

Council Chamber  
City Hall, Saskatoon, Sask.  
Monday, June 17, 1996,  
at 7:00 p.m.

## MINUTES OF REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

**PRESENT:** His Worship Mayor Dayday in the Chair;  
Councillors Atchison, Birkmaier, Heidt, Langford, Langlois,  
McCann, Postlethwaite, Roe, Steernberg and Waygood;  
City Commissioner Irwin;  
City Solicitor Dust;  
City Clerk Mann;  
City Councillors' Assistant Kanak

*Councillor Roe rose on a point of privilege to advise Council that the Meewasin Valley Authority was given confirmation, on June 6, that the Partners for the Saskatchewan River Basin Program has received a National Canadian Healthy Environment Award for its accomplishments in increasing public awareness of the basin and the extensive contributions of over 110 organizations across the Saskatchewan River Basin who are working in partnership towards the sustainability of the basin. The River Basin Program was nominated by the Saskatchewan Environmental Network, and the Partners for the Saskatchewan River Basin was successful in the category for non-profit organizations. The Meewasin Valley Authority took on a major leadership role with the Saskatchewan River Basin Program by being the managing partner for the past 3 years. Credit is also extended to the City of Saskatoon who has supported the River Basin Program through funding and involvement on the Saskatchewan River Centre Board. Councillor Roe extended congratulations and appreciation on behalf of Council to all those involved.*

*Councillor Birkmaier rose on a point of privilege and indicated that she attended the Tourism Saskatoon celebrations in recognition of Tourism Week, and was presented with a cheque in the amount of \$274,000,000 which represents the money that has flowed into the City directly from Tourism. She presented the cheque to Council.*

*Councillor McCann rose on a point of privilege to present Council with a certificate which he was given at the Agricultural Biotechnology International Conference held last week. He indicated that there were 735 people who came to the conference from 36 different countries of the world, and that Saskatoon is ranked third in the world as a centre for agricultural biotechnology, behind the City of Berlin and the City of Norwich in England.*

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*Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Langford,*

*THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of City Council held on June 3, 1996 be approved.*

*CARRIED.*

**HEARINGS**

- 2a) Discretionary Use Application  
Converted Dwelling - Three Units  
326 Avenue F South  
Jack Grover  
(File No. CK. 4355-1)**

**REPORT OF CITY CLERK:**

"City Council, at its meeting held on March 25, 1996, received notice of the above discretionary use application.

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

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

The matter is also being reported on under Clause 1, Report No. 8-1996 of the Municipal Planning Commission.

Attached are copies of the following communications:

- Letter dated June 11, 1996, from Sylvia L. Ferguson;
- Letter dated June 11, 1996 from Bonny-Lynne Hoffman, 321 Avenue E South;
- Letter dated June 13, 1996 from Joan and Robert L. Campbell, 313 Avenue E South;
- Letter from Mr. and Mrs. K. McDougall, 332 Avenue F South; and
- Letter dated June 11, 1996 from Angeline Bruyn, 324 Avenue F South."

*His Worship Mayor Dayday opened the hearing and ascertained whether there was anyone present in the gallery who wished to address Council with respect to the matter.*

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*Mr. Jack Grover, owner, 326 Avenue F South, provided background information regarding the property and urged Council to approve the discretionary use application.*

*Moved by Councillor Atchison, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,*

*THAT Clause 1, Report No. 8-1996 of the Municipal Planning Commission be brought forward for consideration.*

*CARRIED.*

**"REPORT NO. 8-1996 OF THE MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION"**

- 1. Discretionary Use Application  
Converted Dwelling  
South 1/2 Lot 33 and all Lot 34  
Block 21, Plan CE  
326 Avenue F South  
Applicant: Jack Grover  
(File No. CK. 4355-1 \_\_\_\_\_)**

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the application by Jack Grover requesting permission to use the South half of Lot 33 and all of Lot 34, Block 21, Plan CE (326 Avenue F South) for the purpose of a converted dwelling containing three dwelling unites, be approved.

Your Commission has considered and supports the attached copy of report of the Planning and Building Department dated May 14, 1996, regarding an application submitted by Jack Grover, on behalf of Grover Holdings Ltd., for approval to use the south half of Lot 33 and all of Lot 34, Block 21, Plan CE (326 Avenue F South) for the purpose of a converted dwelling containing three dwelling units."

*Moved by Councillor Atchison, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,*

*THAT the submitted correspondence and presentation be received as information.*

*CARRIED.*

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*Moved by Councillor Atchison, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,*

*THAT the hearing be closed.*

*CARRIED.*

*Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor McCann,*

*THAT the application by Jack Grover requesting permission to use the South half of Lot 33 and all of Lot 34, Block 21, Plan CE (326 Avenue F South) for the purpose of a converted dwelling containing three dwelling units, be approved.*

*YEAS: His Worship the Mayor, Councillors McCann and Birkmaier<sup>3</sup>*

*NAYS: Councillors Langford, Langlois, Postlethwaite, Roe,  
Sternberg, Heidt, Waygood and Atchison*

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**COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL**

The following communications were submitted and dealt with as stated:

**A. REQUESTS TO SPEAK TO COUNCIL**

**1) Remi Valois  
367 Coppermine Crescent, dated June 12**

Requesting permission to address Council regarding the proposed closure of Coppermine Crescent at Churchill Drive. (File No. CK. 6295-1)

**2) Jack E. Hartshorn  
218 Coppermine Crescent, dated June 12**

Requesting permission to address Council regarding the proposed closure of Coppermine Crescent at Churchill Drive. (File No. CK. 6295-1)

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**3) Rick Hepworth  
343 Coppermine Crescent, undated**

Requesting permission to address Council regarding the proposed closure of Coppermine Crescent at Churchill Drive. (File No. CK. 6295-1)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that Clause 4, Report No. 12-1996 of the Planning and Operations Committee be brought forward for consideration and that the speakers be heard.

*Moved by Councillor Atchison, Seconded by Councillor Langlois,*

*THAT Items A.7 to A.20 of "Communications" be brought forward for consideration and that the speakers who have requested to address Council be heard.*

*CARRIED.*

**"7) Rob Kudryk  
506 Coppermine Place, dated June 16**

Requesting permission to address Council regarding the proposed closure of Coppermine Crescent at Churchill Drive. (File No. CK. 6295-1) (Copy attached)

**8) Bob Stanski  
811 Coppermine Crescent, dated June 14**

Requesting permission to address Council regarding the proposed closure of Coppermine Crescent at Churchill Drive. (File No. CK. 6295-1)

**9) Shelia Sather  
903 Coppermine Lane, dated June 14**

Requesting permission to address Council regarding the proposed closure of Coppermine Crescent at Churchill Drive. (File No. CK. 6295-1)

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- 10) T. Sather**  
**903 Coppermine Lane, dated June 14**

Requesting permission to address Council regarding the proposed closure of Coppermine Crescent at Churchill Drive. (File No. CK. 6295-1)

- 11) Harvey Kazakoff**  
**803 Coppermine Crescent, dated June 14**

Requesting permission to address Council regarding the proposed closure of Coppermine Crescent at Churchill Drive. (File No. CK. 6295-1)

- 12) Derm Zimmerman**  
**910 Coppermine Crescent, dated June 14**

Requesting permission to address Council regarding the proposed closure of Coppermine Crescent at Churchill Drive. (File No. CK. 6295-1)

- 13) David Nordmarken**  
**906 Coppermine Crescent, dated June 14**

Requesting permission to address Council regarding the proposed closure of Coppermine Crescent at Churchill Drive. (File No. CK. 6295-1)

- 14) Ed Zirkwitz**  
**514 Coppermine Place, dated June 14**

Requesting permission to address Council regarding the proposed closure of Coppermine Crescent at Churchill Drive. (File No. CK. 6295-1) (Copy attached)

- 15) Ralph and Gail Nordgren**  
**731 Coppermine Crescent, dated June 14**

Requesting permission to address Council regarding the proposed closure of Coppermine Crescent at Churchill Drive. (File No. CK. 6295-1)

- 16) D.W. Clark**  
**859 Coppermine Crescent, dated June 14**

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Requesting permission to address Council regarding the proposed closure of Coppermine Crescent at Churchill Drive. (File No. CK. 6295-1)

- 17) Shelley Newfeldt**  
**747 Coppermine Crescent, dated June 14**

Requesting permission to address Council regarding the proposed closure of Coppermine Crescent at Churchill Drive. (File No. CK. 6295-1)

- 18) Larry Trishchuk**  
**618 Coppermine Bay, dated June 14**

Requesting permission to address Council regarding the proposed closure of Coppermine Crescent at Churchill Drive. (File No. CK. 6295-1)

- 19) Coline Smetaniuk**  
**916 Coppermine Crescent, dated June 14**

Requesting permission to address Council regarding the proposed closure of Coppermine Crescent at Churchill Drive. (File No. CK. 6295-1)

- 20) Les Klippenstein**  
**943 Coppermine Crescent, dated June 14**

Requesting permission to address Council regarding the proposed closure of Coppermine Crescent at Churchill Drive. (File No. CK. 6295-1)"

*Mr. Remi Valois, 367 Coppermine Crescent, addressed issues raised by those opposed to the closure of Coppermine Crescent at Churchill Drive. He expressed support for the closure.*

*Mr. Jack Hartshorn, 218 Coppermine Crescent, circulated a brief to Council members and indicated his opposition to the proposed closure. He suggested that the traffic problems be addressed by installing traffic control signage instead of closing the street.*

*Mr. Rick Hepworth, 343 Coppermine Crescent, expressed concerns regarding safety and access in connection with the proposed closure, and suggested that other alternatives be investigated.*

*Mr. Rob Kudryk, 506 Coppermine Crescent, advised Council that he has concerns regarding the safety of children and damage to property as a result of the increased traffic on the crescent. He urged Council to approve the proposed closure on a trial basis.*

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*Mr. Bob Stanski, 811 Coppermine Crescent, expressed the opinion that the proposed closure is necessary for the safety of the people living on the crescent.*

*Ms. Shelia Sather, 903 Coppermine Lane, indicated support for the proposed closure, and advised Council of her concerns with the present traffic.*

*Mr. Harvey Kazakoff, 803 Coppermine Crescent, circulated photographs regarding property damage and evidence of vehicles driving on the sidewalks and lawns. He expressed concern regarding safety on the crescent, and urged Council to approve the proposed closure.*

*Mr. Derm Zimmerman, 910 Coppermine Crescent, advised Council that he supports the proposed closure to ensure the safety of the residents and to improve the atmosphere with less traffic and more reasonable drivers. He expressed the opinion that there should never have been an access to Coppermine Crescent from Churchill Drive in the first place.*

*Mr. David Nordmarken, 906 Coppermine Crescent, expressed concern regarding the heavy traffic on the crescent and indicated his support for the proposed closure.*

*Ms. Shelley Newfeldt, 747 Coppermine Crescent, advised Council of her concerns regarding the increased traffic on the crescent, and noted that with future development, it will continue to increase. She urged Council to support the proposed closure.*

*Ms. Coline Smetaniuk, 916 Coppermine Crescent, expressed support for the proposed closure and addressed issues raised by those opposed to the closure.*

*Moved by Councillor Langlois, Seconded by Councillor Postlethwaite,*

*THAT the submitted correspondence and presentations be received as information.*

**CARRIED.**

*Moved by Councillor Langlois, Seconded by Councillor Langford,*

*THAT Clause 4, Report No. 12-1996 of the Planning and Operations Committee be brought forward for consideration.*

**CARRIED.**

**"REPORT NO. 12-1996 OF THE PLANNING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

- 4. Communications to Council  
From: Remi Valois, on behalf of Residents of Coppermine Crescent**



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**Date:** October 10, 1995  
**Subject:** Expressing concerns regarding the heavy traffic flow through Coppermine Crescent and submitting a petition signed by approximately 116 residents in support of the closure of Coppermine Crescent at the Churchill Drive entrance.

**(File No. CK. 6295-1)**

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- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that City Council approve the temporary closure of Coppermine Crescent near its intersection with Churchill Drive for a trial period of six months;
  - 2) that the effect of closure on neighbouring streets be monitored and reported back to Council after the trial period;
  - 3) that the project be funded by Capital Project No. 1512, Traffic Calming; and
  - 4) that the City Solicitor bring forward the appropriate Bylaw for City Council's consideration.

Your Committee has met with representatives of Coppermine Crescent and the River Heights Community Association to discuss a proposal to temporarily close Coppermine Crescent near its intersection with Churchill Drive. Copies of submissions are attached to this report as Appendix "A".

It is recognized by your Committee that only 52% of the respondents to a questionnaire support the proposal. Your Committee is, however, willing to support the closing on a trial basis for six months as this matter has been an issue for several years. It is felt that in reviewing this matter, safety issues should be the primary consideration versus the convenience of drivers.

Your Committee notes that the River Heights Community Association has decided not to take a position on this issue, as it represents all of the neighbourhood residents.

Report of the General Manager, Transportation Department, dated May 24, 1996:

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**"BACKGROUND**

Coppermine Crescent is a local street located just to the east of Warman Road and south of Primrose Drive, as shown in the attached plan. Immediately to the north of Primrose Drive is a major shopping mall, the Mall at Lawson Heights. Since 1985, the residents of this community have reported increases in the amount of through traffic on Coppermine Crescent. In 1986, the Engineering Department conducted a study to investigate the issue. The study concluded that a significant proportion of traffic on Coppermine Crescent was non-local traffic using Coppermine Crescent as a shortcut. Certain measures were proposed in the 1986 report; however, due to lack of consensus between area residents the measures were not implemented.

In 1993, following what was perceived to be continuing traffic problems, residents of Coppermine Crescent submitted a petition requesting that the City consider the closure of Coppermine Crescent near its intersection with Churchill Drive. The petition was signed by 116 residents of Coppermine Crescent. As a result of the petition, and at the request of the Ward Councillor, the Transportation Department carried out a review of the traffic conditions in the neighbourhood. The object of the review was to explore acceptable, relatively low-cost options, which would address the problem in a comprehensive manner.

**JUSTIFICATION**

1. Traffic Volumes and Public Safety

Coppermine Crescent currently carries an average of over 2,000 vehicles per day. A traffic count carried out in September, 1995, and in May, 1996, confirmed this level of traffic volume. Based on the type of development and dwelling unit type, the area fronting onto Coppermine Crescent would, on average, generate approximately 1,000 trips per day. This confirms that a large proportion of the daily traffic is non-local (through traffic) which is using Coppermine Crescent as a shortcut between Churchill Drive and Primrose Drive. Under normal operating conditions, a local road can be expected to carry up to 1,000 vehicles per day.

The traffic volume, twice as much as can be expected, is high enough to constitute a safety hazard. The Transportation Department considers safety as being paramount. Research has shown that when the traffic volumes exceed the intended operating capacity of the roadway, there is a direct correlation between the amount of traffic and the number of accidents that occur on a street.

For a five-year period, between 1991 and 1995, there were 15 reported accidents at the intersection of the west leg of Coppermine Crescent and Primrose Drive, and 12 accidents at the intersection of the east leg of Coppermine Crescent and Primrose Drive. During the same time period, there were 3 reported accidents at the intersection of Coppermine Crescent and Churchill Drive and another 3 mid-block accidents were reported on Coppermine Crescent itself.

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2. Roadway Classification

Coppermine Crescent is classified as a local street and is designed to carry approximately 1,000 vehicles per day when operating under normal conditions. Its primary function is to provide access to the immediate area. Roadway design is based on the volume of traffic and the composition of traffic. Coppermine Crescent, being a local road, was designed for low traffic volume, much less than the current volume.

3. Public Participation Process

Public participation was an integral part of the review process. Members of the general public and River Heights Community Association representatives were involved throughout the duration of the review. Options identified were presented to the Executive Committee of the River Heights Community Association on April 2, 1996. In addition, residents who live in the four houses where the closure is being proposed, were contacted individually to determine their opinion. They all support the trial closure.

A general meeting, to review the proposal, was held on May 22, 1996, at Saint Anne School. The meeting was advertised in the community newspaper, well ahead of the meeting date. One hundred and fifty people attended the meeting. Of those who attended the meeting, 138 completed a questionnaire on which they indicated whether they supported the proposal to close Coppermine Crescent, on a trial basis, for a period of six months. The proposal was supported by 52% of the respondents while 48% did not support the proposal. The breakdown of the respondents by area of residence is shown in Table 1 below. The questionnaire outcome was not the sole determining factor for recommending the implementation of the trial closure, rather, was used as a gauge to ascertain the level of support for the proposal.

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Table 1: Table showing where respondents to the questionnaire reside

Area	Yes	No	Totals
Coppermine Crescent	64	22	86
Adjacent Area (From streets other than Coppermine Crescent)	8	44	52
Totals	72	66	138

It is the opinion of the Transportation Department that an effective and inclusive public participation programme was followed and that all opposing views were taken into account during this review. The recommendation, therefore, reflects the views and preference of the majority of area residents who attended the meeting.

