv submarine cable installed in 1971 had to be removed from service after ten years of operation. There was evidence of water trees, a mechanism of cable failure. A 72 Kv submarine cable, installed in 1977, failed and was repaired with no further problems encountered to date. The report refers to some other XLPE insulated submarine cable installations which have not had any failures.**

The Electrical Department has installed high voltage underground cables since about 1910 and extruded solid dielectric cables since the early 1960's. This utility has considerable experience with XLPE insulated cables at voltages of 5 Kv, 15 Kv and 25 Kv. The life of some of the cables installed in the 1960's and 70's was quite short, and while cable manufacturers have made improvements in cable design and life expectancies of the cables seem to have improved, we do know from our own experience that these types of cables do fail.

**HENRY FELDKAMP**

Mr. Feldkamp's presentation was in two parts.

**PART A: SYSTEM MAINTENANCE**

Mr. Feldkamp's presentation suggests that there is an acute or an immediate problem (slope instability) that should be dealt with immediately as a maintenance item, and that there is a separate longer range matter to be dealt with, that being the location of the power line. He suggests that these should be dealt with individually.

**Response:** The Electrical Department recognizes the acute nature of the bank stability problem. Our concern with the suggested approach is that measures to stabilize the east bank may not be completely effective and no guarantees can be provided. Slope stability works would require trenching or excavations or in the case of toe berms, a change to the riverbank face. This construction would also require the approval of the Meewasin Valley Authority.

The cost of bank stabilization would be in the range of \$0.6M to \$1.6M. Since it will still be necessary to build the new line, the suggestion that the City do both would result in additional costs. Any benefits to the general overall bank stability resulting from stabilization at the critical tower locations would be limited. This suggested approach defers a solution to the problem as opposed to addressing the problem.

Alternative 'H', which has been identified by the Electrical Department, is somewhat similar to the approach suggested by Mr. Feldkamp. This alternative involves stabilizing the river bank and constructing a single circuit 138 Kv power line along a westerly route as was suggested by the Holiday Park Community Association.

The presenter states that neither the Cochrane Lavalin Report nor the Clifton Report recommended or made mention of power line relocation as a technical requirement.

**Response:** The statement tends to leave the impression that nothing needs to be done with the present line other than river bank stabilization. The Cochrane Lavalin report did identify the riverbank instability problem

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, JUNE 7, 1993  
PAGE 78**

**as a major concern, however, the report offered only a generalized suggestion for improvement with the use of toe berms. They recommended further studies with respect to this problem. Clifton Associates as Geotechnical Engineers identified solutions from only a geotechnical perspective. It remained with the Utility to examine a broader range of long term options which the Utility has done.**

The presenter states that the price tag for the proposed City Project is \$1,698,000 and that this is \$1,119,550 higher than the cost of stabilizing the suspect towers.

**Response: Clifton Associates provided estimates for stabilization ranging between \$0.58M and \$1.58M. The presenter has taken the low end of the range to suggest that the new line would cost \$1.1M more than bank stabilization. If the high end of the cost estimate range were used the difference would be only \$0.1M.**

**Comparing the costs of bank stabilization with the costs of constructing a new line is not a fair comparison. River bank stabilization at the critical towers, if effective, would still leave the City with a 34-year-old power line that would have to be replaced in the future at an additional cost. In contrast, the construction of the proposed power line in accordance with Alternative 'B' would result in a new line that would be good for many years into the future, and would be on stable ground. This would provide improved reliability by eliminating two river crossings and reducing the overall length of the line, as well as, improved appearance by using modern tapered steel poles instead of lattice structures.**

The presenter states that the City has made much about the clearance requirements for the line alternatives that are not being recommended and suggests that the City is ignoring the clearance requirements with respect to the recommended alternative and a two storey office building at the Water Treatment Plant.

**Response: The preliminary design plans for the proposed power line show that CSA clearance requirements will be met at the Water Treatment Plant Office Building.**

PART B: SYSTEM PLANNING CRITERIA

The presenter suggests that there is some confusion about the 138 Kv upgrade of the City's 72 Kv loop around the City and that the scope of studies by the consultants, Cochrane Lavalin and Magna IV, were constrained so as not to consider options for interconnection.

