

Council Chamber
City Hall, Saskatoon, Sask.
Monday, March 5, 2001
at 7:00 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

PRESENT: Deputy Mayor Penner, in the Chair;
Councillors Atchison, Fortosky, Heidt, McCann, Paulsen,
Roe, Steernberg, Swystun and Waygood;
City Manager Richards;
General Manager, Community Services Gauthier;
General Manager, Infrastructure Services Uzelman;
General Manager, Corporate Services Veltkamp;
A/General Manager, Utility Services Keller;
General Manager, Fire and Protective Services Hewitt;
City Solicitor Dust;
City Clerk Mann;
A/City Councillors' Assistant Long

PRESENTATION

Dave Dutchak, MD Ambulance, a representative from Saskatoon District Health and Arla Gustafson, Executive Director, United Way, presented the United Way Health Olympics Trophy to the City Council team.

Moved by Councillor Fortosky, Seconded by Councillor McCann,

THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of City Council held on February 19, 2001 be approved.

CARRIED.

HEARINGS

**2a) Proposed Development Plan Amendment
Phasing Map - Silverwood Industrial Area
Applicant: City of Saskatoon
(File No. CK. 4110-3)**

REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK:

“Attached is a copy of Clause 1, Report No. 1-2001 of the Municipal Planning Commission which was adopted by City Council at its meeting held on January 8, 2001.

A copy of the Notice which appeared in the local press under dates of February 3 and February 10, 2001 is attached.

At this meeting Council is to hear and determine any submission with respect to the proposed amendment prior to its consideration of Bylaw No. 8007, copy attached.”

Deputy Mayor Penner opened the hearing.

Mr. Lorne Sully, City Planning Branch Manager, Community Services Department, reviewed the proposal and indicated that his Department supports the proposed amendment.

Mr. Brett Mario, President, Hollandia International Soccer Club Inc., asked that Council set aside a parcel of land in the Silverwood Industrial area to lease to the soccer club for their use. Mr. Mario provided Council with a copy of the club’s proposal.

Mr. Terry Boucher, 4 - 1910 Main Street, spoke in support of the proposed Bylaw.

Mr. Les Nelson, 423 Spencer Crescent, spoke against the proposed Bylaw and indicated that he and others on Spencer Crescent feel there should be a buffer strip in the area.

Moved by Councillor Atchison, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,

THAT the hearing be closed.

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Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor McCann,

THAT the regular order of business be suspended and that Council consider Bylaw No. 8007.

CARRIED.

INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF BYLAWS

Bylaw No. 8007

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 8007, The Development Plan Amendment Bylaw, 2001 (No. 2) and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT Bylaw No. 8007 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Swystun,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 8007.

CARRIED.

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

Committee arose.

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

That while in Committee of the Whole, Bylaw No. 8007 was considered clause by clause and approved.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

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

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor McCann,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 8007 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Fortosky,

THAT Bylaw No. 8007 be now read a third time, that the bylaw be passed and the Deputy 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 Waygood, Seconded by Councillor Roe,

- 1) that the proposal by the Hollandia International Soccer Club Inc. be referred to the Administration to report back on appropriate sites for a soccer area; and*
- 2) that the Administration consider an appropriate buffer strip or vegetation to separate the industrial and residential land in the Silverwood Industrial Area.*

CARRIED.

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**2b) Hearings
Proposed Closing of Portion of Right-of-Way
at 1st Avenue between 39th Street and
40th Street, Saskatoon
Plan No. 240-0034-001r001
(File No. CK. 6295-1)**

Attached is a copy of Clause D2 of Administrative Report No. 16-2000 which was adopted by City Council at its meeting held on September 5, 2000.

Council, at its meeting held on September 5, 2000, gave notice of its intention to consider the proposed street closing and instructed the City Solicitor to take all necessary steps to bring the intended closing forward.

The City Solicitor has now advised that all preliminary proceedings in connection with the proposed closing have been taken including the receipt of approval of the Deputy Minister of Highways and Transportation and the advertisement of the notice of proposed closing and the service of such notice on abutting property owners.

Accordingly, Council at this meeting is to consider and determine any submissions and objections to the proposed street closing prior to consideration of Bylaw No. 8010, a copy of which is attached.