4. Comments by Others

As part of the review, the intent to close Coppermine Crescent was circulated to all City Departments and other Agencies that would potentially be affected by the closure. The list of those contacted and their comments are listed in Table 2 below:

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Table 2: Comments from Relevant Departments and Agencies

Agency or Department	Comments
Saskatoon Police Service	“We feel that this is the only alternative that is acceptable.”
Fire and Protective Services	“The Saskatoon Fire and Protective Services has no problem with the closure.”
M. D. Ambulance Services	“The closure does not cause any concerns with us. This is not a heavily travelled route for our responses.”
Saskatoon Public School Board	“Of far greater concern would be the possibility of opening Ravine Drive to all vehicles.... this would reduce pedestrian safety around the school.”
Saskatoon Catholic School Board	“We would recommend option A, i.e closure of Coppermine Crescent on a trial basis.”
Saskatoon Transit Services	They support the proposal as long as it does not affect the bus connection on Ravine Drive.
Public Works: Environmental Services	“Option A is suitable for us...residents at 50,54, 367 and 703 Coppermine Cr.. will have to relocate their garbage containers to a location collected by the Solid Waste Branch.”
Public Works: Road Maintenance	“The closure would not make much difference to our operation.”

In general, the recommended option does not seriously affect the operation of the relevant Agencies or Departments.

**OPTIONS**

Three options were considered during the review. It must be pointed out that Options 2 and 3 are not independent. They both were considered in conjunction with Option 1, the closure of Coppermine Crescent, because this is the only solution that addresses the problem in its entirety. Monitoring the traffic patterns and effects on neighbouring streets was part of every option considered.

1. Close Coppermine Crescent to motorized traffic (pedestrians and cyclists exempt) at the location indicated on the attached plan. The closure should initially be installed on a temporary basis and its effectiveness monitored for a period of no less than six months. The amount of unauthorized traffic on the Ravine Court transit connection will also be monitored at the same time. This will eliminate the through traffic

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problems and still allow reasonable access to the community through other roadways such as Assiniboine Drive, Churchill Drive and Warman Road. There is adequate capacity to carry the additional traffic on these alternate routes.

2. Close Coppermine Crescent and extend Ravine Drive to Primrose Drive to be used by all traffic (currently only Transit uses this connection).

This option would eliminate through traffic on Coppermine Crescent, but increase traffic on Ravine Drive. Eventually the traffic on the Ravine Drive would increase to the level of a major collector. This is because this option would turn Ravine Drive into a link between two major roadways (Spadina and Primrose), creating an even more direct route for traffic to and from The Mall at Lawson Heights. There are two schools on this roadway that would be adversely affected by this option.

3. Close Coppermine Crescent, and install traffic signals at the intersection of Churchill Drive and Warman Road.

This option would also reduce through traffic on Coppermine Crescent. Until the monitoring is completed, it will not be known if the effect of the additional traffic using this intersection will create a condition that warrants traffic signals. It would not be prudent to spend \$50,000 on unwarranted traffic signals.

**POLICY IMPLICATION**

There are no policy implications.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT**

The cost estimate to implement the temporary closure, including advertising is \$2,000. It is proposed that this project be funded by Capital Project # 1512: Traffic Calming - 1996 (17-808).

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Map indicating the location of the trial closure."

*Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Langlois,*

- 1) *that City Council approve the temporary closure of Coppermine Crescent near its intersection with Churchill Drive for a trial period of six months;*

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- 2) *that the effect of closure on neighbouring streets be monitored and reported back to Council after the trial period;*
- 3) *that the project be funded by Capital Project No. 1512, Traffic Calming; and*
- 4) *that the City Solicitor bring forward the appropriate Bylaw for City Council's consideration.*

*CARRIED.*

*Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor Roe,*

*THAT the signage for the closure indicate that it is a temporary closure for a six-month trial basis.*

*CARRIED.*

**COMMUNICATIONS - CONTINUED**

- 4) **Harold L. Rogers**  
**1301 Avenue J North, dated June 11**

Requesting permission to address Council regarding his property at 512 Avenue F South. (File No. CK. 4355-1)

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

*Moved by Councillor Postlethwaite, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,*

*THAT Mr. Rogers be heard.*

*CARRIED.*

*Mr. Harold L. Rogers provided a history regarding his property at 512 Avenue F South and asked Council to consider approval for the five suites.*

*Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,*

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

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*CARRIED.*

**5) Mary Fedun, dated June 12**

Requesting permission to address Council regarding transit issues. (File No. CK. 7300-1)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that Ms. Fedun be heard.

*Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,*

*THAT Ms. Fedun be heard.*

*CARRIED.*

*Ms. Mary Fedun addressed Council regarding transit issues. She suggested that, on a trial basis, students be charged adult cash fares for the summer months. Ms. Fedun raised concerns regarding repair of bus shelters, the 23rd Street bus mall, decrease in service during the summer months and increase in fares.*

*Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Langford,*

*THAT the information be received.*

*CARRIED.*



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**6) Various Communications dealing with the  
Forestry Farm Superintendent's Residence**

Requesting permission to address Council regarding the above matter. [Please note that the letters are listed and attached under Item 6a) of "Unfinished Business"]

**RECOMMENDATION:** that Clause 6a) of "Unfinished Business" be brought forward for consideration and that the speakers be heard.

*Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Birkmaier,*

*THAT Clause 6a) of "Unfinished Business" be brought forward for consideration.*

*CARRIED.*

**"UNEFINISHED BUSINESS"**

**6a) Forestry Farm Park Superintendent's Residence  
Heritage Designation Repeal Bylaw  
Proposed Bylaw No. 7508  
(File No. CK. 4205-8-4)**

**REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK:**

City Council, at its meeting held on November 6, 1995, during the hearing with respect to the above-noted matter, adopted the following motion:

"THAT Council refer the matter to a review board constituted under *The Heritage Property Act* for a hearing and report back to Council."

The attached report from the Saskatchewan Heritage Property Review Board dated May 1, 1996 (Attachment A), was received by City Council at its meeting held on May 21, 1996. Council deferred consideration of this report until the June 17, 1997 meeting of City Council.

The following memo dated May 10, 1996, has also been received from the City Solicitor:

*"The Heritage Property Act* generally outlines the procedure to be followed on receipt of the Report. The *Act* provides that after receipt and consideration of the Report, Council may pass proposed Bylaw No. 7508 notwithstanding the recommendations in the Report or may accept the recommendations and withdraw the Bylaw.

This is the first time Council has considered a Review Board Report. The *Act* does

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not require a formal public hearing to be held at this stage. However, Council can consider submissions with respect to the Report and Bylaw in the same manner as it does with respect to the consideration of any other bylaw."

Attached are copies of the following communications which have been received for consideration at this meeting (Attachment B):

- Letter dated May 9, 1996 from Mr. Donald C. Kerr, Chair, Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee, requesting permission to address Council;
- Letter dated May 8, 1996 from Ms. Bernie Cruikshank, Task Force Representative, requesting permission for representatives to address Council;
- Letter dated June 7, 1996 from Ms. Peggy Sarjeant, requesting permission to address Council;
- Letter dated June 12, 1996 from Mr. Walter Chuey, requesting permission to address Council;
- Letter dated June 10, 1996 from Ms. Ruth Robinson, President, Saskatoon Heritage Society, requesting permission for Ms. Diane Wilson-Meyer to address Council;
- Letter dated May 16, 1996 from Ms. Susan Lamb, Executive Director, Tourism Saskatoon;
- Letter dated May 1, 1996 from Mr. Edward M. Wesolowski, indicating that he is available to answer questions regarding his submission;
- Letter dated May 14, 1996 from Mr. Brian P. Anthony, Executive Director, Heritage Canada Foundation; and
- Letter dated May 15, 1996 from Mr. Robert White.

Also attached, for Council's information, are copies of the following documents:

- Excerpt from the minutes of meeting held on November 6, 1995, which includes background reports and communications considered by City Council on November 6 and July 31, 1995 (Attachment C);
- Letter dated August 20, 1995 from Barbara Grest Jones, as well as a letter dated August 14, 1995 from Wilf Witzaney, 315 Cochin Crescent (Attachment D);

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- Clause B4, Report No. 10-1995 of the City Commissioner which was considered by City Council at its meeting held on May 8, 1995 (Attachment E);
- Clause B2, Report No. 9-1995 of the City Commissioner, which was considered by City Council at its meeting held on April 24, 1995, together with attachments referred to therein (Attachment F); and
- Clause 3, Report No. 6-1995 of the Planning and Development Committee which was considered by City Council at its meeting held on March 27, 1995 (Attachment G)."

*Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor Langlois,*

*THAT the speakers be heard.*

*CARRIED.*

*Mr. Donald Kerr, Chair, Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee, advised Council that over the past few years there has been an increased awareness in heritage. He stressed the importance and significance of the Superintendent's Residence to the Forestry Farm Park and the city. He urged Council not to approve the bylaw to repeal the designation, and suggested that the information from the Task Force be received and examined before further decisions are made.*

*Ms. Bernie Cruikshank, Task Force Representative, provided a summary of the Restoration and Sustainable Development Plan submitted by the Task Force. She expressed the importance of preserving the Superintendent's Residence and indicated that the Task Force supports the recommendations made by the Review Board.*

*Ms. Peggy Sarjeant stressed the significance of the Superintendent's Residence as a heritage site and as an integral part of the identity of Saskatoon. She noted that renovation and restoration of the Residence would increase the tourism potential of the Forestry Farm. Ms. Sarjeant indicated that the Residence is a unique asset to the city and expressed the opinion that the heritage designation must be retained.*

*Mr. Walter Chuey expressed the view that serious consideration must be given to adopting the recommendations of the Saskatchewan Heritage Review Board and urged Council to look at the possible opportunities for the Superintendent's Residence.*

*Ms. Diane Wilson-Meyer, Saskatoon Heritage Society, expressed support for the recommendations of the Review Board and indicated that the original reasons for designation of the Superintendent's Residence remain the same. She urged Council to retain the heritage designation and give serious consideration to the Task Force's plans for restoration and sustainable development.*

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*Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,*

*THAT the submitted correspondence and presentation be received as information.*

*CARRIED.*

*Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,*

*THAT Council consider Bylaw No. 7508.*

*IN REFERRAL*

*Moved by Councillor Langlois, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,*

*THAT consideration of the matter be deferred to, at the latest, the last Council meeting in June, 1997.*

*THE REFERRAL MOTION WAS PUT AND CARRIED.*

*Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Waygood,*

*THAT a subcommittee consisting of three members, Councillors Waygood, Roe and Langford, be formed to look at the issues of ownership and to work with the community.*

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*IN AMENDMENT*

*Moved by Councillor Steernberg, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,*

*THAT membership on the above subcommittee be increased to five members, to include Councillors Atchison and Birkmaier.*

*THE AMENDMENT WAS PUT AND CARRIED.*

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

**The following additional communications have been received regarding Clause 4, Report No. 12-1996 of the Planning and Operations Committee. Copies of the communications are not attached, if they are only requests to speak and do not provide further information:**

- 7) **Rob Kudryk**  
**506 Coppermine Place, dated June 16**

*DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 4.*

- 8) **Bob Stanski**  
**811 Coppermine Crescent, dated June 14**

*DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 4.*

- 9) **Shelia Sather**  
**903 Coppermine Lane, dated June 14**

*DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 4.*

- 10) **T. Sather**  
**903 Coppermine Lane, dated June 14**

*DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 4.*

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- 11) **Harvey Kazakoff**  
**803 Coppermine Crescent, dated June 14**  
*DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 4.*
  
- 12) **Derm Zimmerman**  
**910 Coppermine Crescent, dated June 14**  
*DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 4.*
  
- 13) **David Nordmarken**  
**906 Coppermine Crescent, dated June 14**  
*DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 4.*
  
- 14) **Ed Zirkwitz**  
**514 Coppermine Place, dated June 14**  
*DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 4.*
  
- 15) **Ralph and Gail Nordgren**  
**731 Coppermine Crescent, dated June 14**  
*DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 4.*
  
- 16) **D.W. Clark**  
**859 Coppermine Crescent, dated June 14**  
*DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 4.*
  
- 17) **Shelley Newfeldt**  
**747 Coppermine Crescent, dated June 14**  
*DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 4.*

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- 18) **Larry Trishchuk**  
**618 Coppermine Bay, dated June 14**

*DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 4.*

- 19) **Coline Smetaniuk**  
**916 Coppermine Crescent, dated June 14**

*DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 4.*

- 20) **Les Klippenstein**  
**943 Coppermine Crescent, dated June 14**

*DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 4.*

*Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor Postlethwaite,*

*THAT the regular Order of Business be suspended and Clause 2, Report No. 10-1996 of the Administration and Finance Committee and Item AA.9 of "Communications" be brought forward for consideration.*

*CARRIED.*

**"REPORT NO. 10-1996 OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

2. **1996 Assistance to Community Groups: Cash Grants Program**  
**Cultural Division**  
**(File No. CK. 1871-2)** \_\_\_\_\_

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the Cultural Component of the 1996 Assistance to Community Groups: Cash Grants Program be allocated as outlined under the right-hand column entitled "A&F Recomm." of the attached summary report (Attachment 1);
  - 2) that the Administration include the issue of funding for festivals in its review of the Cultural Component of the Cash Grants Program;
  - 3) that the Doukhobor Society of Saskatchewan receive \$1,000, to be funded from the General Contingency Component of the Cash Grants Program; and

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- 4) that the Administration be requested to review the Policy with respect to the criteria for parent groups associated with commercial enterprises.

The Committee wishes to thank the Cultural Advisory Subcommittee for its assistance with the adjudication process.

Upon review of Application No. 25 - Saskatoon Parents of Suzuki Piano Inc., your Committee questioned the concept of providing funding to a parent group associated with a commercial enterprise, in that this could set an undesirable precedent, and therefore has submitted a recommendation to review this concept, with a view to exclusion.

Report of Chair, Cultural Advisory Subcommittee, June 3, 1996:

**"BACKGROUND**

The Cultural Advisory Subcommittee has completed its review of the 1996 Cultural Component of the Assistance to Community Groups Cash Grant Program. Overall, the Subcommittee was pleased with the calibre of the programs offered: cultural non-profit groups continue to make a significant contribution to the quality of life in our community. Our recommendations are shown in the attached summary chart. (See Attachment 1.)

**JUSTIFICATION**

Once again, requests for funding (\$241,315.08) far exceeded the amount available (\$96,900.00). The Cultural Advisory Subcommittee continues to believe, as we expressed in our report to you last year, 'that the point will soon be reached where the City will only be providing a token amount of funding to individual groups, instead of making a real difference to the quantity and quality of cultural programs available in Saskatoon.'

There has been a rise in both the number of festivals applying for grants this year (nine in 1996; six in 1995), as well as the size of the funding requested (\$62,650 in 1996; \$35,200 in 1995). Festivals involve the whole community and have a significant economic impact on the city; the Subcommittee supports funding of festivals through the Cash Grant program, but is concerned that it will prove increasingly difficult to accommodate this through the Cultural Component unless the overall level of funding for the Cultural Component is increased. We are, therefore, requesting that the review of the Cultural Component of the Cash Grant, which is being conducted this year by your Administration, include a specific review of grants for festivals.

The issue of how to set the level of funding for major 'flagship' agencies also caused us concern again this year; we look forward to receiving the Administration's review and recommendations on this matter.



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City Policy C03-018 (Assistance to Community Groups) states:

'Community groups that exist primarily for political or sectarian purposes or for the purpose of providing funding to other groups are not eligible for assistance under this policy.'

The Cultural Advisory Subcommittee continues to follow the practice of the past two years in making a recommendation for funding for sectarian groups through the Contingency Component of the Cash Grant. This year, there is only one sectarian applicant, the Doukhobor Society (Application No. 8). The Subcommittee recommends that a grant of \$1,000 be paid from the Contingency Component of the Cash Grant. We understand that the sectarian issue will form part of the Administration's review noted above.

In conclusion, the Subcommittee would like to thank the Administration and Finance Committee for its positive and receptive response to our 1995 grant recommendations and to the presentation made by the Chair of the Cultural Advisory Subcommittee at your December 11, 1995, meeting. We thank you for considering our recommendations and look forward to working with you in the future.

**OPTIONS**

There are no options.

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

There are no policy implications.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT**

Total grant recommendations of \$96,900 will be funded through the Cultural Component of the Assistance to Community Groups: Cash Grant Program.

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**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Assistance to Community Groups: Cash Grant - Cultural Client Profile 1996 - Summary Report"

**AA9) Virginia McGowan, President  
Saskatoon Parents of Suzuki Piano Inc., dated June 17**

Submitting information regarding application for a grant under the Cultural Component of the 1996 Assistance to Community Groups: Cash Grants Program. (File No. CK. 1871-2)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the information be received and considered with Clause 2, Report No. 10-1996 of the Administration and Finance Committee."