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, JUNE 7, 1993  
PAGE 79**

**Response:** The upgrade of the 72 kV loop to 138 kV, the upgrade of electrical substations served from the loop, and the timing of those events have been well documented in the long term plans and budgets. Cochrane Lavalin were aware of these plans when they conducted their study and make mention of it in their report. The matter of the 72 kV upgrade was not considered of significant relevance because:

- (a) 138 kV would not be available from the loop for a further 10 years;**
- (b) any tie that might be available from the 138 kV loop in the future could not be regarded as a primary feed to the City Centre, and could only provide limited backup for emergency. There is a fundamental difference between providing a reliable main source of supply and the use of backup tie lines that have their own loads to supply.**

The presenter states that there are many more far superior options available to solve the power supply question as it concerns the City Centre and that the superior options have not been studied.

**Response:** The presenter refers to many superior options but none are enunciated. The Electrical Department has presented information on about ten alternatives and has also examined a range of variations of some of these alternatives. At least five of the alternatives that were examined were suggestions of various interested citizens. These included:

- 1. Total Underground on Spadina**
- 2. Partial Underground on Spadina**
- 3. Westerly Overhead Line by PetroCan**
- 4. Overhead Power line along Base of East River Bank**
- 5. Submarine Cables along the River**

The presenter suggests that moving the tie point away from the Queen Elizabeth Power Station would open a range of superior routing options.

**Response:** A fundamental point that the presenter may not appreciate is that the City Centre requires a full capacity dedicated supply directly from the QE Switching Station. This requirement cannot be met by ties with other power lines from QE that have their own dedicated loads to serve. The purpose of ties are to help out in emergency or planned maintenance situations. Ties cannot be considered as the primary source of power to the City Centre.

All power requirements in Saskatoon and the surrounding areas are served by lines emanating from QE, which is a major node in the provincial grid. There are no other such nodes available near Saskatoon and therefore the City Centre Supply Lines must originate at QE. Even when the existing 72 kV loop is upgraded to 138 kV, that loop will have its own dedicated load to serve and, therefore, cannot be looked after the power requirements of the City Centre load other than as a backup under emergency conditions. Some of the potential future options that the City has considered, for backup only, are ties with the outer loop either from the north via the CPR right-of-way or from Circle Drive West. Again it must be emphasized that such ties would not satisfy the basic power requirements of the City Centre.

The presenter suggests that Ave. C Substation is poorly located with respect to its load, that it only serves other substations, and that it should be relocated.

**Response:** The Avenue C substation is well situated with respect to its surrounding loads and particularly with respect to the high load density area of the downtown core. This station not only serves other substations for further distribution but also directly supplies the growing load of the 14.4 kV underground network system in the central business district. The cost of moving the Ave. C Substation would be in the millions of dollars and the station could not be moved very far without affecting its ability to serve the area in an efficient manner. The station was built on land zoned as ID2; however, there are no zoning restrictions on the location of substations as it is recognized that substations must be located within the areas they serve regardless of whether they are residential, commercial or industrial.

The Electrical Department believes that the discussion involving the Avenue A Substation, the A.L. Cole Plant, and Avenue C Substation to be irrelevant to the matter of insuring a reliable supply to the City



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, JUNE 7, 1993  
PAGE 81**

**Centre.**

**TOM MORGAN, KEN REDEKOPP**

Both Mr. Morgan and Mr. Redekopp suggest that, if and when the A.L. Cole site is cleaned up, nobody is going to develop the land with the substation and power line right outside the door.

**Response:** This suggests that the Avenue A Substation and the Avenue C Substation need to be moved to permit viable development on the A.L. Cole site. In this regard, the response to the previous suggestion regarding relocation of the substations is appropriate. When development on the A.L. Cole site does occur, the costs and benefits of substation relocation can be considered at that time. Such relocation would be restricted by the ability to serve the area in an efficient manner. The power line relocation being proposed by the Electrical Department has no impact on the A.L. Cole site.

The presenters refer to overhead power lines as outdated or old 1950's technology.

**Response:** While many of the distribution lines being placed in new subdivisions today are underground, main 25 kV supply feeders continue to be placed above ground. This is not a matter of technology; it is a matter of economics and system reliability. At voltages in the range of 138 kV, the vast majority of all power lines being installed throughout the world are built as overhead, not underground. Both underground cable and overhead line construction have been used for many years and there have been technical advancements in both. Overhead power lines are certainly not outdated."

Attached, as Appendix "K", is a copy of the written material from Messrs. Feldkamp, Morgan and Redekopp, as well as a copy of the report referred to by Mr. Fink.