Deputy Mayor Penner opened the hearing and ascertained that there was no one in the gallery who wished to address Council with respect to the matter.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,

THAT the hearing be closed.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Atchison, Seconded by Councillor Fortosky,

THAT Council consider Bylaw No. 8010.

CARRIED.

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2c) Hearings
Proposed Closing of Portion of 60th Street
Plan No. 242-0004-001r001
(File No. CK. 6295-1)

Attached is a copy of Clause D4 of Administrative Report No. 2-2001 which was adopted by City Council at its meeting held on January 22, 2001.

Council, at its meeting held on January 22, 2001, gave notice of its intention to consider the proposed street closing and instructed the City Solicitor to take all necessary steps to bring the intended closing forward.

The City Solicitor has now advised that all preliminary proceedings in connection with the proposed closing have been taken including the receipt of approval of the Deputy Minister of Highways and Transportation and the advertisement of the notice of proposed closing and the service of such notice on abutting property owners.

Accordingly, Council at this meeting is to consider and determine any submissions and objections to the proposed street closing prior to consideration of Bylaw No. 8014, a copy of which is attached.

Deputy Mayor Penner opened the hearing and ascertained that there was no one in the gallery who wished to address Council with respect to the matter.

Moved by Councillor Atchison, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

THAT the hearing be closed.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Atchison, Seconded by Councillor McCann,

THAT Council consider Bylaw No. 8014.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor McCann, Seconded by Councillor Roe,

that the regular order of business be suspended and that Council consider Bylaws No. 8010 and 8014.

CARRIED.

INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF BYLAWS

Bylaw No. 8010

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 8010, "A bylaw of The City of Saskatoon to close the portion of Right-of-way at 1st Avenue Between 39th Street and 40th Street, in the City of Saskatoon" and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT Bylaw No. 8010 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Swystun,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 8010.

CARRIED.

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

Committee arose.

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

That while in Committee of the Whole, Bylaw No. 8010 was considered clause by clause and approved.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Waygood,

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

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 8010 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Fortosky,

THAT Bylaw No. 8010 be now read a third time, that the bylaw be passed and the Deputy Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to sign same and attach the corporate seal thereto.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a third time and passed.

Bylaw No. 8014

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 8014, "A bylaw of The City of Saskatoon to close a Portion of 60th Street, in the City of Saskatoon" and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

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Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT Bylaw No. 8014 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Swystun,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 8014.

CARRIED.

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

Committee arose.

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

That while in Committee of the Whole, Bylaw No. 8014 was considered clause by clause and approved.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Waygood,

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

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 8014 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Fortosky,

THAT Bylaw No. 8014 be now read a third time, that the bylaw be passed and the Deputy 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.

COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL

The following communications were submitted and dealt with as stated:

A. REQUESTS TO SPEAK TO COUNCIL

**1) Denise Winslow, Chair
River Roar 2001, dated February 19**

Requesting permission for Bruce Williams, Director, Great Northern River Roar Inc., to address Council with respect to various requests in conjunction with the Great Northern River Roar. (File No. CK. 150-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that Bruce Williams be heard.

Moved by Councillor Atchison, Seconded by Councillor Roe,

that Kent Smith-Windsor be heard.

CARRIED.

Mr. Kent Smith-Windsor, Executive Director, Saskatoon and District Chamber of Commerce, requested that Council continue supporting the Great Northern River Roar. He assured Council that problems with noise are being addressed.

Moved by Councillor Steernberg, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,

THAT the requests be approved subject to Administrative conditions.

CARRIED.