*The City Clerk circulated an additional letter dated June 17, 1996, from Nayda Veeman, Friends of the Broadway, regarding their application for a grant under the Cultural Component of the 1996 Assistance to Community Groups: Cash Grants Program.*

*Moved by Councillor Atchison, Seconded by Councillor Postlethwaite,*

*THAT Ms. McGowan be heard.*

*CARRIED.*

*Ms. Virginia McGowan, Saskatoon Parents of Suzuki Piano Inc., reviewed her submitted letter and expressed appreciation to Council for the recommendation for a grant to their organization.*

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*Moved by Councillor Atchison, Seconded by Councillor Roe,*

- 1) *that the Cultural Component of the 1996 Assistance to Community Groups: Cash Grants Program be allocated as outlined under the right-hand column entitled "A&F Recomm." of the attached summary report (Attachment 1);*
- 2) *that the Administration include the issue of funding for festivals in its review of the Cultural Component of the Cash Grants Program;*
- 3) *that the Doukhobor Society of Saskatchewan receive \$1,000, to be funded from the General Contingency Component of the Cash Grants Program; and*
- 4) *that the Administration be requested to review the Policy with respect to the criteria for parent groups associated with commercial enterprises.*

*CARRIED.*

**COMMUNICATIONS - CONTINUED**

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

- 1) **Sandy Huckerby, Promotions Director**  
**Skydive Saskatoon Inc., dated May 30**

Requesting permission to perform a demonstration parachute jump in Saskatoon for the North American Wildlife Enforcement Officers Association on July 19, 1996, at Diefenbaker Park. (File No. CK. 205-13)

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

*Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,*

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

*CARRIED.*

- 2) **Harvey Bay**  
**2457 Eastview, dated May 27**

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Requesting Council to reconsider the decision of the Development Appeals Board regarding a proposed addition to his property at 2547 Eastview, and to grant a building permit to proceed with the proposed addition. (File No. CK. 4351-1)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the writer be advised that City Council does not have the authority to reconsider a decision of the Development Appeals Board.

*Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,*

*THAT the writer be advised that City Council does not have the authority to reconsider a decision of the Development Appeals Board.*

*CARRIED.*

**3) Gary Larner  
226 Guelph Crescent, dated June 5**

Submitting concerns regarding mosquito control in the city. (File No. CK. 4200-6)

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

*Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,*

*THAT the information be received.*

*CARRIED.*

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**4) Sonia J. Morgan, Festival Manager  
SaskTel Saskatchewan Jazz Festival, dated June 9**

Requesting Council to extend the hours under the Noise Bylaw for the Blues Gardens concerts to be held in the Delta Bessborough Gardens in connection with the SaskTel Saskatchewan Jazz Festival on Saturday, June 22 and Saturday, June 29, 1996 to 11:00 p.m. (The Noise Bylaw allows concerts to be held on a Saturday until 10:00 p.m.)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the direction of Council issue.

*Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,*

*THAT permission be granted to the SaskTel Saskatchewan Jazz Festival to extend the time during which the Blues Gardens concerts may be held in the Delta Bessborough Gardens to 11:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 22 and Saturday, June 29, 1996.*

*CARRIED.*

**5) Kim Beaudin, Aboriginal Program Consultant  
Leisure Services Department, dated June 12**

Requesting permission to fly the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations and Metis Nations of Saskatchewan flags in the City Hall Civic Square on June 21, 1996 in connection with celebrations recognizing National Aboriginal Day. (File No. CK. 205-5)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that permission be granted to the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations and Metis Nations of Saskatchewan to fly their flags in the City Hall Civic Square on June 21, 1996 in connection with celebrations recognizing National Aboriginal Day.

*Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,*

*THAT permission be granted to the Federation of Saskatchewan Indian Nations and Metis Nations of Saskatchewan to fly their flags in the City Hall Civic Square on June 21, 1996 in connection with celebrations recognizing National Aboriginal Day.*

*CARRIED.*

**6) Marlene Hall, Secretary  
Development Appeals Board, dated June 3**

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Submitting Notice of Development Appeals Board Hearing regarding expansion to Flexi-Coil at 1000 - 71st Street East. (File No. CK. 4352-1)

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

**7) Marlene Hall, Secretary  
Development Appeals Board, dated June 3**

Submitting Notice of Development Appeals Board Hearing regarding new one-unit dwellings on two properties at 410 and 412 Craig Street. (File No. CK. 4352-1)

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

*Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor Postlethwaite,*

*THAT the information be received.*

*CARRIED.*

**8) His Worship Mayor Henry Dayday, dated June 13**

Submitting copy of letter forwarded to The Honourable Stéphane Dion, Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs. (File No. CK. 277-1)

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

*Moved by Councillor Atchison, Seconded by Councillor Birkmaier,*

*THAT the information be received.*

*IN AMENDMENT*

*Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,*

*AND THAT the letter be forwarded to SUMA and FCM as information.*

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

- 9) **Virginia McGowan, President**  
**Saskatoon Parents of Suzuki Piano Inc., dated June 17**

*DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 23.*

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

- 1) **Don and Christa Cameron**  
**214 Coppermine Crescent, dated June 5**

Submitting concerns regarding proposed closure of Coppermine Crescent at Churchill Drive.  
**Referred to the Planning and Operations Committee for a report.** (File No. CK. 6295-1)

- 2) **Jack and L.P. Hartshorn, 218 Coppermine Crescent and**  
**Kenny So, 402 Coppermine Terrace, dated June 9**

Expressing opposition to proposed closure of Coppermine Crescent at Churchill Drive. **Referred to the Planning and Operations Committee for a report.** (File No. CK. 6295-1)

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- 3) **John and Kelly Thomson**  
**202 Nixon Crescent, dated June 3**

Submitting a petition signed by approximately 28 residents of Nixon Crescent requesting a change in the design of the street from a crescent to a court. **Referred to the Administration for a report.** (File No. CK. 6000-1)

- 4) **Russ and Cheryl Ebenal**  
**3128 Massey Drive, dated June 4**

Submitting concerns regarding rezoning application/discretionary use application for 3121 and 3123 Massey Drive by the Madeline Dumont Learning Institute. **Referred to the Municipal Planning Commission.** (File No. CK. 4351-1)

- 5) **Edward Rowland**  
**3148 Massey Drive, dated June 5**

Submitting concerns regarding proposed preschool for 3121 and 3123 Massey Drive. **Referred to the Municipal Planning Commission.** (File No. CK. 4351-1)

- 6) **Wayne and Joan Moore**  
**83 Mackie Crescent, dated June 5**

Submitting concerns regarding proposed preschool at 3121 and 3123 Massey Drive. **Referred to the Municipal Planning Commission.** (File No. CK. 4351-1)

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

*Moved by Councillor Waygood, Seconded by Councillor McCann,*

*THAT the information be received.*

*CARRIED.*



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**C. PROCLAMATIONS**

**1) Councillor Bryon Wilfert, President  
FCM President, dated June 12**

Requesting Council to proclaim June 21, 1996 as National Aboriginal Day in Saskatoon and providing information regarding newly-elected Officers and National Board of Directors. (File No. CK. 205-5)

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the information be received;
  - 2) that City Council approve the proclamations as set out above;  
and
  - 3) that the City Clerk be authorized to sign the proclamation on behalf of City Council.

*Moved by Councillor Langford, Seconded by Councillor Waygood,*

- 1) that the information be received;*
- 2) that City Council approve the proclamation as set out above; and*
- 3) that the City Clerk be authorized to sign the proclamation on behalf of City Council.*

*CARRIED.*

**REPORTS**

Mr. J. Kozmyk, Chair, submitted Report No. 8-1996 of the Municipal Planning Commission;

Councillor Postlethwaite, Member, presented Report No. 9-1996 of the Municipal Planning Commission;

City Commissioner Irwin submitted Report No. 13-1996 of the City Commissioner and Addendum to Report No. 13-1996 of the City Commissioner;

Councillor Heidt, Chair, presented Report No. 12-1996 of the Planning and Operations Committee; and

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Councillor Atchison, Chair, presented Report No. 10-1996 of the Administration and Finance Committee.

*Moved by Councillor Steernberg, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,*

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

- a) Report No. 8-1996 of the Municipal Planning Commission;*
- b) Report No. 9-1996 of the Municipal Planning Commission;*
- c) Report No. 13-1996 of the City Commissioner and Addendum to Report No. 13-1996 of the City Commissioner;*
- d) Report No. 12-1996 of the Planning and Operations Committee; and*
- e) Report No. 10-1996 of the Administration and Finance Committee.*

*CARRIED.*

*His Worship Mayor Dayday appointed Councillor Birkmaier as Chair of the Committee of the Whole.*

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

*Committee arose.*

*Councillor Birkmaier, Chair of the Committee of the Whole, made the following report:*

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

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**"REPORT NO. 8-1996 OF THE MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION"**

Composition of Committee

Mr. Jim Kozmyk, Chair  
Mr. Glen Grismer, Vice-Chair  
Councillor Jill Postlethwaite  
Mr. Ken Rauch  
Ms. Ann March  
Ms. Leslie Belloc-Pinder  
Mr. Gregory Kitz  
Ms. Georgia Bell Woodard  
Ms. Lina Eidem  
Mr. Paul Kawcuniak  
Ms. Sheila Denysiuk  
Mr. Al Ledingham  
Dr. Brian Noonan

- 1. Discretionary Use Application  
Converted Dwelling  
South 1/2 Lot 33 and all Lot 34  
Block 21, Plan CE  
326 Avenue F South  
Applicant: Jack Grover  
(File No. CK. 4355-1)**

*DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 2.*

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**REPORT NO. 9-1996 OF THE MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION**

Composition of Committee

Mr. Jim Kozmyk, Chair  
Mr. Glen Grismer, Vice-Chair  
Councillor Jill Postlethwaite  
Mr. Ken Rauch  
Ms. Ann March  
Ms. Leslie Belloc-Pinder  
Mr. Gregory Kitz  
Ms. Georgia Bell Woodard  
Ms. Lina Eidem  
Mr. Paul Kawcuniak  
Ms. Sheila Denysiuk  
Mr. Al Ledingham  
Dr. Brian Noonan

- 1. Proposed Amendment to Zoning Bylaw Text  
- Community Centres, Private Clubs  
Banquet Halls, Caterers and Catering Halls  
Applicant: City of Saskatoon  
Planning and Building Department  
(File No. CK. 4350-1)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that City Council approve the advertising respecting the proposal to amend the text of Zoning Bylaw No. 6772 in the following manner:
    - a) amend the definition of "Community Centre" to include reference to ownership by a non-profit organization;
    - b) add new definitions in the Zoning Bylaw for Banquet Halls, Catering Kitchens and Catering Halls;
    - c) include Community Centres, Private Clubs, Banquet Halls, Catering Kitchens and Catering Halls as permitted or Discretionary Uses in the Zoning Bylaw in accordance with Attachment No. 1; and
    - d) include off-street parking standards for Community Centres, Private Clubs, Banquet Halls, Catering Kitchens and Catering Halls in the Zoning Bylaw in accordance with Attachment No. 2;

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- 2) that the City Planner be requested to prepare the required notice for advertising the proposed amendment;
- 3) that the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the required Bylaw; and
- 4) that the Municipal Planning Commission's report be brought forward for consideration at the time of the public hearing and that City Council consider the Commission's recommendation that the proposed Zoning Bylaw amendment, as outlined in Recommendation 1) above, be approved.

Attached is a copy of a revised report of the Planning and Building Department dated May 28, 1996, regarding the above-noted matter.

On April 23, 1996, your Commission considered a report of the Planning and Building Department dated March 29, 1996 dealing with the above. At that time, the Commission identified additional areas for the Administration to pursue and report further on. These issues have now been addressed and are incorporated in the report of the Planning and Building Department referred to above.

Your Commission supports the following proposed amendments to the text of Zoning Bylaw No. 6772:

- a) amend the definition of "Community Centre" to include reference to ownership by a non-profit organization;
- b) add new definitions in the Zoning Bylaw for Banquet Halls, Catering Kitchens and Catering Halls;
- c) include Community Centres, Private Clubs, Banquet Halls, Catering Kitchens and Catering Halls as permitted or Discretionary Uses in the Zoning Bylaw in accordance with Attachment No. 1; and

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- d) include off-street parking standards for Community Centres, Private Clubs, Banquet Halls, Catering Kitchens and Catering Halls in the Zoning Bylaw in accordance with Attachment No. 2.

*IT WAS RESOLVED: that the matter be referred to the Administration for a report.*

**REPORT NO. 13-1996 OF THE CITY COMMISSIONER**

**Section A - Administration and Finance**

**A1) Routine Reports Submitted to City Council**

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

<u>SUBJECT</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
Schedule of Accounts Paid \$798,045.16	May 23, 1996	May 27, 1996
Schedule of Accounts Paid \$340,031.28	May 24, 1996	May 29, 1996
Schedule of Accounts Paid \$1,036,943.91	May 29, 1996	June 3, 1996
Schedule of Accounts Paid \$733,450.14	May 31, 1996	June 5, 1996
Schedule of Accounts Paid \$430,827.47 (File No. 1530-2)	June 4, 1996	June 6, 1996

**A2) Investments  
(File No. 1790-3)**

**RECOMMENDATION:** that City Council approve the attached purchases and sales.  
  
*ADOPTED.*

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

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Schedule of Securities Transactions (May 17-31, 1996)

**A3) 1996 Business Assessment Roll  
(File No. 1625-1)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the information concerning the 1996 revised Business Assessment Roll be received; and,
  - 2) that the information be forwarded to the Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency in order that the Business Assessment Roll be confirmed and a certificate be issued under Section 273 of *The Urban Municipality Act, 1984*.

*ADOPTED.*

Report of the General Manager, Finance Department, June 4, 1996:

"Attached is a statement showing the revised business assessment totals of the City for the year 1996, as authorized by the recently concluded Board of Revision.

Gross Assessment	66,832,076
Net Assessment for Taxation	64,909,467

Attached is a Comparative Statement of the last five years' assessment totals of the City denoting taxable and percentage increases in assessments. This statement shows the net taxable assessment to be 64,909,467, being a 2.38% increase over the comparable 1995 amount of 63,398,960.

The 1996 revised net taxable assessment shows a decrease of 279,476 from the Preliminary Roll as of January 1. For your information, the Board of Revision removed 52 businesses from the roll that relocated or changed proprietorship as of January 1. The net taxable assessment loss of 157,221 will be assessed under supplementary action during 1996.

As per Section 273 of *The Urban Municipality Act, 1984*, the 1996 Business Assessment Roll information will be forwarded to the Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency for confirmation and issuance of the required certificate."

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**ATTACHMENTS**

1. 1996 Business Assessment Roll
2. Comparative Statement (1992-1996)

**A4) Sutherland Memorial Hall Corporation Annual Report  
(File No. CC 600-2)**

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

Report of the City Clerk, May 30, 1996:

"In accordance with the terms of the City's lease agreement with Sutherland Memorial Hall Company, City Council is to receive an annual report, including a summary of the immediately preceding year's operating and rental policies, and a comparative statement.

By letter dated May 17, 1996, the Secretary of the Sutherland Memorial Hall Company has submitted the attached Financial Statements for the year ended December 31, 1995, together with the minutes of the April 30, 1996 Annual Meeting."

*IT WAS RESOLVED: that the information be received and that the Sutherland Memorial Hall Corporation be thanked for their services.*

**A5) 1996 Property Assessment Roll  
(File No. 1620-1)**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- 1) that the information concerning the 1996 Revised Property Assessment Roll be received; and,
- 2) that the information be forwarded to the Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency in order that the Property Assessment Roll be confirmed and a certificate be issued under Section 273 of *The Urban Municipality Act, 1984.*

*ADOPTED.*

Report of the General Manager, Finance Department, June 4, 1996:

"Attached is a statement showing the revised property assessment totals of the City for the year 1996 as authorized by the recently concluded Board of Revision.

Gross Assessment 1,551,182,920



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Net Assessment for Taxation 1,172,597,810

Also attached is a comparative statement of the last six years' assessment totals of the City denoting taxable and percentage increases in assessments. This statement shows the net taxable assessment to be 1,172,597,810, being a 1.145 percent increase over the comparable 1995 amount of 1,159,323,820.

Attached also, is the 1995 breakdown of school support for limited companies, corporations without share capital, and private ownership other than corporations.

On appeals presented to the Board of Revision, other than assessors' appeals, there was a reduction as follows:

Land	155,270
Building	<u>136,230</u>
Total	291,500

The loss in taxable assessment as a result of assessors' appeals is as follows:

1) Taxable to Exempt	
a) Holy Trinity Ukrainian (abatement by Council)	82,530
b) Saskatoon Christian Centre (Sask. Municipal Board ruling)	45,510
c) CIC Industrial Holdings	100,350
d) Taxable to City (tax title property)	21,580
	249,970
2) Building assessments reduced due to demolition, removal and fire damage	29,060
3) Reductions due to change in land use, etc.	7,050
4) Miscellaneous mechanical corrections	11,870
	<u>297,950."</u>

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**ATTACHMENTS**

1. 1996 Property Assessment Roll
2. Comparative Statement (1995-1996)
3. Comparative Statement (1991-1996)

**A6) Schedule of City Council Meetings  
(File No. 255-1)**

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the Council meeting scheduled for December 30, 1996 be cancelled and that the next regular meeting be held on January 6, 1997 and every two weeks thereafter.