**RECOMMENDATION:** 1) that City Council approve Capital Project No. 721 - City Centre Supply Project, on the basis of constructing an improved appearance overhead 138kV powerline to be located along Spadina Crescent, between the Queen Elizabeth Power Station and the City Water Treatment Plant;

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, JUNE 7, 1993  
PAGE 82**

- 2) that City Council approve an increase of \$70,000 for Capital Project No. 721 to provide additional landscaping improvements along Spadina Crescent to reduce the visual impact of the proposed powerline; and
- 3) that the Administration be instructed to make application to the Meewasin Valley Authority and Saskatchewan Environment and Resource Management seeking approvals for the project.

*Pursuant to earlier resolution, Items A.21 to A.28 of "Communications" were brought forward and considered.*

*Circulated to Council members at the Council meeting was a letter dated June 7, 1993, from Fred Heal, Executive Director, Meewasin Valley Authority, indicating that, if Council were to adopt the recommendation of the Works and Utilities Committee, further approvals of the Meewasin Valley Authority and Saskatchewan Environment and Resource Management would be required.*

*Moved by Councillor Hawthorne,*

*THAT those who have requested to speak be heard.*

*CARRIED.*

*Mr. John Maxin reviewed the contents of his brief, a copy of which he submitted to the City Clerk. He opposed the relocation of the overhead powerlines to Spadina Crescent.*

*Mr. Tom Morgan, President, Riversdale Community and School Association Inc., reviewed the contents of his brief, a copy of which he submitted to the City Clerk. He referred to the City's Strategic Plan regarding river valley stewardship and indicated that the proposed relocation to Spadina Crescent seems to go against the Strategic Plan.*

*Mr. Mark McGregor addressed Council and expressed concern regarding the safety of high voltage powerlines.*

*Mr. Rusty Chartier suggested that the lines could go down the freeway not on the east or west river banks. He noted the importance of the beauty of the river banks.*

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, JUNE 7, 1993  
PAGE 83**

*Ms. Ruth Schollar circulated a copy of plans highlighting Option F1 and Option B and urged Council to choose Option F1. A copy of her brief was submitted to the City Clerk.*

*Mr. Henry Feldkamp reviewed the contents of his brief, a copy of which he submitted to the City Clerk, and urged Council to turn down the proposal before Council tonight.*

*Ms. Anita Langford, Secretary, Holiday Park Community Association, reviewed the contents of her brief, a copy of which she submitted to the City Clerk, and asked Council to reject the proposal to relocate the high voltage powerlines to the west side of the river. She suggested that an alternate route be selected to pass through the industrial area and that the lines that pass through residential areas be buried.*

*Mr. Bob Fink, President, King George Community and School Association, reviewed the contents of his brief, a copy of which he submitted to the City Clerk. He opposed the proposed relocation of the powerlines to Spadina Crescent.*

*Director of Works and Utilities Gustafson gave a report, including overheads of the various options, for the information of Council.*

*Moved by Councillor Dyck,*

*THAT the matter be referred back to the Works and Utilities Committee for further consideration.*

*YEAS: Councillor Dyck 1*

*NAYS: His Worship Mayor Dayday, Councillors Cherneskey,  
Birkmaier, Penner, Hawthorne, McCann, Mann and Thompson 8*

*Moved by Councillor Mann,*

- 1) THAT City Council approve Capital Project No. 721 - City Centre Supply Project, on the basis of constructing an improved appearance overhead 138kV powerline to be located along Spadina Crescent, between the Queen Elizabeth Power Station and the City Water Treatment Plant;*
- 2) THAT City Council approve an increase of \$70,000 for Capital Project No. 721 to provide additional landscaping improvements along Spadina Crescent to reduce the visual impact of the proposed powerline; and*

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, JUNE 7, 1993  
PAGE 84**

- 3) *THAT that the Administration be instructed to make application to the Meewasin Valley Authority and Saskatchewan Environment and Resource Management seeking approvals for the project.*

*YEAS: His Worship Mayor Dayday, Councillors Thompson,  
McCann, Mann and Penner*

5

*NAYS: Councillors Cherneskey, Birkmaier, Dyck and Hawthorne*

4"

*Moved by Councillor Mann, Seconded by Councillor Penner,*

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

*CARRIED.*

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- 6a) **Demolition - Grover Holdings Ltd.**  
**228 Avenue I South**  
**(File No. CK. 530-2) \_\_\_\_\_**

*DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 19.*

**MOTIONS**

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, JUNE 7, 1993  
PAGE 85**

Councillor Birkmaier gave the following Notice of Motion at the meeting of City Council held on May 25, 1993:

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

WHEREAS the City has approved fund raising directly by the City for the Forestry Farm; and

WHEREAS this puts the City in direct competition with not-for-profit organizations;

THEREFORE I move that Council reconsider its decision to fund raise for the Forestry Farm."