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AA. ITEMS WHICH REQUIRE THE DIRECTION OF CITY COUNCIL

**1) Judy M. Koutecky, Administrative Assistant
The Mendel Art Gallery, dated February 13**

Submitting notice of the Annual General Meeting of the Saskatoon Gallery and Conservatory Corporation to be held on Tuesday, March 20, 2001 at 7:00 p.m. (File No. CK. 175-27)

RECOMMENDATION: that the City of Saskatoon, being a member of The Saskatoon Gallery and Conservatory Corporation appoint James Maddin, or in his absence, Peter McCann or Patricia Roe of the City of Saskatoon in the Province of Saskatchewan, as its proxy to vote for it on its behalf at the Annual General Meeting of the members of The Saskatoon Gallery and Conservatory Corporation, to be held on the 20th day of March, 2001, or at any adjournment or adjournments thereof.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,

THAT the City of Saskatoon, being a member of The Saskatoon Gallery and Conservatory Corporation appoint James Maddin, or in his absence, Peter McCann or Patricia Roe of the City of Saskatoon in the Province of Saskatchewan, as its proxy to vote for it on its behalf at the Annual General Meeting of the members of The Saskatoon Gallery and Conservatory Corporation, to be held on the 20th day of March, 2001, or at any adjournment or adjournments thereof.

CARRIED.

**2) Terry Rau, Festival Coordinator
Saskatoon Folkfest, dated February 15**

Requesting exemption from amusement tax for Saskatoon Folkfest to be held on August 16 to 18, 2001. (File No. CK. 1910-2)

RECOMMENDATION: 1) that the request for exemption from amusement tax for Saskatoon Folkfest, to be held on August 16 to 18, 2001, be approved; and

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- 2) that Saskatoon Folkfest be advised that permission of City Council for amusement tax exemption is no longer required, in accordance with Clause 5 of Bylaw No. 7978.

Moved by Councillor Atchison, Seconded by Councillor Swystun,

- 1) *THAT the request for exemption from amusement tax for Saskatoon Folkfest, to be held on August 16 to 18, 2001, be approved; and*
- 2) *that Saskatoon Folkfest be advised that permission of City Council for amusement tax exemption is no longer required, in accordance with Clause 5 of Bylaw No. 7978.*

CARRIED.

- 3) **Ray G. Sorsdahl**
805 - 315 - 5th Avenue North, dated February 15

Submitting newspaper clippings with respect to various concerns. (File No. CK. 150-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Atchison, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

- 4) **Alice Farness**
118 Avenue R North, dated February 16

Submitting comments with respect to pawn shops in the City of Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 5000-1)

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RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Fortosky, Seconded by Councillor Swystun,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

**5) Mandie Wawryk
1247 Avenue M South, dated February 18**

Submitting comments with respect to energy rebates available to married couples. (File No. CK. 150-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

**6) Glenn Stephenson
247 Wathaman Court, dated February 23**

Submitting comments with respect to red light cameras. (File No. CK. 5300-8)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Fortosky, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

THAT the information be received.

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**7) Ron Osika, Minister
Municipal Affairs, dated February 23**

Responding to letter dated January 30, 2001 with respect to a request for amendments to *The Urban Municipality Act, 1984* to include all domestic animals under the “dangerous dog” provisions.

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Atchison, Seconded by Councillor McCann,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

**8) Rebecca Bryson, Development Coordinator
Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada, dated February 26**

Requesting temporary closure of Spadina Crescent West from Victoria Bridge to 20th Street from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 29, 2001 in connection with the Saskatchewan Blue Cross Super Cities Walk for MS.

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

Moved by Councillor Atchison, Seconded by Councillor Waygood,

THAT the request be approved subject to Administrative conditions.

CARRIED.

**9) Linda Tweddell
454 Birch Crescent, dated February 24**

Submitting comments with respect to garbage collection and recycling. (File No. CK. 7830-5)

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RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received and referred to the Administration to respond to the writer.

Moved by Councillor Waygood, Seconded by Councillor McCann,

THAT the information be received and referred to the Administration to respond to the writer.

CARRIED.

**10) Joanne Sproule, Secretary
Saskatoon Development Appeals Board, dated February 19**

Submitting Notice of Development Appeals Board Hearing regarding property at 1234 9th Street East. (File No. CK. 4352-1)

**11) Joanne Sproule, Secretary
Saskatoon Development Appeals Board, dated February 19**

Submitting Notice of Development Appeals Board Hearing regarding property at 3938 Centennial Drive. (File No. CK. 4352-1)

**12) Joanne Sproule, Secretary
Saskatoon Development Appeals Board, dated February 19**

Submitting Notice of Development Appeals Board Hearing regarding property at 1117 Avenue L North. (File No. CK. 4352-1)