*ADOPTED.*

Report of the City Clerk, June 10, 1996:

"Upon reviewing the schedule of City Council meetings for the remainder of 1996, I have noted that there is a regularly-scheduled meeting of City Council on December 30, 1996. In the past, it has been the practice of Council not to hold a Council meeting between Christmas Day and New Year's Day.

The following options are put forward for Council's consideration:

Option One

Cancel the December 30, 1996 Council meeting, and resume the regular schedule of Council meetings, with the next Council meeting then being held on January 13, 1997. This option leaves a four-week spread between Council meetings (from December 16, 1996 to January 13, 1997), and also necessitates the cancelling of the January 27, 1997 meeting due to the annual SUMA convention. Option One is outlined on a calendar in Attachment 1 to this report.

Option Two

Cancel the December 30, 1996 Council meeting, and re-schedule it to January 6, 1997. Resume the regular schedule, with a meeting on January 13 and every two weeks thereafter. While this eliminates a long spread between meetings, it does not address the matter of a conflict with the SUMA convention. Option Two is outlined in Attachment 2.

Option Three

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Cancel the December 30, 1996 Council meeting, and hold a meeting the following Monday, January 6, 1997, and every two weeks thereafter. Under this schedule, a Council meeting does not interfere with the annual SUMA convention. Option 3 is outlined in Attachment 3. This option is recommended by the Administration, since it causes the least disruption to Council, the Administration and the public."

**ADDENDUM TO REPORT NO. 13-1996 of the CITY COMMISSIONER**

**A7) 1996 Capital Budget Project No. 1811  
Saskatchewan Place Concrete Floor Repairs  
Adjacent Exterior Concrete  
Expenditure Approval  
(File No. CC 1711-9)**

**RECOMMENDATION:** that Capital Budget Project No. 1811 be amended to approve an additional expenditure in the sum of \$82,500 to permit the completion of adjacent exterior concrete work at SaskPlace.

*ADOPTED.*

In the 1996 civic Capital Budget, City Council approved the expenditure of \$300,000 for Project No. 1811 for concrete floor repairs at Saskatchewan Place. Tenders for the project closed on May 29, 1996. In the tender call, three prices were requested from each bidder. The low bidder submitted the following prices:

- 1) Concrete Removal and Replacement of Floor Slab -- \$141,655.00 (taxes extra)
- 2) Rebar Addition to Floor Slab -- \$15,097.00 (taxes extra)
- 3) Adjacent Exterior Concrete -- \$ 82,500.00 (taxes extra)

The third component "Adjacent Exterior Concrete" was not included in the original Capital Budget submitted and approved by City Council and therefore would be an addition to the original project.

The adjacent exterior concrete was damaged as a result of frost heaves outside the ground level loading bays at the lower ramp levels. All lower level exit doors are unable to be opened and are being damaged during the winter months. This is a fire and safety hazard as well as a severe stress on door frames and outside facing of the building. Drainage problems are a further result of the frost heaves.

When the Executive Committee of the SaskPlace Board of Directors considered the tendered prices and identified that sufficient funding was available to do the adjacent exterior work, they passed, on

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June 11, 1996, the following resolution:

"That City Council be requested to fund adjacent exterior concrete and drainage repairs at a total cost of \$82,500."

It is the opinion of our Asset Management Department and SaskPlace administration that if the adjacent exterior concrete problem is not resolved at this time, it will require addressing in the immediate future to avoid further disruption of operations at SaskPlace. Because the contractor is on site and has the ability to do the work at the same time as dealing with the floor slab, it would be prudent to deal with the exterior concrete problems at this time. As previously stated, Council did approve a Capital Budget of \$300,000 for this project. The total cost of the three items, including the adjacent exterior concrete work would be \$239,252.00, plus applicable GST.

**REPORT NO. 13-1996 OF THE CITY COMMISSIONER - CONTINUED**

**Section B - Planning and Operations**

**B1) School Signing Revisions  
Father Robinson School  
(File No. 6280-3)**

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the signing changes at Father Robinson School, as shown on attached Plan No. P6-1B, be approved.

*ADOPTED.*

Report of the General Manager, Transportation Department, May 29, 1996:

"The Transportation Department has received a request from the Catholic School Board to review the signing at Father Robinson School. The review has been completed and it is proposed that the signing be revised so that it meets the current needs of the school. The investigation procedure for this school included a site meeting between representatives of the Transportation Department, Transit Services, Education Detail of the Saskatoon Police Service, Catholic School Board, and the School's Principal. Based on the results of this investigation, a new school signing plan has been prepared using the School Signing Guidelines and considering the particular needs of this school.

The recommended signing changes are described below:

- Install a 'NO STOPPING' zone (RB-55) of 20 metres north of Rogers Road along the north side of Cowley Road.
- Relocate the painted crosswalk and the associated signing from the west side to the east side of the intersection of Cowley Road and Forsyth Way.

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- Install a 'PARKING, 5 MINUTES, 0800-1700, MONDAY TO FRIDAY' zone (RB-53B) along the north side of Cowley Road between Rogers Road and Forsyth Way.

The recommended signing changes will help improve pedestrian safety near Forsyth Way and provide an additional area of short-term parking nearer to the school, and on the school side of the street, for parents transporting their children to and from school.

All of the above changes have been reviewed and approved by Transit Services, Saskatoon Police Service, Catholic School Board, and the School's Principal."

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Plan No. P6-1B

**B2) Enquiry - Councillor Birkmaier (January 2, 1996)  
Feasibility of Four-way Stop  
Weyakwin Drive and Taylor Street  
(File No. 6280-1)**

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the following report be received as information.

*ADOPTED.*

The following enquiry was made by Councillor Birkmaier at the meeting of City Council held on January 2, 1996:

“ In light of the fact that there have been a number of incidents at Weyakwin Drive and Taylor Street, would the Administration please review and report the feasibility of erecting a Four-way Stop at Weyakwin Drive and Taylor Street.”

Report of the General Manager, Transportation Department, May 28, 1996:

“The Transportation Department has completed a review of the intersection of Weyakwin Drive and Taylor Street with respect to the request for the feasibility of installing a four-way stop. The review included the examination of roadway geometrics, winter snow-removal operations, traffic-collision data, existing traffic-control devices, and traffic volumes at the above-noted intersection. The findings are outlined in the following information.

Weyakwin Drive is classified as a major collector roadway while Taylor Street is classified as a major arterial roadway. This intersection is currently controlled by two-way stop signs facing the Weyakwin Drive and Heritage Crescent approaches.

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The collision statistics for this intersection indicate that there has been an average of one right-angle collision each year since 1991. This is considered very low for an intersection in this classification. For comparison purposes, an average of five or more right-angle collisions per year is used as an indication that a four-way stop control is required at an intersection. A table showing an entire collision history for the past five years is shown below:

<u>Accident Type</u>	<u>1991</u>	<u>1992</u>	<u>1993</u>	<u>1994</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>Total</u>
Fixed Object	0	2	0	0	0	2
Rear End	2	3	0	2	0	7
Right Angle	0	2	2	1	0	5
Head On	0	0	0	0	1	1
Left Turn	1	0	0	0	0	1
Parked	0	0	0	0	0	0
Backing	0	0	0	0	0	0
Parking	0	0	0	0	0	0
Side Swipe	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pedestrian	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals	3	7	2	3	1	16

Average Daily Traffic (A.D.T.) and pedestrian counts were conducted at this intersection on February 6, 1996. The traffic volume entering the intersection was used to assess if additional traffic-control measures such as four-way stops were required. The traffic volumes entering the intersection are shown in the table below:

<u>Approach</u>	<u>A.D.T.*</u>
Eastbound	4,820
Westbound	880
Northbound	2,010
Southbound	<u>310</u>
Total	8,020

\* Average Daily Traffic flow entering the intersection.

For a four-way stop to be considered, the traffic volumes must be roughly equal from all approaches. If this condition is not satisfied, unnecessary delays may result on the approach with the higher volume. The traffic flows into this intersection are highly unbalanced with the majority of the traffic (more than 85%) being on Taylor Street.

A review of the winter operations showed that snow at this intersection is routinely piled in the centre median of Taylor Street. Depending on the size of the stock pile, the snow obstructs clear sight lines rendering the intersection unsafe during winter months. This safety hazard can easily be eliminated by not piling snow in the median within 200 metres of the intersection. A similar snow piling restriction is being recommended at the intersection of Taylor Street and Acadia Drive. The Public Works Department has been advised of this problem and is aware of the proposed

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recommendation. This is the only change being recommended in order to reduce safety related incidents at this intersection.

Based on the collision statistics and traffic volumes on minor roadways, it was concluded that this intersection is adequately controlled by the existing traffic control measures. Four-way stop signs or traffic signals are not required at the present time; however, winter operational changes will be implemented in the 1996/1997 Winter season. The operational changes will be monitored for effectiveness prior to recommending any other changes."

**B3) Enquiry - Councillor Birkmaier (May 6, 1996)  
Vandalism  
(File No. 5000-1)**

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

*ADOPTED.*

*The City Commissioner noted that an additional report on the matter has been forwarded to Council from the Saskatoon Police Service.*

The following enquiry was made by Councillor Birkmaier at the meeting of City Council held on May 6, 1996:

"Would the Administration and police please report what actions are being taken to control the vandalism in the city? In particular, Lakeview pavilion has again been vandalized and a number of residents in the area have had their property vandalized and homes broken into."

Report of the General Manager, Asset Management Department, May 31, 1996:

"Asset Management's staff is continually looking for ways to control vandalism of civic facilities, buildings, structures, and parks. Your staff work closely with Saskatoon Police Service, community associations, schools, Meewasin Valley Authority, and private citizens. Asset Management has security systems installed in all major facility buildings, arenas, outdoor pools, ball facilities, and most of the public washroom pavilions. The Lakeview pavilion has always been a problem area for vandalism as it is situated in the middle of the park and is not connected to a road. As a result, there is no vehicular traffic past it and the police cannot patrol it by car. We have recommended to the Leisure Services Department and the Community Association that a security system be installed in the building. They are discussing our recommendation with the private home owners surrounding the park and will let us know if there are any problems identified. A representative from Asset Management attended a Community Association meeting on May 22, 1996, at which time the Saskatoon Police Service discussed Parent Park Control. The Community

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Association is now setting up a Parent Park Patrol Program similar to the program in Fairhaven (H.S. Sears Park) that has been very successful."

*Pursuant to motion by Councillor Postlethwaite and carried by a majority of members of Council, the hour of the meeting was extended beyond 10:30 p.m.*

**B4) School Signing Revisions  
River Heights School  
(File No. 6280-3)**

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the signing changes at River Heights School, as shown on attached Plan No. J3-1D, be approved.

*ADOPTED.*

Report of the General Manager, Transportation Department, June 3, 1996:

"The Transportation Department has received a request from the Saskatoon Board of Education to review the signing at River Heights School. The review has been completed and it is proposed that the signing be revised so that it meets the current needs of the school. The investigation procedure for this school included a site meeting between representatives of the Transportation Department, Saskatoon Board of Education, and the School's Principal. Based on the results of this investigation, a new school signing plan has been prepared using the school signing guidelines and considering the needs of this particular school.

The recommended signing changes are described below:

- Replace the existing 'SCHOOL BUS LOADING ZONE' (RB-58L) with a '5 MINUTE PARKING, 0800-1700, MONDAY-FRIDAY' zone (RB-53B).
- Install a new 'SCHOOL BUS LOADING ZONE' (RB-58L) on the east side of Ravine Drive north of the intersection of Ravine Drive and Churchill Court.

These changes are necessary to accommodate the anticipated increase in bused students due to the consolidation of the Brownell French Immersion Program.

All of the above changes have been reviewed and approved by the Saskatoon Board of Education, Saskatoon Police Service, and the School's Principal."

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Plan No. J3-1D



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**B5) Application for Registration of Condominium Plan  
515 5th Avenue North - R.5 District  
Lots Pt. 50, 51, Pt. 52, Block 183, Plan (Q13) F 4928  
Applicant: Thomas R. Webb, S.L.S.  
(File No. 4132-1)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that City Council authorize the issuance of the Certificate required under Section 10(1)(b) of *The Condominium Property Act, 1993* to Thomas R. Webb, S.L.S. (222 Jessop Avenue, Saskatoon, S7N 1Y4) for the condominium development at 515 5th Avenue North; and,
  - 2) that the City Clerk be authorized to prepare and forward the Certificate to the applicant.

*ADOPTED.*

Report of the General Manager, Planning and Building Department, May 31, 1996:

"An application for registration of a condominium plan involving a development on Lots Pt. 50, 51, Pt. 52, Block 183, Plan (Q13) F 4928 has been received from Thomas R. Webb, S.L.S., on behalf of North Prairie Homes and Construction Ltd. The proposal is for four units in one building. Five parking spaces have been included on the site, four of which are enclosed.

The proposal has been examined under the provisions of the Zoning Bylaw and as such, complies with the requirements of this Bylaw in all respects. The site is situated within an R.5 District.

The development has also been examined by the Building Standards Branch, and provided the construction is completed in accordance with the requirements of the approved building permit, the development will meet the requirements under the Building Bylaw. A copy of the construction plans, together with the requisite survey plans have been forwarded to the City Clerk's Department for review, if necessary, by members of City Council.

In view of the above-noted consideration of the Zoning Bylaw and the Building Bylaw, the Planning and Building Department advises that:

- a) separate occupancy of the units will not contravene the requirements of the Zoning Bylaw;
- b) the approval required under the Zoning Bylaw has been given in relation to the separate occupancy of the units;
- c) the buildings and the division of the buildings into units of separate occupancy, as shown on the plans which have been submitted and as constructed, will not interfere with the existing

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- d) or likely future amenities of the neighbourhood; and,  
the requirement to designate at least one parking space as an exclusive use area for each unit has been met as one space is included as a part of each unit."

**B6) Land-Use Applications Received by the Planning and Building Department  
For the Period Between May 27, 1996 - June 7, 1996  
(For Information Only)  
(File No. 4300-2)**

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**RECOMMENDATION:** that the following report be received as information.

*ADOPTED.*

Report of the General Manager, Planning and Building Department, June 7, 1996:

"The following applications have been received, are being processed, and will be submitted to City Council for its consideration:

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Subdivision

Application #29/96: McFarland Place  
Applicant: Webster Surveys Ltd. for Westland Properties Ltd.  
Legal Description: Parcel F, Section 31-36-4-W3M, Plan 96-S-  
Current Zoning: R.1A  
Neighbourhood: Arbor Creek  
Date Received: May 23, 1996

Application #30/96: Carter Way  
Applicant: Webster Surveys Ltd. for Confederation Developments Ltd.  
Legal Description: Part Parcel Z, NE 1/4 Sec. 35-36-5-W3M, Plan 74-S-10164  
Current Zoning: R.2  
Neighbourhood: Confederation Park  
Date Received: May 28, 1996

Application #31/96: Budz Green/Bay/Lane  
Applicant: Webster Surveys Ltd. for Preston Developments  
Legal Description: Parcel C, Plan 96-S-  
Current Zoning: R.1A  
Neighbourhood: Arbor Creek  
Date Received: May 31, 1996."

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Plan of Proposed Subdivision No. 29/96
2. Plan of Proposed Subdivision No. 30/96
3. Plan of Proposed Subdivision No. 31/96

**B7) Subdivision Application #1/96  
Arbor Creek Replotting Scheme  
Parts of Plans 86-S-17944, 86-S-17945, 94-S-20326  
All of Plans 86-S-50861, 87-S-04971  
(File No. 4230-1)**

**RECOMMENDATION:** that Subdivision Application #1/96 be approved subject to the payment of \$1,400.00 which is the required approval fee.

*ADOPTED.*

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"The above-noted subdivision application is being submitted for approval (the March 25, 1996 report concerning this application is attached) and is the subject of a replotting scheme. City Council adopted the replotting scheme on June 3, 1996, as required under Section 171 of *The Planning and Development Act*. In this regard, it is also necessary to submit a subdivision application for this replotting scheme to City Council for adoption, as required under Section 172 of *The Planning and Development Act*, in order to complete the replotting scheme process prior to registration in the Land Titles Office. Attached to the subdivision report are the following, as required under Section 172 of *The Planning and Development Act*:

1. Consents to the replotting scheme from the Minister of Highways and Transportation, Saskatchewan Power Corporation, Saskatchewan Telecommunications, Saskatchewan Energy Corporation, Shaw Telecable, TransGas Limited, City of Saskatoon - Public Works and Transportation Departments, and Canada Post pursuant to Section 168 of *The Planning and Development Act*;
2. Copy of consents from owners within the replotting scheme, pursuant to Section 169 of *The Planning and Development Act*; and,
3. Certified copy of the minutes of the City Council meeting held on January 15, 1996 adopting the replotting scheme."