*COUNCILLOR BIRKMAIER WITHDREW THE ABOVE NOTICE OF MOTION.*

**GIVING NOTICE**

Councillor Birkmaier gave the following Notice of Motion:

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

WHEREAS the City has approved fund raising directly by the City in Report No. 5 of the Planning and Development Committee dated March 1, 1993;

WHEREAS this puts the City in direct competition with not-for-profit organizations;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council move to reconsider its decision for the City to directly fund raise."

**INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF BYLAWS**

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, JUNE 7, 1993  
PAGE 86**

**Bylaw No. 7350**

Moved by Councillor Mann, Seconded by Councillor Penner,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 7350, being "*A Bylaw of The City of Saskatoon to amend Bylaw No. 6771, entitled, 'A bylaw of The City of Saskatoon to adopt a Development Plan'*" and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Mann, Seconded by Councillor Birkmaier,

THAT Bylaw No. 7350 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Mann, Seconded by Councillor Cherneskey,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 7350.

CARRIED.

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

Committee arose.

Councillor Mann, Chairman of the Committee of the Whole, made the following report:

That while in Committee of the Whole, Bylaw No. 7350 was considered clause by clause and approved.

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, JUNE 7, 1993  
PAGE 87**

Moved by Councillor Mann, Seconded by Councillor Thompson,  
THAT the report of the Committee of the Whole be adopted.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Mann, Seconded by Councillor McCann,  
THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 7350 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor Mann, Seconded by Councillor Hawthorne,  
THAT Bylaw No. 7350 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. 7351**

Moved by Councillor Mann, Seconded by Councillor Penner,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 7351, being "*A Bylaw of The City of Saskatoon to amend Bylaw No. 6772, entitled, 'A Bylaw Respecting Zoning in the City of Saskatoon'*" and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Mann, Seconded by Councillor Birkmaier,

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, JUNE 7, 1993  
PAGE 88**

THAT Bylaw No. 7351 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Mann, Seconded by Councillor Cherneskey,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 7351.

CARRIED.

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

Committee arose.

Councillor Mann, Chairman of the Committee of the Whole, made the following report:

That while in Committee of the Whole, Bylaw No. 7351 was considered clause by clause and approved.

Moved by Councillor Mann, Seconded by Councillor Thompson,

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

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Mann, Seconded by Councillor McCann,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 7351 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.



**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, JUNE 7, 1993  
PAGE 89**

Moved by Councillor Mann, Seconded by Councillor Hawthorne,

THAT Bylaw No. 7351 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. 7359**

Moved by Councillor Mann, Seconded by Councillor Penner,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 7359, being "*A Bylaw of The City of Saskatoon to amend Bylaw No. 6321, entitled, 'A bylaw of The City of Saskatoon to provide for a superannuation plan for City employees not covered by the police and fire departments' superannuation plans'*" and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Mann, Seconded by Councillor Birkmaier,

THAT Bylaw No. 7359 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Mann, Seconded by Councillor Cherneskey,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 7359.

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, JUNE 7, 1993  
PAGE 90**

CARRIED.

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

Committee arose.

Councillor Mann, Chairman of the Committee of the Whole, made the following report:

That while in Committee of the Whole, Bylaw No. 7359 was considered clause by clause and approved.

Moved by Councillor Mann, Seconded by Councillor Thompson,

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

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Mann, Seconded by Councillor McCann,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 7359 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor Mann, Seconded by Councillor Hawthorne,

THAT Bylaw No. 7359 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.

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL  
MONDAY, JUNE 7, 1993  
PAGE 91**

The bylaw was then read a third time and passed.

*Moved by Councillor Mann, Seconded by Councillor Penner,*

*THAT the meeting stand adjourned.*

*CARRIED.*

The meeting adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

---

Mayor

---

City Clerk