**13) Joanne Sproule, Secretary
Saskatoon Development Appeals Board, dated February 27**

Submitting Notice of Development Appeals Board Hearing regarding property at 3230 Maxwell Street. (File No. CK. 4352-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor McCann,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

B. ITEMS WHICH HAVE BEEN REFERRED FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION

**1) Bob Young, President
Saskatoon Chinese Seniors Mansion Corporation, dated February 19**

Submitting a request that Council intervene on any action relating to 339 Avenue B South with respect to tax arrears. (File No. CK. 800-1) **Referred to the Administration and Finance Committee.**

**2) Susan Fiddler, Project Coordinator
The Peacekeeping Art Project, dated February 27**

Requesting assistance in arranging a venue in which to set up a mobile display containing information with respect to peacekeeping and the Military Family Resource Centres. (File No. CK. 4040-1) **Referred to the Administration.**

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Fortosky, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

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C. PROCLAMATIONS

**1) Tracy Brand, RN BSN, Media Program Convener
Saskatchewan Coalition for Organ Donor Awareness (SCODA), dated February 19**

Requesting that Council proclaim the week of April 22 to 28, 2001 as Organ and Tissue Awareness Week in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 205-5)

**2) Evelyn Hynes, Branch President
Saskatchewan Association of Social Workers, dated February 19**

Requesting that Council proclaim the week of March 11 to March 17, 2001 as Social Work Week in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 205-5)

**3) Carmel Grabowski, Executive Director
Alliance for Life Education Centre, dated February 20**

Requesting that Council proclaim the week of April 23 to April 29, 2001 as Respect for Life Week in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 205-5)

**4) Paula Moon-Wozney, Director of Services, Saskatchewan Division
Multiple Sclerosis Society of Canada, dated February 14**

Requesting that Council proclaim the month of May, 2001 as MS Month in Saskatoon.

**5) Heather Lee, Manager, Communications
Canadian MedicAlert Foundation, dated February 26**

Requesting that Council proclaim the Month of May, 2001 as MedicAlert Month in Saskatoon.

RECOMMENDATION: 1) that City Council approve all proclamations as set out in Section C; and

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- 2) that the City Clerk be authorized to sign the proclamations on behalf of City Council.

Moved by Councillor Atchison, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,

- 1) *THAT City Council approve all proclamations as set out in Section C; and*
- 2) *that the City Clerk be authorized to sign the proclamations on behalf of City Council.*

CARRIED.

REPORTS

General Manager, Community Services Gauthier presented Section A, Administrative Report No. 5-2001;

General Manager, Community Services Veltkamp presented Section B, Administrative Report No. 5-2001;

General Manager, Infrastructure Services Uzelman presented Section D, Administrative Report No. 5-2001;

City Solicitor Dust presented Section B, Legislative Report No. 5-2001;

Councillor Atchison, Chair, presented Report No. 2-2001 of the Planning and Operations Committee; and

Councillor G. Penner, Chair, presented Report No. 3-2001 of the Administration and Finance Committee;

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

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

- a) *Administrative Report No. 5-2001;*
- b) *Legislative Report No. 5-2001;*
- c) *Report No. 2-2001 of the Planning and Operations Committee; and*

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d) *Report No. 3-2001 of the Administration and Finance Committee;*

The Deputy Mayor appointed Councillor Roe as Chair of the Committee of the Whole.

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

Committee arose.

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

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

“ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT NO. 5-2001

Section A - COMMUNITY SERVICES

**A1) Land-Use Applications Received by the Community Services Department
For the Period Between February 9 and February 22, 2001
(For Information Only)
(File Nos. PL 4300, 4355-D)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the following report be received as information.

ADOPTED.