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Plan of Proposed Subdivision
2. January 29, 1996 Subdivision Report
3. Consents to replotting scheme from Utilities
4. Consents to replotting scheme from Owners
5. Certified copy of City Council meeting of June 3, 1996

**B8) Subdivision Application #14/96  
Hinitt Place (Arbor Creek)  
(File No. 4300-2)**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- 1) that City Council resolve, in connection with the approval of Subdivision Application #14/96, that it would be impractical and undesirable to require full compliance with Section 15(1)(a) of Subdivision Bylaw No. 6537 for the following reasons:
  - a) the site areas, mean depth and average frontages of the proposed lots exceed the requirements of both the Subdivision and Zoning Bylaws; and,
  - b) the variance between the required minimum frontage and the proposed frontages

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of Lots 14, 15, 17, 18, 20, 21, 24, 25 and 26 is relatively minor; and,

- 2) that City Council approve the proposed subdivision subject to:
  - a) the payment of \$1,150.00 being the required approval fee; and,
  - b) the owner entering into a Development and Servicing Agreement with the City of Saskatoon.

*ADOPTED.*

Report of the General Manager, Planning and Building Department, June 7, 1996:

"The following subdivision application has been submitted for approval:

Subdivision Application: #14/96  
Applicant: Webster Surveys Ltd.  
Legal Description: Parcel AA, Plan 96-S- , NE 1/4 Sec. 31-36-4-W3M  
Location: Hinit Place."

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. April 1, 1996 Subdivision Report

**B9) Subdivision Application #21/96  
Glasgow Street (Avalon Extension)  
(File No. 4300-2)**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- 1) that City Council resolve, in connection with the approval of Subdivision Application #21/96, that it would be impractical and undesirable to require full compliance with Section 15(4) of Subdivision Bylaw No. 6537 for the following reasons:

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- a) proposed Lot No. 12 is located adjacent to the future expansion of Circle Drive. The extra depth of this lot will be beneficial in this case to provide for more separation between Circle Drive and any future dwellings; and,
  - b) proposed Lot No. 12 will not adversely affect surrounding properties;
- 2) that Subdivision Application #21/96 be approved, subject to the payment of \$600.00 being the required approval fee; and,
  - 3) that the City of Saskatoon grant the requested easements as shown on the Plan of Proposed Subdivision including those shown outside the bold dashed line and that His Worship the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute any agreement with respect to easements shown on the Plan of Proposed Subdivision.

*ADOPTED.*

Report of the General Manager, Planning and Building Department, June 7, 1996:

"The following subdivision application has been submitted for approval:

Subdivision Application: #21/96  
Applicant: George, Nicholson, Franko, & Associates Ltd.  
Legal Description: Parcel E, Plan 96-S- , SE 1/4 16-36-5-W3M  
Location: Glasgow Street (Avalon Extension)."

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. May 17, 1996 Subdivision Report

**B10) Subdivision Application #22/96  
Caldwell Crescent and Place  
(File No. 4300-2)**

**RECOMMENDATION:** that Subdivision Application #22/96 be approved, subject to:

- a) the payment of \$800.00 being the required approval fee;
- b) the owner entering into a Development and Servicing Agreement with the City of Saskatoon; and,

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- c) the owner agreeing in writing to the granting of a 1.5 metre easement over the north-easterly boundary of Lot 150, Block 882 in favour of the City of Saskatoon for an existing watermain.

*ADOPTED.*

Report of the General Manager, Planning and Building Department, June 7, 1996:

"The following subdivision application has been submitted for approval:

Subdivision Application: #22/96  
Applicant: Webb Surveys Ltd.  
Legal Description: Part of Lot D, Block 882, Plan 77-S-40955  
Lot B, Block 883, Plan 77-S-40955  
Location: Caldwell Crescent and Place."

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. May 21, 1996 Subdivision Report

**B11) Subdivision Application #23/96  
Caldwell Crescent and Parr Place  
(File No. 4300-2)**

**RECOMMENDATION:** that Subdivision Application #23/96 be approved, subject to:

- a) the payment of \$850.00 being the required approval fee; and,
- b) the owner entering into a Development and Servicing Agreement with the City of Saskatoon.

*ADOPTED.*

Report of the General Manager, Planning and Building Department, June 7, 1996:

"The following subdivision application has been submitted for approval:

Subdivision Application: #23/96  
Applicant: Webb Surveys Ltd.

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Legal Description: Part Lots D & E, Block 882, Plan 77-S-40955  
Lot A, Block 883, Plan 77-S-40955  
Lot G, Block 877, Plan 77-S-40955  
Location: Caldwell Crescent and Parr Place."

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. May 21, 1996 Subdivision Report

**B12) Subdivision Application #24/96  
McCormack Road (Parkridge Neighbourhood)  
(File No. 4300-2)**

**RECOMMENDATION:** 1) that Subdivision Application #24/96 be approved, subject to the payment of \$1,450.00 being the required approval fee; and,  
2) that the City of Saskatoon grant the requested easements as shown on the Plan of Proposed Subdivision including those shown outside the bold dashed line and that His Worship the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute any agreement with respect to easements shown on the Plan of Proposed Subdivision.

*ADOPTED.*

Report of the General Manager, Planning and Building Department, June 7, 1996:

"The following subdivision application has been submitted for approval:

Subdivision Application: #24/96  
Applicant: George, Nicholson, Franko & Associates Ltd.  
Legal Description: Parcel TT, Plan 77-S-40956  
Location: McCormack Road (Parkridge Neighbourhood)."

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. May 21, 1996 Subdivision Report

**B13) Subdivision Application #25/96  
Faithfull Crescent  
(File No. 4300-2)**



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**RECOMMENDATION:** that Subdivision Application #25/96 be approved, subject to the payment of \$50.00 being the required approval fee.

*ADOPTED.*

Report of the General Manager, Planning and Building Department, June 7, 1996:

"The following subdivision application has been submitted for approval:

Subdivision Application: #25/96  
Applicant: Clackson Real Estate  
Legal Description: Lot A, Block 863, Plan 84-S-41976  
Location: Faithfull Crescent."

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. May 23, 1996 Subdivision Report

**B14) Subdivision Application #26/96  
Faithfull Avenue and 52nd Street  
(File No. 4300-2)**

**RECOMMENDATION:** that Subdivision Application #26/96 be approved, subject to:

- a) the payment of \$50.00 being the required approval fee; and,
- b) the payment of \$32,283.00 being the area development charges.

*ADOPTED.*

Report of the General Manager, Planning and Building Department, June 7, 1996:

"The following subdivision application has been submitted for approval:

Subdivision Application: #26/96  
Applicant: Clackson Real Estate  
Legal Description: Lot A, Block 863, Plan 84-S-41976  
Location: Faithfull Avenue and 52nd Street."

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**ATTACHMENTS**

1. May 27, 1996 Subdivision Report

**B15) Subdivision Application #28/96  
Kerr Road and Hurley Crescent  
(File No. 4300-2)**

**RECOMMENDATION:** that Subdivision Application #28/96 be approved, subject to:

- a) the payment of \$200.00 being the required approval fee; and,
- b) the owner entering into a Development and Servicing Agreement with the City of Saskatoon.

*ADOPTED.*

Report of the General Manager, Planning and Building Department, June 7, 1996:

"The following subdivision application has been submitted for approval:

Subdivision Application: #28/96  
Applicant: Webster Surveys Ltd.  
Legal Description: Parcel MM, Plan 86-S-17947  
Location: Kerr Road and Hurley Crescent."

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. May 27, 1996 Subdivision Report

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**B16) Request for Encroachment Agreement  
502 Avenue L North  
Lots 43 and 44, Block 28, Plan HJ  
(File No. 4090-2)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that City Council recognize the encroachment at 502 Avenue L North (Lots 43 and 44, Block 28, Plan HJ);
  - 2) that the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare the appropriate encroachment agreement making provision to collect the applicable fees; and,
  - 3) that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute the agreement, on behalf of the City of Saskatoon, under the Corporate Seal.

*ADOPTED.*

Report of the General Manager, Planning and Building Department, June 7, 1996:

"Orrin Ritter of Cuelenaere, Kendall, Katzman, & Richards, on behalf of the owners of the property, has requested to enter into an encroachment agreement with the City for the above-noted property. As shown on the attached Real Property Report, the eaves of the detached garage encroach onto the City's property (i.e. a lane). The encroachment has likely existed since 1962 when the garage was constructed.

The total area of encroachment is approximately 2.61 square metres (28.1 square feet). The eaves encroach by a maximum of 0.30 metres (0.98 feet) onto the lane.

If approved by City Council, an encroachment agreement will be required. The owner of the property will be subject to the minimum annual fee of \$50.00."

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Real Property Report for 502 Avenue L North
2. Letter: Cuelenaere, Kendall, Katzman & Richards, to the Planning and Building Department

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**B17) Proposed Fare Increases, Transit Services  
(File No. 1905-4)**

**RECOMMENDATION:** that City Council consider Bylaw No. 7560.

Report of the City Solicitor, June 10, 1996:

"City Council, at its meeting held on June 3, 1996, approved certain transit fare increases to be effective July 1, 1996, and instructed that the City Solicitor prepare the appropriate bylaw.

We have prepared and enclose Bylaw No. 7560 which reflects the required amendments to the Transit Fares Bylaw."

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Proposed Bylaw No. 7560.

*The City Commissioner noted that the City Solicitor has submitted a revised bylaw under Clause B21, Addendum to Report No. 13-1996 of the City Commissioner.*

**ADDENDUM TO REPORT NO. 13-1995 OF THE CITY COMMISSIONER**

**B21) Transit Fare Increases, Transit Services  
(File No. 1905-4)**

**RECOMMENDATION:** that City Council consider Bylaw No. 7560.

Report of the City Solicitor, June 17, 1996:

"Enclosed please find a revised Bylaw No. 7560 which replaces Bylaw No. 7560 found in the Council package. There is one change to the Bylaw. The day pass rate is changed so that it applies to adult, student, child and senior citizen riders instead of only applying to student riders.

The report from Transit Services was unclear on the question of day passes. It appears from the report that day passes are only available to students, but we have confirmed that day passes are available to all riders."

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**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Proposed Bylaw No. 7560.

*IT WAS RESOLVED: that City Council consider Bylaw No. 7560.*

**REPORT NO. 13-1996 OF THE CITY COMMISSIONER - CONTINUED**

**B18) 1996 Capital Budget  
Project 787 - Victoria Bridge Rehabilitation  
(File No. 6050-4)**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- 1) that funding, in the amount of \$44,181 from the retaining wall component of Project 787, be returned to source and that \$43,713 be reassigned to the steel structure and deck rehabilitation component of Project 787; and,
- 2) that Infrastructure Replacement Reserve - Surface and Storm Sewers funding, in the amount of \$45,000 from 1996 Capital Budget Project 836, be returned to source and reassigned to the steel structure and deck rehabilitation component of Project 787.

*ADOPTED.*

Report of the General Manager, Public Works Department, June 11, 1996:

"1996 Capital Budget Project 787 - Victoria Bridge Rehabilitation, is staged over several years with a total budget of \$3,782,000. The approved budget for work proposed in 1996 is \$230,000.

Contract 6-0011, in the amount of \$180,713, was awarded to Saskcon Repair Services Ltd. on April 16, 1996. This project is underway with the exception of one component (repair and resurfacing of the roadway deck) which the Public Works Department decided to defer at the time of the award.

Another component of the work is the repair of the pedestrian walkway. Based on visual inspections, and coring of the walkway from the surface, it was estimated that 25% of the walkway decking would require replacement. After the asphalt surface was removed and the decking exposed, most of the deck boards were found to be severely deteriorated at the supports and would require replacement. Also, one of the three steel beams running longitudinally, which support the walkway, was severely rusted with virtually no flange remaining and with corroded holes in the web section of the beam. The beam is not continuous but is supported at 8 metre intervals by

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transverse beams. Inspection reveals that 18 of these 8 metre sections will require replacement.

An updated cost summary for the 1996 component of the Victoria Bridge Rehabilitation project, including the pedestrian walkway repair, is as follows:

Approved 1996 Capital Budget Funding	\$230,000
Expenditure to date	<u>65,000</u>
Balance	\$165,000
Contract 6-0011	\$180,713
Engineering & Administration	8,000
Extra walkway decking	50,000
Remove and replace support beam	<u>15,000</u>
Estimated project cost	\$253,713
Estimated budget shortfall	\$88,713

To cover the estimated project overexpenditure, the Public Works Department proposes the following:

1. One component of work in Capital Project 787 from previous years was the rehabilitation of the retaining walls at the south end of the bridge. At the completion of work on the west wall, \$44,181 remained in the project fund, which was intended to be supplemented in order to perform the work on the east wall. This work was deferred, but the \$44,181 remains in the overall Project budget. This money can be returned to source and \$43,713 be re-assigned to offset the additional cost to repair the structural components of the walkway on the bridge.
2. The resurfacing of the bridge deck was to be done under the Arterial Resurfacing Program Capital Project 836 at an estimated cost of \$65,975. Since this component of the work has been deferred, \$45,000 from Capital Project 836 can be returned to source and re-assigned to Capital Project 787 to offset the additional cost to repair the structural components of the walkway. As Council is aware, according to bylaw, the Infrastructure Replacement Reserve - Surface and Storm Sewers is intended for repair of roadways and storm sewers. Although a bridge deck may be construed as not being a roadway, it is an integral part of the roadway system."

**B19) Application for Water Connection  
Saskatchewan Water Corporation  
Phil & Erna Reddekopp Sections 7 & 8 of SE-2-39-05-W3M  
(File No. 7781-1)**

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**RECOMMENDATION:** 1) that the application for connection to the Saskatchewan Water Corporation North Pipeline by Phil and Erna

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Reddekopp be denied;

- 2) that the Saskatchewan Water Corporation be so advised.

*ADOPTED.*

Report of the General Manager, Environmental Services Department, June 12, 1996:

"On June 9, 1996, application for connection to Sask Water Corporations's north treated pipeline was received from Phil and Erna Reddekopp. The application is for commercial use on a 70 acre parcel (Sections 7 and 8, SE-2-39-05-W3M). The applicant estimates the anticipated use of 60,000 gallons per month, during the summer months only.

The property does not abut the waterline and, therefore, does not meet the criteria for connections as defined in Policy C09-018."

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Application
2. Maps

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**B20) Development and Servicing (Extension) Agreement  
Westland Properties Ltd. - Erindale Neighbourhood  
Subdivision No. 28/96  
(File No. 4111-3)**

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- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the proposed Development and Servicing (Extension) Agreement as between The City of Saskatoon and Westland Properties Ltd. be approved; and,
  - 2) that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute such Agreement on behalf of The City of Saskatoon and affix the corporate seal thereto.

*ADOPTED.*

Report of the City Solicitor, June 13, 1996:

"In keeping with the instruction of the Planning and Operations Committee at its meeting held on May 28, 1996, and the further specific direction of the General Manager, Public Works Department, we have prepared and forward herewith for consideration proposed form of Development and Servicing (Extension) Agreement as between The City of Saskatoon and Westland Properties Ltd.

The proposed Agreement pertains to the Kerr Road/Hurley Crescent area of the Erindale neighbourhood, and has been drawn in the form of an extension to an earlier concluded master Agreement pertaining to this area. The Letter of Credit required by the Agreement has been reduced somewhat to reflect the fact that the direct servicing of these lands is virtually complete, otherwise, the Agreement sets forth all standard development conditions and requirements."

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Proposed Development and Servicing (Extension) Agreement.

**ADDENDUM TO REPORT NO. 13-1996 of the CITY COMMISSIONER**

**B21) Transit Fare Increases, Transit Services  
(File No. 1905-4)**

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*DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 60.*

**REPORT NO. 12-1996 OF THE PLANNING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**



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Composition of Committee

Councillor M. Heidt, Chair  
Councillor A. Langford  
Councillor P. McCann  
Councillor J. Postlethwaite  
Councillor K. Waygood

**1. Ends Directive Policy  
Environmental Services  
(File No. CK. 115-17)**

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the following Ends Directive Policy for Environmental Services be adopted.

*ADOPTED.*

Your Committee has reviewed and concurs with the report of the General Manager, Environmental Services Department, which follows, regarding an Ends Directive Policy. Additionally, your Committee has suggested that the Administration continue to come forward with waste minimization programs over the next year, with costs to be considered prior to the next budget.

Report of the General Manager, Environmental Services Department, dated May 23, 1996:

**"INTRODUCTION**

A step towards achieving effective governance involves development of "Ends Directives" statements. "Ends Directives" have been defined as broad based policies used to state the reason for a program's existence. The statements identify what human needs are to be satisfied, for whom, at what cost, and who pays. As part of the development of a policy document for the governance of the City, the desired outcomes of programs within the Environmental Services Department and water and sewer programs within the Public Works Department have been evaluated and defined in "Ends Directives" statements for consideration by Council.

**BACKGROUND**

Six basic municipal services fall within the mandate of Environmental Services. The desired outcomes of each service differ and as such the means by which the desired outcomes are achieved differ significantly. A growing environmental awareness by the public and subsequent reactions by regulatory agencies have impacted on both the desired outcomes and the means by which the services are provided. The services can be summarized as follows:

### **Water Treatment**

The production of a safe and aesthetically pleasing drinking water in combination with meeting consumption demands have traditionally been the desired outcomes of water treatment programs. In the early 50s, the treatment process was upgraded to include water softening and fluoridation. In later years, the process was expanded to include the removal of natural organic matter. Filtration, clarification and pumping capacity have been increased over the years to meet consumption demands. As little as ten years ago, long-term planning was based almost entirely on population growth. More recently, planning has been governed by tightening standards and technology developments that facilitate the measurement of lower concentrations of contaminants. Upgrades are currently driven by the need to produce safer water. Waterborne parasitic infections in a number of cities, coupled with studies linking cancers and other diseases to drinking water, have increased the need to intensify the focus on protection of public health.

### **Water Metering**

The collection of revenues to fund both the water and sewage utility requires an accurate metering system. Currently, this program entails the installation, maintenance, and testing of 50,000 residential and 5,000 commercial meters. Historically, the meter maintenance program entailed complete overhauls and testing on eight year cycles. Due to changes within the industry and a growing demand for more accurate and up-to-date customer information, a meter conversion program was undertaken in 1993. All meters will be replaced with meters capable of automatic remote reading. This system, with appropriate maintenance, will provide an enhanced customer service, provide information useful in the design of a more equitable rate structure, and improve metering accuracy.

### **Pumping of Sewage**

Due to the nature of the sewerage system, it is necessary to operate and maintain 22 pumping stations throughout the city. The number of stations, and their importance, continue to increase due to the growth of the city. Malfunctions of the pumping stations can result in system back-ups and/or spills into the South Saskatchewan. Back-ups generally result in property damage and threats to public health and safety. Spills of raw sewage result in water quality impairment, health risks for downstream users, and clearly violates regulatory guidelines. In the mid 80s, provincial regulatory agencies directed the City to implement spill response procedures and to discontinue the practice of discharging back-ups into the river. Spill procedures require river monitoring and reporting during any spill incident. With increased downstream development, such as the water intakes for Wakaw, malfunctions of the pumping stations are of greater concern.

### **Sewage Treatment**

The release of a sewage effluent that meets provincial regulatory standards entails the treatment of the city's entire sewage flow. In 1971, the City built a primary treatment plant, ending a period of 65 years of raw sewage discharge into the South Saskatchewan. Simple primary treatment continued until 1983 when a chlorination process was introduced to improve bacterial removal. In 1985, the process was upgraded to an advanced primary process utilizing alum for improved organic removals. The upgrade was coupled with an

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expansion of the sludge handling facilities. In March of 1996, the City will commission a biological nutrient removal secondary treatment process.

Provincial standards for sewage discharges are designed to protect the river and river valley environment, considering the mixing characteristics of the receiving stream and its natural assimilative capacity. The protection of environmental health and safety will continue to be the desired outcome of the program and provincial standards will become more restrictive in future years.

**Sewage Biosolids Disposal**

Dewatering and disposal of sewage sludges are often the most difficult and costly components in the sewage treatment process. In the early 70s, sewage biosolids were processed on a site adjacent to the sewage treatment plant. With the increase in biosolids and the encroachment of residential development, it became necessary to move the process to a more remote site. In 1990, when the treatment process was upgraded biosolids production increased tremendously.

The sewage treatment process currently produces approximately 65,000 m<sup>3</sup> of biosolids requiring pumping, thickening, drying, stock piling, and disposal. While the dewatering process is unique in itself, the massive earthmoving operation required for the ripping, hauling, and stock piling of frozen sludge is clearly unlike any other process in the city. The disposal of the sludge involves developing partnerships with landowners, soil investigation to determine application rates, hauling and spreading, soil, ground water and surface water monitoring, and response to nuisance complaints and concerns. While disposal in the least cost manner is the desirable outcome of this program, it is imperative that the process does not impact negatively on the environment and/or public health and safety. Landowners utilizing the sludge and those surrounding the sludge handling facility are key stakeholders in the desired outcomes.

**Solid Waste Management**

Traditionally solid waste management was the collection of garbage and disposal at a landfill. In the early 80s, the public and regulatory agencies throughout North America began to expect more from solid waste management programs. Efficient collection services remain an important focus, however, waste minimization programs must be designed, implemented and promoted. The operation of landfill sites are expected to be environmentally sound. Ground water and gas monitoring programs have become a standard requirement of a properly operated and maintained landfill site. Leachate collection/treatment systems, gas collection/utilization systems and alternate disposal methods such as incineration have become routine considerations in waste management planning. Clearly there has been changes in the "means", the "desired outcomes" however, remain those of public health and safety.

**DISCUSSION**

Upon consideration of the six basic services provided by Environmental Services and the

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forces currently influencing the delivery of those services, it is clear that the “desired outcomes” have been defined generally by the public and formalized by environmental regulatory agencies in the form of guidelines and/or permits to operate. Based on this direction and that of the Corporate Strategic Plan, a broad policy statement can be made to identify the contribution that Environmental Services currently makes towards meeting the corporate vision and the community’s needs with respect to environmental well being. The six basic services of the Department and water and sewer programs within the Public Works Department can be formulated into more specific policy statements. These “Ends Directives” policies address the provision of services with respect to who benefits and at what cost. The matter of who pays is addressed with current pricing policies.

Environmental Services Policy

The protection of human health and environmental quality is essential to the well being of the community. To this end, the City of Saskatoon achieves desired outcomes in the areas of water treatment and distribution\*, sanitary sewage collection\* and treatment, and solid waste management.

\* Water distribution and sanitary sewage collection services are provided by the Public Works Department.

Water Supply Management Policy - To provide a dependable and adequate supply of safe, high quality, potable water to all developed properties within the city. Under normal operating conditions, the supply meets the following criteria:

- All conditions specified in the provincial Permit to Operate.
- Water hardness does not exceed 140 mg/L as CaCO<sub>3</sub>.
- Fluoride concentrations meet SERM guidelines.
- Hourly demands are met with a minimum pressure of 38 psi at the main, 93 percent of the time, and daily plus fire flow demands are met at a minimum pressure of 20 psi.
- Fire hydrants meet the minimum requirements of the Fire Underwriter's Survey 99 percent of the time.
- Consumption is metered in accordance with AWWA standards.

In the event of interruption in normal water supply, the following criteria are met:

- Following notification of a main break, normal service is restored within 24 hours in 95 percent of the occurrences and an alternate source is provided within 8 hours in 98 percent of the occurrences.
- During treatment plant failures, storage volumes can sustain a rationed supply for 48 hours.
- During a major city wide power outage, standby equipment can sustain average annual consumption demands.

Water is supplied to the Saskatchewan Water Corporation within the terms of the Master Supply Water Agreement.

Cost:        Environmental Services (treatment, pumping, meters) ..... \$11,141,500

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Public Works (distribution)..... \$6,595,300

**Water Utility Pricing Policy**

- Rates are set to recover all utility costs (operating and capital) less infrastructure replacement costs and fire charges.
- Water and sanitary sewer infrastructure rehabilitation costs will be recovered by a volumetric levy in addition to the rates.
- The levy shall result in revenues equal to annual rehabilitation costs as established by the Manager of Public Works.
- A fee for maintaining fire services is collected from the Fire Department (general tax base). The fee is approximately 45 percent of the calculated value according to CWWA.
- The rates are set such that the larger the volume purchased the lower the unit cost.
- The Saskatchewan Water Corporation is charged 15 percent more than the average cost of production.

Wastewater Management Policy - Effective collection of sanitary sewage protects property and human health within the city. Treatment of sanitary sewage benefits all downstream users. Environmentally sound land disposal of treatment residuals benefits agricultural uses and community landowners. To these ends, the City of Saskatoon collects, treats and disposes of sanitary sewage and its residual solids. Under normal operating conditions the following criteria are met:

- All conditions specified in the provincial Permit to Operate.
- The capacity of the sewerage system meets peak flows.
- An alternate service is provided within 8 hours of sewer main and service connection failures.
- The disposal of treatment residual solids is in accordance with owner agreements, regulatory guidelines established by the RM of Corman Park and the interim guidelines established by Saskatchewan Environment and Resource Management.

In the event of a sanitary sewage spill the following criteria are met:

- An emergency chlorination system, with the capacity to treat a single spill, is placed in operation within 3 to 4 hours of notification.
- Monitoring of the discharge and river impact is carried out in accordance with the City's Spill Response Guidelines as approved by SERM.

Cost:      Environmental Services (pumping, treatment, biosolids) ..... \$12,571,900  
             Public Works (collection)..... \$5,838,400

**Sewer Utility Pricing Policy**

- Rates are set to recover all utility costs (operating and capital), less the infrastructure replacement costs.
- The residential rate is a percentage of the monthly water bill.
- Commercial charges are based entirely on water consumption according to a declining block structure.
- A surcharge for high strength waste is applied to industries and is currently being increased

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over a 10 year period in order to realize full recovery of the estimated costs to treat high strength wastes.

- Annual rate increases necessary for non reserve funded capital expansions are transitioned over the planning period prior to the expenditure.

Solid Waste Management - An integrated approach to Solid Waste management protects human health and safety, and ensures property sightliness within a community. To these ends, the City of Saskatoon integrates collection, disposal and waste minimization initiatives in the management of residential and commercial solid wastes. Under normal operating conditions the following criteria are met:

- Provincial and municipal regulatory legislation are met.
- Residential collection is weekly in the summer and bi-weekly in the winter.
- The Spadina Landfill is open to the public 362 days of the year.
- Waste minimization projects are carried out when savings or revenues are greater than anticipated.

Cost:                   \$4,089,500

Solid Waste Pricing Policy

- Residential collection is funded by general revenues.
- Commercial collection charges recover approximately 75 percent of the average commercial collection and disposal cost.
- Entrance and tipping fees recover the direct user's share of landfill disposal costs.
- Special wastes (asbestos, tires, etc.) are charged a higher rate as a disincentive.

**CONCLUSION**

The foregoing policies generally reflect the outcomes of programs as they currently exist, that is, with the current funding and resources. There are, however, two areas that may not reflect the values of the community as owners.

- The question of who pays for water and sewer utility costs is reflected in the pricing philosophies basic to the design of the current rates. The philosophies reflect the traditional approach taken by the City and include recommendations from the Infrastructure Rehabilitation Funding Study by Deloitte and Touche (1992). These pricing policies are flawed, however. The current rate structure is overly consumption sensitive and due to the magnitude of fixed costs, will not recover total annual costs in low consumption years. Considering base and peak demands placed on the system by each customer, the structure does not allocate costs equitably among customer classes. In addition, the infrastructure levy is flow related while infrastructure rehabilitation costs are fixed. Although the fire charge is calculated according to an industry formula, it is less than a charge based on the true cost to serve the Fire Department. Questions have been raised over the fairness of a residential sewer charge based on water consumption. The possibility of a fixed charge to recover the debt costs of the secondary upgrade has also been suggested.

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Water and sewer pricing policies are, however, subject to a multitude of perspectives, those of the utility, customers, society, and politicians. The current policies have been the basis for the rate structures for many years and may be the most acceptable to the public. A policy decision with respect to stability and equity is, however, required.

- The Solid Waste Management Policy focuses on collection and disposal. Standards, established by communities throughout North America, require more. The main thrust of the Audit Report on Solid Waste Management speaks to the issues of leadership and the need for a comprehensive and integrated waste management plan.

A major part of a comprehensive solid waste management strategy is waste minimization. The Audit Report includes 22 pages of text and 23 recommendations establishing the importance and need for effective waste minimization programs.

“**Recommendation:** 3.1 That management develop and submit a report to City Council that will enable them to formally adopt a long term waste minimization goal for Saskatoon.”

It could be concluded that a number of representative community values are expressed in the Plan Saskatoon Public Participation Report. "Improved waste management/recycling opportunities" was the most common response, by both individual and groups surveyed, to Question 8.4, "In what ways can we become a more sustainable community?". The report also indicates that the public felt that an important issue not included in the survey was "Recycling/Composting/Waste Management".

Historically, funding and resources for Solid Waste Management have not supported a policy that includes these broader outcomes. Proposed funding for landfill gas monitoring and increased leachate monitoring, waste minimization initiatives, and public consultation have been removed from the 1996 Operating Budget. The remaining funding will not support "outcomes" much greater than collection and land filling."

**2. Communications to Council**

**From: G.N. Clackson**

**Clackson Real Estate Ltd.**

**Date: July 20, 1995**

**Subject: Development and Servicing Agreement between City of  
Saskatoon and Asphalt Services Ltd.,  
Subdivision Application #8-93, requesting  
consideration of a wording change**

**(File No. CK. 4111-6)**

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**RECOMMENDATION:** that the proposed amendment to the Servicing Agreement between the City of Saskatoon and Asphalt Services Ltd., to defer the payment of fees, levies, and services until the parcels are sold or leased, be denied.

*ADOPTED.*

Your Committee has considered and concurs with the following report of the General Manager, Public Works Department, dated May 28, 1996, regarding the above:

**"BACKGROUND**

The Civic Administration submitted a proposed development and servicing agreement to City Council on February 27, 1995, for the development of Subdivision Application #8-93. The developer had agreed to the proposed agreement as submitted. City Council approved the proposed agreement which was then sent to the Developer for signature.

Mr. Gerry Clackson, of Clackson Real Estate, is the representative for Asphalt Services Ltd. for their property along Idylwyld Drive north of 60th Street. Mr. Clackson, in a letter to City Council on July 20, 1995, requested the City to amend the proposed servicing agreement between the City of Saskatoon and Asphalt Services Ltd. The proposed amendment would allow the payment of all fees, levies, and other charges to be deferred until the lots are sold or leased.

During its August 8, 1995, meeting, the Planning and Operations Committee received Mr. Clackson's July 20, 1995, letter and resolved:

'that the matter be referred to the Administration for a report on the current policy, the matter of a precedent being set and any financial implications.'

**REPORT**

The developer and the City have been working on this particular agreement for over six years. The agreement varies substantially from other development and servicing agreements in that the developer is being allowed to pay the offsite levies, services, and fees over a ten-year period. The Administration is recommending this term because the proposed development utilizes few City services. The area will be essentially a lightly serviced industrial park, until services are constructed sometime in the future. The Administration recommended the agreement as a pilot project for this development, as the developer stated this type of development is in demand within the City limits. The benefit to the developer is that the property can now be sold in smaller parcels to meet the market demand. The City would also allow zoning for this type of development.

Mr. Clackson has asked that the agreement be amended to allow the developer to defer the



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payment of all fees until the parcels are sold or leased. This allows the developer, Asphalt Services Ltd., to pass the payment of fees onto other parties.

The Administration has reviewed the proposal and is recommending that City Council not accept the proposed amendment from Asphalt Services Ltd. It is our belief, based on the history of development within Saskatoon, that it is the responsibility of the developer to finance the services. By allowing that responsibility to transfer, the City is assuming a risk in not receiving the funds from third or fourth parties.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

The change proposed by the developer is transferring his risk to other parties, and putting the City at risk of not receiving the levies, fees, and other charges.

## **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Letter from Clackson Real Estate Ltd.  
to His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council"
  
3. **1996 Prepaid Rates**  
**(File No. CK. 4216-1)**

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the proposed 1996 Prepaid Service Rates be approved.

*ADOPTED.*

Quoted below is a report of the General Manager, Public Works Department, dated June 3, 1996, regarding the proposed prepaid rates for 1996. Your Committee has discussed the proposed rates with representatives of the Public Works Department, Northridge Developments and Boychuck Investments Ltd. The developers have expressed concerns with respect to the annual increases. They have suggested that the new home market in Saskatoon cannot continue to absorb these increases year after year.

In this regard, your Committee is of the opinion that the proposed 1996 rates should be approved at this time. In the meantime, your Committee has requested the Developers Liaison Committee to submit a report, in conjunction with the Administration, on what steps might be appropriate to contain or reduce the costs of prepaid services for land developed by the City of Saskatoon.

Report of the General Manager, Public Works Department, dated June 3, 1996:

## **"BACKGROUND**

The City of Saskatoon's financial source of revenue for the construction of infrastructure in new areas within the city are the prepaid service rates. The prepaid rates have been established on the premise that new development pay for the entire cost of the services

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provided. City Council has proclaimed that General Revenues not be used to fund the services covered by these rates. The prepaid rates are divided into two major categories: Direct Services which directly benefit the frontage of the new property; and, Offsite Services which benefit the neighbourhood or catchment area as a whole. The existing prepaid service rates were approved by City Council in September of 1995. The Public Works Department has reviewed the actual 1995 costs of land developed by the City of Saskatoon, as well as the initial tenders received in 1996 to forecast costs and establish the proposed 1996 rates.

The proposed rates were discussed with the local development community at the Developers Liaison Committee on May 6, 1996. The concern stated by the private developers is that the proposed increase in the rates will not allow for new development to produce affordable housing in Saskatoon. They have stated that the proposed increases would not be acceptable in increasing the cost of a new house in today's economy(\$1,200 to \$1,900 per lot).