The following applications have been received and are being processed:

Discretionary Use

- Application No. D7/01: 1025 Boychuk Drive
Applicant: P. F. Little Properties Ltd.
Legal Description: Parcel C, Block 756, Plan 74S08928
Current Zoning: B1
Proposed Use: Daycare/Preschool
Neighbourhood: College Park East
Date Received: February 14, 2001

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- Application No. D8/01: 207 Avenue L South
Applicant: William Fosty/Hue Vu
Legal Description: Lot 16, Block 6, Plan GP1774
Current Zoning: R2A
Proposed Use: Secondary Suite
Neighbourhood: Pleasant Hill
Date Received: February 21, 2001

Subdivision

- Application No. 12/01: 221 Avenue H North
Applicant: R. Fulford
Legal Description: Part Lot 3, Block 9, Plan DJ1
Current Zoning: R2
Neighbourhood: Westmount
Date Received: February 8, 2001
- Application No. 13/01: South of Spadina Crescent and north of
16th Street (No civic address) (Easement)
Applicant: UMA Engineering
Legal Description: Parcel J, Plan 63S01249
Current Zoning: R2
Neighbourhood: King George
Date Received: February 9, 2001
- Application No. 14/01 : By Saskatoon Golf and Country Club
(No civic address) (Easement)
Applicant: UMA Engineering
Legal Description: Easement in the E. ½ Sec. 18, W. ½ 17 in the S.W.
¼ Sec. 20, Parcel Y, 64S15658 in S.E. ¼ Sec. 20-
36-5-W3M
Current Zoning: AG and M3
Neighbourhood: Diefenbaker Management Area
Date Received: February 9, 2001
- Application No. 15/01: By landfill and Q.E.W. site (No civic address)
(Easement)
Applicant: UMA Engineering
Legal Description: N.W. ¼ Sec. 18-36-5-W3M
Current Zoning: AG
Neighbourhood: SaskPower Management Area
Date Received: February 9, 2001

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- Application No. 16/01: Briarwood Road/Banyan Crescent (no civic address)
Applicant: Webster Surveys for Dundee Development Corp.
Legal Description: Parcel T, Plan 96S13326
Current Zoning: R1A
Neighbourhood: Briarwood
Date Received: February 12, 2001

ATTACHMENTS

1. Plan of Proposed Discretionary Use No. D7/01
2. Plan of Proposed Discretionary Use No. D8/01
2. Plan of Proposed Easement No. 13/01
3. Plan of Proposed Easement No. 14/01
4. Plan of Proposed Easement No. 15/01
5. Plan of Proposed Re-subdivision No. 16/01

A2) Downtown Plan **File No.: PL 4130-6**

RECOMMENDATION: that City Council receive the Downtown Plan as information.

ADOPTED.

BACKGROUND

The existing Downtown Plan poster was first created in 1989. After 12 years, the Downtown Plan poster required a comprehensive review and update to bring the Plan up to date and include various new programs and policies concerning Saskatoon's Downtown.

The new Downtown Plan was completed in January 2001 with the assistance of an outside consultant. A steering committee was formed to oversee the work of the consultant which took place between September 2000 and January 2001. The steering committee consisted of:

- Mr. Alan Wallace, Senior Planner, City Planning Branch - project manager;
- Mr. Terry Scadden, Executive Director, The Partnership;
- Mr. Don Cook, Manager, Traffic Management, Municipal Engineering Branch;
- Mr. John Penner, Urban Design Co-ordinator, Land Branch;
- Mr. Bela Barabas, Urban Design Planner, Land Branch;
- Mr. Andy Hanna, Lead Consultant, Crosby Hanna and Associates; and
- Mr. Ray Penner, Sub-consultant, Tap Communications.

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REPORT

The Downtown Plan poster and website is considered a focal point for access to all civic policies and programs which are directed at maintaining Saskatoon's Downtown as the centre and heart of the city and region. As such, the scope of the project did not include the drafting of new policies or programs. Instead, the poster and associated website are a central source for existing Downtown policies, programs, and future developments such as the South Downtown. It is an excellent reference tool and single source for important Downtown development information.

The Poster

The poster was designed from the outset to be visually appealing and draw the attention of people to the major headings contained in the Plan. The purpose of the poster is to introduce the reader to the Downtown and illustrate the City's commitment to enhancing this vital area of Saskatoon. The poster was designed by Tap Communications, who did an excellent job of creating a one-of-a-kind piece of work that will draw people's attention. The poster is very effective as a marketing tool. It clearly illustrates the Downtown's geographic location in the centre of Saskatoon, and also shows Saskatoon's place in Canada and North America.