If City Council continues the policy of new development funding the entire cost of servicing, the proposed rates are required to meet projected and actual expenditures as a result of development. The present rates do not reflect the cost of interest or carrying costs.

**JUSTIFICATION**

**Direct Service Charges**

The City of Saskatoon has been developing land in 1995 and 1996 which has resulted in a number of tenders being awarded for construction of services in new neighbourhoods. The actual costs from these contracts, as well as others awarded in previous years, have been the focus of arriving at the prepaid rates. The Saskatoon market has benefited in the last few years from an increasing demand for serviced lots. This demand appears to be even stronger in 1996 and along with inflationary pressures within the construction industry, has caused costs to rise. Engineering Standards have not been changed for 1996 for the prepaid services. The following rates are recommended to change in order to continue construction in new neighbourhoods.

1) Water/Sewer Mains

The tenders for construction of Avalon and the Fairbrother area in 1996 were compared to the actual unit prices for the 1995 construction of Laycoe Crescent. The difference in prices in Avalon was, on average, 16.5% higher. A large portion of this increase is due to soil conditions within the area, but in general prices are higher than in 1995. The 1996 construction for Fairbrother Crescent in Silverspring was also analyzed which formed the basis for the calculation of the prepaid rate. This area is more representative of the depths and conditions normally encountered within an average subdivision. The 1995 prepaid rate was based upon the Laycoe

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contract, which was constructed to a shallow, less costly depth. In addition, the cost of connecting to the Trunk System was also added and averaged throughout the entire neighbourhood. The rates are recommended to increase by 10% for Residential Servicing and 4% for Commercial and Industrial servicing.

2) Grading

The direction of servicing for City land for the next five to ten years will result in additional grading due to the topography of the land. As fewer projects require minimal grading, increased pressure results to raise the grading rate. The cost of servicing the Avalon and the first phase of the Briarwood Neighbourhood is in excess of \$100 per front meter. Partially offsetting the additional grading this year are more favourable tender prices. The recommendation for 1996 is to increase the grading rate by 10.9%.

3) Sidewalks

The increase in concrete prices is a reflection of the tenders that have been received to date. The Saskatoon market is in a period where fewer contractors exist to bid on sidewalk contracts. The recommended increase to cover existing awarded tenders is 4.2%. Presently we do not have any additional information for curbing and boulevards in Industrial areas and recommend the rate increase 0.2%.

4) Paving and Lane Construction

A larger than anticipated increase in the cost of subbase (10.0%) and base (9%) this year has caused increases in the overall paving rate. Increased costs for fuel and hauling are probably the main reasons for the increase.

Residential	-	7.5%
Commercial	-	7.5%
Industrial	-	9.1%
Lane Construction	-	4.0%

5) Underground Electrical

The underground electrical rate was subsidized by the electrical utilities at \$1,000 per lot. The Saskatchewan Power Corporation changed its policy and reduced its capital contribution from \$1,000 to \$500. The City's Electric System Branch has decided not to follow Sask Power's action within their franchise area. We have therefore, developed two rates depending in which franchise area development is occurring. This is a common practise in other municipalities with multiple utilities. Both rates have been shown within the "Other" category. A small overall increase in the cost of service is also reflected within this rate of 1.9%. The new residential rates are as follows:

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Electrical Servicing (City franchise) -	\$26.50
Electrical Servicing (SPC franchise) -	55.80

6) Street Lighting

Street Lighting is also subsidized by the electrical utilities. The residential rate was increased last year with further study pending on the Commercial/Institutional rate as well as the Industrial rate. In analyzing the servicing applications over the last year, the Commercial and Industrial rate should be increased to a level similar to the residential rate. The recommended increase for each service level is as follows:

Residential -	0.0%
Commercial -	15.4%
Industrial -	14.2%

**Offsite Services**

The offsite levies comprise of services that are common to the entire neighbourhood or geographical catchment area. These services usually benefit a number of neighbourhoods and are derived from studies that research very large piping and roadway systems.

1) Trunk Sewer Levy

The recommended increase for 1996 is 3.6% based upon the information available from existing contracts.

2) Primary Water Main Levy

The City of Saskatoon will be constructing a primary water main along Taylor Street and Briarvale Road in 1996. Tenders were received from a number of contractors (8) and the contract was awarded. New primary water main construction has not occurred within Saskatoon for at least five years and the availability of prices has been poor. The materials needed to construct primary water mains are not readily available and require manufacturing and shipping large diameter pipes from either Edmonton or Montreal. From the analysis of the existing contract, and extrapolation to various sizes of material required for primary water mains, the recommended increase to complete servicing is 21.2%.

3) Arterial Road Levy

In 1994, construction in the Southeast sector occurred along Boychuk Drive from Kingsmere Boulevard to Highway 16. Further construction will be tendered this year along Boychuk Drive north of Taylor Street. A small increase is recommended due to variations in the amount of frontage collected within the entire geographical

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area. Tenders have not yet been awarded for arterial roadways in 1996 and no increase has been included for possible increased construction costs. The department has begun staging the construction of arterial roadways. The initial construction includes two lanes only until the ultimate four lanes are required. The cost of the staged construction will be developed in 1996 and included within the 1997 rates. The rate has been recommended to increase by 0.5%.

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4) Buffers

A small increase is required for the increased cost of tree planting, fine grading and seeding. The recommended increase is 0.7%.

5) Signing and Signals

No rate change is required for this item.

6) Fencing

The increase in chain link fencing is recommended to increase by 3.3%.

7) Planning

The planning fee defrays only part of the planning costs related to land development for such services as future growth studies, concept plans, sketch plans, review of plans, replots etc., used by the City and private land developers in developing land. In 1993, a review of this levy was made and the Auditor General's recommendations were that "the levy be expressed as a percentage of the other Departments' levies to ensure it increases proportionately". Therefore, it is proposed that the Residential/Commercial Prepaid Service Rate for Planning be increased to \$8.80 per front metre, an increase of 30.14% over the 1985 rate of \$6.75. Similarly, it is proposed that the Industrial Prepaid Service Rate be increased to \$10.60 from the 1985 rate of \$8.55.

**Other Levies**

1) Water and Sewer Connection

This charge is calculated from the expected average increase in total connection costs for all proposed development in 1996. The awarded contract cost for Avalon is actually higher than the expected amount. Tenders for other connections have not been awarded to date, but are expected to be lower than Avalon. The rate is recommended to increase by 4%.

2) Lift Station Levy

No change in the rate is recommended for the Residential/Commercial rate at this time. The industrial rate is recommended to increase the same amount as the Water and Sewer service increase of 4%.

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3) Inspection

The inspection rate increase is reflective of the labour agreement signed in 1996. The rate is recommended to increase by 1.0%.

4) Long-Term Warranty

No rate change is required for this item.

5) Lanes

This rate was introduced in 1986 to be charged to laned subdivisions only and has not been adjusted since that time. Laned Residential City subdivisions have not been developed since 1986. In 1996 the Westview neighbourhood will be constructed with a combination of existing lanes and the construction of new lanes. The rate is recommended to increase by 4% to cover the cost of this construction.

6) Telephone

The rate is charged to City residential developed land only and is not recommended to increase in 1996.

7a) Electrical Servicing (SPC Franchise)

The Saskatchewan Power Corporation has changed its policy with regards to the contribution for residential capital construction. The new structure serves to combine the funding structure between rural and urban servicing. This has resulted in SPC's capital contribution being reduced from \$1,000 to \$500. The City's Electric System Branch, however, has chosen to retain the existing contribution level of \$1,000. As a result, the levy was split into two rates which is a common occurrence in cities with multiple utility franchises. If the utility rates were combined, which is not being recommended, the combined rate would be very similar to the proposed rate because of the limited amount of servicing left within the City franchise area. The recommended rate for the SPC franchise area is \$55.80 per front meter, which is 114.6% higher than the existing rate.

7b) Electrical Servicing (City Franchise)

Due to increased costs experienced in 1995, the existing rate for electrical servicing is recommended to increase by 1.9%.

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8)     Servicing Agreement Fee

The City of Saskatoon Public Works Department continually incurs costs for the development and administration of Private Servicing Agreements. In the interest of at least partially recouping costs a levy of \$1,500.00 per agreement (original and extension agreements) is proposed. Previously no permanent source of funding was identified for this purpose and costs have been mainly supported by the Engineering Contingency Rate and money from closed City areas. No specific charge has been identified to carry the administrative costs for private development. The Administration is seeking direction with regards to this new levy and is recommending a rate of \$1,500.00 per agreement.

**OPTIONS**

- 1) The offsite service increases mentioned in this report have been discussed with Developers at the Developers Liaison Committee. One option is to phase in this increase, which the Administration does not recommend. A number of Developers have expressed concern with regard to the increases and have submitted a report. The Department was asked during the last review, which was approved September 11, 1995, to submit this report earlier in the year to allow private developers a period of adjustment to incorporate the costs within their lot pricing schemes. We have endeavoured to accomplish this at the expense of not knowing all the possible cost increases for tenders yet to be awarded. The amount of the increase is considerably lower than the increases that occurred in 1995 (i.e. ~6.2% vs 10.3%). We do not support phasing in the increase in light of the size of the increase, as well as the longer adjustment period being allowed the Developers. Also, developers are currently allowed one year to fully pay the cost of any new servicing agreement entered into.
- 2) A second option would be to not increase the prepaid rates. This would result in the Prepaid Reserves losing money and would increase the pressure on the mil rate. This would not be in the City's best interest. The prepaid service rates are expected to reflect the current cost of construction wherever possible.

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

There are no policy implications other than the prepaid rates are to reflect wherever possible the current cost of constructing services.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT**

The financial impact of increasing the prepaid rates, will allow the various construction costs to be in relative equilibrium with the value established in determining the selling price of newly constructed lots.

**ATTACHMENTS**



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- 1) Proposed Prepaid Servicing Rates
- 2) May 14, 1996, letter from Preston Developments Inc.  
May 16, 1996, letter from Boychuk Investments Ltd.  
May 23, 1996, letter from North Ridge Development Corporation"

**4. Communications to Council**

**From: Remi Valois, on behalf of Residents of Coppermine Crescent**

**Date: October 10, 1995**

**Subject: Expressing concerns regarding the heavy traffic flow through Coppermine Crescent and submitting a petition signed by approximately 116 residents in support of the closure of Coppermine Crescent at the Churchill Drive entrance.**

**(File No. CK. 6295-1)**

*DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 4.*

**REPORT NO. 10-1996 OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**

Composition of Committee

Councillor D. Atchison, Chair

Councillor D.L. Birkmaier

Councillor H. Langlois

Councillor P. Roe

Councillor R. Steernberg

**1. Request for Approval of Two Plane Fly Past**

**Rededication Ceremonies for WWII Memorial Fountain in Kiwanis Park**

**(File No. CK. 205-1)**

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

*ADOPTED.*

Attached is a copy of a letter dated June 10, 1996 from Brian Swidrovich, Business Development Manager, Saskatchewan Place, on behalf of the Meewasin Valley Foundation and the Veteran's Organizations, requesting permission for a two-plane fly past to assist in the rededication ceremonies of the WWII Memorial Fountain in Kiwanis Park at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, June 15, 1996. Normally permission would be granted by City Council, however, this letter was not received in time to obtain Council approval prior to the Fly Past. Therefore, your Committee considered the

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matter and approved the Fly Past subject to Administrative conditions, and requested that the City Solicitor's Office prepare the necessary Indemnification Agreement.

**2. 1996 Assistance to Community Groups: Cash Grants Program  
Cultural Division  
(File No. CK. 1871-2)** \_\_\_\_\_

*DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 23.*

**3. 1996 Assistance to Community Groups: Cash Grants Program  
Recreation Division  
(File No. CK. 1871-4)** \_\_\_\_\_

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the Recreation Component of the 1996 Assistance to Community Groups: Cash Grants Program be allocated as outlined under the right-hand column entitled "A&F Recomm." of the attached summary report (Appendix 1).

*ADOPTED.*

The Committee wishes to thank the Leisure Services Department staff for their assistance with the adjudication process.

Report of General Manager, Leisure Services Department, June 3, 1996:

**"JUSTIFICATION**

Staff in the Leisure Services Department have reviewed the applications received under the Recreation Component of the Assistance to Community Groups Cash Grant program. Available funding for 1996 is \$9,800, the same level as 1995. The recommendations of Leisure Services Department staff regarding the allocation of the grant funds are listed in the attached summary chart. (See Appendix 1.)

This is the first year that an application has been received for a wellness project (see Application #48 from the Y.W.C.A.). The Chair of the Social Services Subcommittee has indicated that wellness is not included in that Component of the Cash Grant program. The application has, therefore, been adjudicated in the Recreation Component, which your staff believe is an appropriate category. While this is a worthwhile project, it cannot be funded to the extent requested (\$12,000) given the size of the budget for the Recreation Component of the Cash Grant (\$9,800), and the quality of other applications. We are recommending that the City contribute \$1,500 towards the project from the Recreation Component of the Cash Grant.

**OPTIONS**

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Not applicable.

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

None.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT**

Total grant recommendations of \$9,800 will be funded through the Recreation Component of the Assistance to Community Groups: Cash Grant Program.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Assistance to Community Groups: Cash Grant - Recreation Client Profile 1996 - Summary Report"
  
4. **1996 Assistance to Community Groups: Cash Grants Program  
General Contingency  
(File No. CK. 1870-2-1)**

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the request for funding from the Interprovincial Association on Native Employment Inc. in the amount of \$1,500 towards a career symposium be denied, in that this application does not fit the criteria of the Cash Grants Program.

*ADOPTED.*

Your Committee notes that this group made application under the Social Services Component in 1995, and at the City Council meeting held on July 31, 1995, the application was denied. The applicant was subsequently provided with information on what qualifies for funding under the Cash Grants Program.

Report of General Manager, Leisure Services Department, June 3, 1996:

**"REPORT**

The Interprovincial Association on Native Employment Inc. has submitted an application for funding of \$1,500 towards a career symposium. Since the symposium does not fit the criteria of any of the main components of the Cash Grant program, it would be appropriate to consider this request under the General Contingency Component of the Cash Grant.

In 1993, City Council approved \$1,000 for the same program under the General

Contingency Component; \$1,453.65 was approved in 1994."

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Cash Grant application from the Interprovincial Association on Native Employment Inc."

**5. Communications**

**From: Marie Prokopiw, Provincial Committee**

**Subject: Requesting a Grant from the unexpended Youth Sport Subsidy Funds to Assist in Hosting the Provincial Baton Twirling Championships and Open Competition, May 25 & 26, 1996**

**From: Gary MacDonald, Saskatoon Minor Softball League**

**Subject: Requesting a Grant from the unexpended Youth Sport Subsidy Funds to Assist the League in Hosting Provincial Championships for Midget Girls "A", Squirt Girls "A", Midget Boys "B", and Pee Wee Boys "A" at Gordon Howe Park and Umea Vast Park in July, 1996**

**From: Leslie Rody, Executive Director**

**Subject: Requesting a Grant from the unexpended Youth Sports Subsidy Funds to Assist in Hosting the Under 18 Regional Outdoor Field Hockey Championships at Gordon Howe Bowl, July 25 -28, 1996**

**(File No. CK. 1870-1)**

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- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that a grant of \$4,200 be approved under the Special Event Policy for the rental of the Saskatoon Field House for the Provincial Baton Twirling Championships and Open Competition;
  - 2) that a grant of \$1,395 be approved under the Special Event Policy for the rental of the Gordon Howe Park and Umea Vast Park for the Softball Midget Girls "A", Squirt Girls "A", Midget Boys "B", and Pee Wee Boys "A" Provincial Championships; and,
  - 3) that a grant of \$3,200 be approved under the Special Event Policy for the rental of Gordon Howe Park for the Under 18 Regional Outdoor Field Hockey Championship at Gordon Howe Bowl, July 25 - 28, 1996.

*ADOPTED.*

Report of General Manager, Leisure Services Department, May 13, 1996:

**"BACKGROUND**

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City of Saskatoon Policy C03-007 (Special Events) states, in part:

Section 3.2 'Eligibility Criteria - Unexpended Youth Sports Subsidy Funds'

'The following additional criteria shall be used for grants made from the unexpended funds remaining in the Youth Sports Subsidy Program:

- a) Eligible applicants will be restricted to those organizations receiving funding under the Youth Sports Subsidy Program.
- b) As indicated in the special events definition, funding must be applied to events that are non-recurring on an annual basis. However, groups applying for seed money to host recurring events for the first time would be eligible to apply on a one-time basis. Events that are now held on an annual basis would not be eligible for this funding.
- c) Funding must be used for the rental cost of facilities only.'

**JUSTIFICATION**

The Saskatoon Myracles Inc., Optimist Twirling Connection, and Hub City Twirlers are requesting a grant from the unexpended Youth Sport Subsidy funds to assist the clubs in hosting the Provincial Baton Twirling Championships and Open Competition being held May 25 and 26, 1996 at the Saskatoon Field House. They are expecting 150 athletes, 300 spectators, and 30 volunteers during the two-day event.