The Website

The heart of the Downtown Plan is the website at www.city.saskatoon.sk.ca/dtp. At this site, are the descriptions and links to all of the civic policies and programs concerning the Downtown. There are nine major headings plus a link to The Partnership website on the Downtown Plan home page (please refer to Attachment 1):

1. Downtown Housing - a detailed description of the Downtown Housing program including the Tax Abatement Program and the Building Permit Fee Rebate Program.
2. South Downtown - The proposed South Downtown project including the concept plan for the land south of 19th Street is described.
3. Downtown Urban Design and Image - a description of important design elements and links to the Urban Design Section of the Land Branch.
4. Downtown Land Use Pattern - the City's Development Plan divides the Downtown into several policy areas. These policy areas are defined here.
5. Heritage Resources - The Downtown contains some of Saskatoon's oldest buildings and most significant heritage resources. Each site which has received approved funding for heritage restoration is included here; and descriptions of the heritage programs available for Downtown properties.
6. Pedestrian Environment and Experience - a description of current and proposed initiatives and policies designed to enhance the pedestrian environment Downtown.
7. Transportation - a description of current and proposed programs and policies for public transit, cycling and parking in the Downtown.

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8. Retail Development - this section highlights the City's Development policies contained in the City of Saskatoon Development Plan.
9. Warehouse District - this is a special mixed use area of the Downtown which has yet to reach its full potential. The Warehouse District is the focus of an upcoming Local Area Plan in 2001.
10. The Partnership - this is a description of The Partnership and its mandate. Links to The Partnership website are provided here.

The website is not a static source of information. The City Planning Branch has assumed the responsibility for updating, enhancing, and maintaining the site. At this point, the site is informative. The plans are to develop more links to other information which exists within the corporation and beyond, which will make the Downtown website a very valuable single source for Downtown information.

The Downtown Plan poster and website has been presented to the Municipal Planning Commission. It will be presented to the board of The Partnership in March. It is planned to distribute a complimentary copy of the poster to such groups as civic boards and commissions, commercial realtors, development companies, housing agencies, heritage groups, educational institutions, etc.

Additional copies of the poster are available in two sizes (24" x 36" and 11" x 17") from the Community Services Department. As small fee is charged to cover printing costs. Hard copies of the website text will also be made available in the Community Services Department.

ATTACHMENT

1. Chart showing major Downtown Plan headings.

Section B - CORPORATE SERVICES

- B1) Enquiry - Councillor T. Paulsen (February 5, 2001)**
Utility Account Write-offs
(File No. 1550-2)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

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The following enquiry was made by Councillor Paulsen at the meeting of City Council held on February 5, 2001:

“To the Administration: Please report if any of the businesses whose utility accounts have been written off for 1999 are still in operation under the same ownership and control and whether the City continues to provide utility services to them.”

The utility collections process generally follows a series of planned activities between civic staff and the customer, including Reminder Notices of the amount due, Disconnect Notices advising the customer of the withdrawal of service, the actual disconnection of utility services, and the use of a collection agency. Once all avenues of collection are exhausted (and there is no reasonable expectation of collection and/or no other legal means of collection are available), outstanding amounts are written at the end of the following year of the closure of the account.

Amounts written off continue to be recognized as amounts owed to the City, so that if an account is reactivated, the first payments received are allocated against the amount previously written-off. In most cases, a deposit would also be required from customers reactivating such an account before services are restored.

With respect to the specific issue raised by Councillor Paulsen, there are circumstances related to receivership, bankruptcy or the reorganization of a customer's debts which are beyond the control of the City. The Company Creditor Arrangements Act (CCAA) provides that a company may still be operating where unsecured creditors have accepted a settlement arrangement for the payment of a portion of outstanding debt. In cases like this the City, like all other unsecured creditors, would be required to write off the outstanding balance, allowing the company to continue to operate. However, in most cases a deposit would be required from customers in these circumstances in order to keep their utility services in place.

Section D - INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

D1) Enquiry – Councillor Heidt (November 6, 2000)
Traffic Speed - Wedge Road
(File No. CK. 6320-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the following report be received as information.

ADOPTED.

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The following enquiry was made by Councillor Heidt at the meeting of City Council held on November 6, 2000:

“Traffic speeds have been increasing, especially after 8:00 p.m. in the evening and weekends. The police can’t be there all the time. Residents are very concerned and want something done.