The Clubs meet the eligibility criteria set out in the above policy and are, therefore, eligible for funding. The Clubs have identified \$4,200 in facility rental charges at the Saskatoon Field House.

The Saskatoon Minor Softball League is also requesting a grant for the unexpended Youth Sport Subsidy Funds to assist the League in hosting the Midget Girls 'A', Squirt Girls 'A', Midget Boys 'B', and Pee Wee Boys 'A' provincial championships July 6 and 7, and July 13 and 14, 1996 at Gordon Howe Park and Umea Vast Park. The four championships will involve approximately 448 athletes from across the province. In addition, the League is expecting approximately 2,100 parents, spectators and volunteers.

The League receives funding from the Youth Sports Subsidy Program and is eligible to apply for funds from the Special Events reserve. The League has identified \$1,395 in facility rental costs at Gordon Howe Park and Umea Vast Park.

The Windrifters Field Hockey Club and the Saskatchewan Field Hockey Association are co-hosting the Under 18 Regional Outdoor Field Hockey Championships at Gordon Howe

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Park from July 25 to July 28, 1996, and are requesting a grant from the unexpended Youth Sport Subsidy funds to assist in hosting the event. They are expecting approximately 190 athletes, coaches and officials, 80 volunteers, and 100 spectators per day for the tournament.

The Windrifters Club receives funding from the Youth Sports Subsidy Program and is eligible to apply for funds from the Special Events reserve. The Club has identified \$3,200 in facility rental charges at Gordon Howe Bowl.

Your staff recommends that a condition of approval of the grant to the Saskatoon Minor Softball League and the Windrifters Field Hockey Club be, that the City of Saskatoon is acknowledged for its support in the program for the events. This is not a feasible request to make of the baton twirling clubs, as the Clubs will not be notified of the status of the request for funds prior to printing the program of events for the promotional material.

**OPTIONS**

The only option would be to deny funding the applicants; however, there is money available to fund the requests, and it is in keeping with the City of Saskatoon Policy C03-007 (Special Events).

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

There are no policy implications.

**FINANCIAL IMPACT**

There is approximately \$21,900 in the reserve to meet this request."

- 6. Communications to Council**  
**From: Arnold Grambo, President**  
**Hudson Bay Route Association**  
**Date: April 26, 1996**  
**Subject: Requesting support for the Churchill Opportunities Foundation Inc.**  
**(File No. CK. 155-7)**
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**RECOMMENDATION:** that the invitation from the Hudson Bay Route Association to take out membership in the Churchill Opportunities Foundation Inc. in the amount of \$2,500 be declined.

*ADOPTED.*

Attached is a copy of the above-noted communication, which your Committee has reviewed. The

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request is for the City to take out membership in the Churchill Opportunities Foundation Inc., a non-profit corporation whose objectives are:

To develop proposals for preservation and expansion of transportation options, to facilitate exports and enhance trade opportunities for Western Canada, through the Port of Churchill for Western Canada.

Your Committee believes these objectives are outside the bounds of a municipal government.

**7. Interactive Voice Response Pilot Project  
(File No. CK. 231-2)**

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

*ADOPTED.*

Your Committee has reviewed the following report of the General Manager, Finance Department, dated May 30, 1996 with the General Manager and the Treasurer's Branch Manager, and supports the pilot project, in that it will provide the administration with information as to the cost saving measures involved, the advantages of the system for clients and staff, and information as to what type of system would be most beneficial for the Branch.

Report of General Manager, Finance Department, May 30, 1996:

**"BACKGROUND"**

The Finance Department, through its Treasurer's Branch, operates a call centre through which citizens can, by telephone, request or receive information for a number of programs and services (including the utility billing system, the property tax system, and the parking ticket system). Customers contact the call centre to request a range of services or information, including opening or closing a utility account, account balances, confirmation of their last payment, an explanation of a bill, an inquiry related to a parking ticket, and general information regarding payment terms and optional payment methods.

In 1995, there were 221,134 calls made to this call centre:

	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>PERCENTAGE</u>
Calls Answered With No Delay	30,685	14%
Calls Answered After Delay	70,723	32%
Calls Abandoned After Delay	37,618	17%
Calls Receiving Busy Signal (queue full)	73,893	33%

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Calls receiving Night Service Recording	<u>8,215</u>	<u>4%</u>
	<u>221,134</u>	<u>100%</u>

As noted in this table, only 14% of calls were answered without delay, while 50% of the calls made were either abandoned after sitting in the queue for some period of time, or were unable to enter the queue, as all lines were in use. In addition, an analysis of a sample of incoming calls suggests that approximately 40% of callers are requesting a balance of their account.

The Finance Department identified this level of service as a key issue through the preparation of the 1996 Operating Budget, and included a provision of \$18,700 for a pilot project to try to improve the existing level of service. One of the technologies many corporations utilize to address this volume issue is an Interactive Voice Response (IVR) system. City Council, after discussion of the issue during budget deliberations, approved the budget provision on April 22, 1996. The Administration proposes to proceed with an IVR pilot project this fall.

**REPORT**

What is IVR? How does it work?

IVR is a computer that answers the telephone, interacts with callers, and 'speaks' electronic data. An IVR computer is connected to our telephone system (free-standing, through a computer network, or through the Internet) to answer incoming calls.

This technology gives callers direct, 24 hour access to electronic data. The system can answer multiple phone lines at one time, eliminating waiting, abandoned calls, and busy signals. The system has the ability to transfer calls to or from a Customer Service Representative, to connect to voice-mail, and to handle multiple menus.

For example, the system can prompt a caller looking for the balance of his account to enter his account number, after which the IVR system will speak back the requested information.

Why Use IVR?

IVR increases customer service in a number of ways. Many of our customers, including the 50% of callers who abandon their call before a Customer Service Representative is able to respond or who receive a busy signal, will be given new options with the availability of IVR. Callers requesting routine account information can choose to receive this information electronically rather than waiting.

IVR provides 24 hour service, 365 days of the year. As a result, customers can request and receive information at their convenience, rather than during City Hall hours only.

In addition to answering many calls that currently go unanswered, IVR, by responding to many routine calls, frees the Customer Service Representatives to handle those calls that are



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not routine in nature.

Finally, many utilities use IVR as a mechanism to promote their services and encourage energy management. Pre-recorded messages can provide information on payment options or tips on energy conservation, for example.

**City of Saskatoon Pilot Project**

The Administration plans to enter into a joint agreement with Synamics Inc. and SaskTel to develop and implement a pilot project for the City. The basic scope of the project will be a City of Saskatoon Inquiry Line.

Callers to the Inquiry Line, once they are greeted, will be asked to select from a series of options, including tax, utilities, and parking tickets. The caller will next be asked to enter, through his touchtone telephone pad, the appropriate account, ticket or license number. The IVR system will 'speak' the outstanding account balance, the effective date of the information, and the last payment date. At any time the caller can press zero to reach a Customer Service Representative, if one is available. Additional features, including general information options and a voice-mail messaging system will be dependent on the funding available for 1996.

At the end of the pilot project, an evaluation with civic staff and a sample of our customers will be completed. In addition, telephone statistics will be monitored to determine the impact IVR has on our current service level. Based on all of the information gathered at that time, a further report, with Administrative recommendations, will be provided to the Committee.

Finally, it should be noted that while this pilot project is being undertaken for a specific purpose within the Treasurer's Branch, there are many potential applications for the technology throughout the City, including City Council meeting schedules, a directory of civic services, property assessment information, construction season updates, leisure service program information, various rate schedules, garbage pick-up schedule, meter reading and billing schedule, community service information, and hours of operation."

**8. Security Deposit for Utilities  
and**

**Communications to Council**

**From: A.K. Walker**

**2424 Eastview**

**Date: January 2 and 11, 1996**

**Subject: Submitting concerns regarding the security deposit for utilities  
(File No. CK. 1550-3)**

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- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that residential utility deposits be discontinued except in cases of high risk, and that late payment penalties be applied to residential accounts;
  - 2) that the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare the appropriate bylaw amendments;
  - 3) that these changes be implemented by November 1, 1996; and
  - 4) that A.K. Walker be advised of Council's decision on this matter.

*ADOPTED.*

Attached are copies of the above-noted communications which were referred to the Administration for a report.

Your Committee has reviewed the following report of General Manager, Finance Department, dated May 2, 1996 and supports the recommendations as outlined above:

**"BACKGROUND**

Residential deposits have been the centre of controversy and discussion within the City of Saskatoon for quite some time. A.K. Walker, in recent correspondence to City Council, questioned not only the amount of deposit required, but also the legality of charging a security deposit.

The purpose of this report is to identify options and promote discussion on residential utility deposits, with a view to update current bylaws and collection procedures.

In response to the legal questions raised, the City Solicitor has provided an opinion, which is attached to this report, indicating that utility deposits, such as those currently charged by the City, are in accordance with *The Urban Municipality Act, 1984*.

Many of the questions this citizen has raised with respect to utility deposits have been raised with City Council on other occasions. In addition, the Administration receives regular feedback from customers who also question many aspects of the current utility deposit policies. Concerns expressed by our customers suggest that, in their view, deposits are not warranted; deposits should be returned after a period of time; or deposits should be credited with interest.

Current residential utility deposits are as follows:

Electrical Utility	\$35.00 to \$50.00
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Water Utility                      \$10.00

**JUSTIFICATION**

In response to this background information, the Administration recently completed a survey of major utilities in the western region with respect to residential deposit, determining the following:

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	Residential Late Payment		Other
	Deposit	Charges	
Sask Energy	No	1.17% compounded monthly	Option to charge deposit if customer is disconnected.
Sask Power	No	1.17% compounded monthly	
City of Calgary	Yes (2x monthly average)	5% (one time charge) when balance goes into arrears	Deposit is waived if credit history is good. Returned after one year with interest.
City of Edmonton	Yes (\$115.00) into arrears	6% (one time charge) when balance goes into arrears	Deposit waived if previous history is good. Refunded with interest after one year.
Manitoba Hydro	Yes & No monthly	1.5% compounded	Deposit is assessed on risk basis. Usually transient people in apartments.
BC Hydro	No	1.5% compounded monthly	Currently reviewing policy on deposits.
City of Saskatoon	Yes	No	Residential deposits currently under review.

This survey, together with the numerous complaints received within the City would suggest the timing is right to review and update the City's policy on residential deposits.

In comparison to other utilities which hold deposits, it should be noted that our current deposit rates are somewhat low. Not only are the amounts charged by the City of Saskatoon inadequate, but customers view them more as irritants rather than security deposits.

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**OPTIONS**

- a) Retain the current utility deposit system and regulations.
- b) Increase utility deposits to more accurately reflect average monthly usage.
- c) Require utility deposits on a risk-only basis.
- d) Refund utility deposits once a good credit history is established.
- e) Eliminate utility deposits entirely.
- f) Introduce interest on any utility deposits held.
- g) Introduce penalty charges for late payment of utility bills.
- h) Introduce advanced billing on customers considered high risk.

While this list indicates eight options, it should be noted that there are many possible combinations available when considering these options.

The Administration has reviewed all available options and recommends that deposits be required on a risk-basis only (Option `c'), eliminating residential utility deposits for most customers. Once a good credit history is established, these deposits would be refunded to the customer. In addition, the Administration recommends the introduction of penalty charges for late payment of utility bills (Option `g').

This approach addresses a number of current issues with respect to residential utility deposits, including:

- recognition that current deposit rates are not sufficient to serve their designed purpose, and that it would be difficult to increase residential deposits to levels like those in Alberta;
- recognition that similar utilities in Saskatoon do not require residential utility deposits;
- results in a reduction in the administrative functions required in the current residential deposit programs, including the collection, recording, and accounting for such deposits; and
- establishes equity in the overall process, as only customers considered a higher risk will be required to provide a utility deposit, and those who cause additional collection initiatives (by not paying utility bills in a timely manner) will be required to pay late payment charges.

**POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

The proposed changes, if adopted, will require a number of bylaw amendments.

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**FINANCIAL IMPACT**

As of December 31, 1995, the City of Saskatoon has approximately \$1.5 million on deposit for residential accounts.

It is estimated that the immediate financial impact of returning these refunds will be minimal, because existing deposits will be applied, as a credit, to the customer's account. The majority of deposits will be absorbed against current charges, as most monthly bills are higher than the deposit held.

Over the longer-term, however, the City will realize a reduction in interest earned on the current amount held on deposit. Given a current yield of 5% on short-term funds, the net impact is a reduction in investment earnings of \$75,000.

On the other hand, the City will realize additional revenue as a result of implementing late payment charges. At any given time, there are approximately \$1.0 million in arrears. Assuming one third of account holders in arrears pay their balance to avoid penalty, then \$670,000 would be subject to late payment charges. At an effective rate of 19.56% or 1.5% per month, the City of Saskatoon could generate approximately \$120,000.00 per annum in penalty revenue.

There may also be minor impacts to other budgetary provisions, including write-offs. However, the Administration believes that, from a financial perspective, the City will not be negatively impacted.

**IMPLEMENTATION PLAN**

The implementation of these changes, if approved, will take a number of months to complete. Once bylaw amendments are approved, programming to implement the changes will be initiated. It is anticipated that full implementation, including the refund of existing deposits and the introduction of late payment charges, will be complete by November 1. In the interim, discretion will be used with respect to the requirement for new customers to post deposits.

**COMMUNICATIONS PLAN**

As new customers apply for utility service, they are advised of all of the relevant conditions as indicated in the applicable bylaws. In advance of full implementation this fall, existing customers who will be receiving a refund of their deposits as a credit to their account, will be advised of the change through a message on the utility bill.

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**ATTACHMENT**

1. City Solicitor's Opinion of the Legality of Current Utility Deposits"
  
9. **1997 UCI World BMX Championship - July 21-17, 1997  
1996 Canadian BMX Championship - July 10-13, 1996  
(File No. CK. 1871-1)** \_\_\_\_\_

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

*ADOPTED.*

City Council considered the above matter at its meeting held on June 3, 1996 and adopted the following motion:

Moved by Councillor Atchison, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

- 1) THAT subject to the Administration and Finance Committee obtaining an independent verification of the figures presented in the business plan, the City co-sign for an interim financing loan to the 1997 UCI World Championship of BMX Organizing Committee for up to 50% of the total loan of \$166,205, which is equivalent to the Province's commitment as co-signer; and
- 2) that, should the City be required to finance any loss as co-signer for this loan, it be recognized that the source of funding will ultimately be from the 1997 year-end results of the Operating Budget.

YEAS: Her Worship, Deputy Mayor Birkmaier, Councillors McCann,  
Postlethwaite, Atchison and Heidt

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NAYS: Councillors Waygood, Langlois, Langford and Roe

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Moved by Councillor Atchison, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT the Administration and Finance Committee be requested to consider the development of a policy for this type of financial commitment.

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YEAS: Her Worship, Deputy Mayor Birkmaier, Councillors Langford,  
Langlois, Atchison, Heidt, Roe, Postlethwaite and McCann 8

NAYS: Councillor Waygood 1

Your Committee has determined that the BMX Organizing Committee has not yet submitted its business plan for verification of the figures, as outlined in Resolution No. 1) above.

Also, your Committee has referred the policy issue to the Administration for a report on the implications of such a policy.

**10. *Smoking Control Bylaw*  
(File No. CK. 185-3)**

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

*ADOPTED.*

Your Committee has completed its review of the draft *Smoking Control Bylaw*, and the amendments will be incorporated in the final version which will be considered at the Committee's public meeting to be held on Monday, June 24, 1996.

It is anticipated that the proposed *Smoking Control Bylaw* will be submitted to City Council for consideration on July 15, 1996."

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

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

*CARRIED.*

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**6a) Forestry Farm Park Superintendent's Residence  
Heritage Designation Repeal Bylaw  
Proposed Bylaw No. 7508  
(File No. CK. 4205-8-4)**

*DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 17.*

**ENQUIRIES**



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**Councillor Postlethwaite  
Taylor Street  
(File No. CK. 6000-1)**

In the interest of pedestrian safety, I would like it to be determined whether Taylor Street will continue to be a two-lane roadway, especially in view of the new overpass feeding into this 'minor' arterial.

Then, would the Administration please take steps to protect pedestrians by installing sidewalk bulbs, or if an upgrade to a four-lane arterial is merited, then to install centre median refuges. In this way, the number of traffic lanes to be crossed by pedestrians would be limited to only two at a time in either case.

**INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF BYLAWS**

**Bylaw No. 7560**

Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor McCann,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 7560, being "*Transit Fares Amendment Bylaw, 1996*" and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor Postlethwaite,

THAT Bylaw No. 7560 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor Langlois,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 7560.

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CARRIED.

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

Committee arose.

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

That while in Committee of the Whole, Bylaw No. 7560 was considered clause by clause and approved.

Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor Langford,

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

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 7560 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor Waygood,

THAT Bylaw No. 7560 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.

*Moved by Councillor Birkmaier,*

*THAT the meeting stand adjourned.*

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*CARRIED.*

The meeting adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

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Mayor

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City Clerk