Could the Administration please look at some type of street calming techniques at either Manning Crescent, Bowman or Nesbitt Crescent.”

Infrastructure Services has initiated a review of the traffic conditions on Wedge Road. The collection of vehicle speed and volume data will be undertaken early next summer when warmer weather will again permit the use of temperature-sensitive traffic counters. A report of the analysed data will then be forwarded to City Council including any proposals being considered.

**D2) Implementation of CityCard for Parking
(File No. 6120-05)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the following report be received as information.

ADOPTED.

City Council at its meeting held on May 1, 2000 approved the elimination of all parking permits, except those issued to people with disabilities, and approved the implementation of a smart card payment method for parking. The purpose of this report is to provide information on how the smart card for parking works and the launch of the card to the general public.

The smart card for parking has been given the name CityCard, and will now be referred to as such throughout this report.

The CityCard will provide an alternate payment method other than coinage for those people who park at City parking meters. People will be able to buy a CityCard(s) in either \$20.00 or \$50.00 values. A \$5.00 deposit is charged on each CityCard purchased. This deposit is refundable upon return of the CityCard to the City. The \$5.00 deposit is intended to act as a incentive to people to bring their CityCard back to the City when they have used up the value of their card and exchange it for a new CityCard, hence avoiding paying the deposit again. CityCards are rechargeable, so it is in the City’s best interest to encourage people to return their used CityCards so they can be recharged and sold again, thereby reducing the capital costs of the cards.

The CityCard operates as follows:

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1. The customer drives into a metered parking stall and inserts their CityCard into the parking meter.
2. The parking meter indicates the value of the customer's CityCard and then displays the maximum time limit allowed by that parking meter (i.e. if it was a two hour time limit parking meter then two hours would be displayed).
3. The customer then removes their CityCard and goes about conducting their business.
4. When the customer returns to their parking stall and is ready to leave, they simply re-insert their CityCard back into the parking meter and any unused time will be credited back to their CityCard rounded up to the nearest multiple of twenty-five cents.

The City of Saskatoon is the only municipality in Canada that has this type of card payment system in operation that allows the user to get unused time credited back to the card.

To date the City has sold approximately 300 CityCards to individuals or companies who previously had a parking meter permit. This group was used to test the CityCard to determine any problems with the cards and to provide feedback to the administration, so that any bugs could be worked out before launching the CityCard to the public.

The launch to the public will occur on March 6th. CityCards will be sold at City Hall, Lakewood, Lawson and Cosmo Civic Centres, Saskatoon Field House and Harry Bailey Aquatic Centre.

A public service announcement, a series of newspaper advertisements, brochures, posters and stickers on all of the City's parking meters will be used to promote the sale of the CityCard. As well, a web site has been developed that will provide information to people about the CityCard. This web site will be linked to the Corporate web page.

In addition, a booth with a panel display and parking meters will be set up in the lobby of City Hall. This booth will provide information to people who come to City Hall and allow them the opportunity to try a CityCard in a parking meter.

Attached to this report is a copy of the CityCard brochure and four page informational handout that will be given to people when they purchase a CityCard. The handout provides additional information to customers about the operation of the CityCard.

ATTACHMENTS

1. CityCard Brochure
2. CityCard Information Handout

LEGISLATIVE REPORT NO. 5-2001

Section B - OFFICE OF THE CITY SOLICITOR

**B1) Proposed Development and Servicing Agreement
The City of Saskatoon and Northridge Development Corporation
37th Street/Nixon Crescent, Dundonald Neighbourhood
Subdivision Application No. 70/00
(File No. CK. 4300-1)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the proposed Development and Servicing Agreement as between The City of Saskatoon and Northridge Development Corporation 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.

In keeping with the instruction of the Planning and Operations Committee at its meeting held on January 16, 2001, and the further specific direction of the General Manager, Infrastructure Services Department, we have prepared and forward herewith for consideration proposed form of Development and Servicing Agreement as between The City of Saskatoon and Northridge Development Corporation pertaining to the 37th Street/Nixon Crescent area of the Dundonald neighbourhood.

The proposed Development and Servicing Agreement is in the City's standard form except for modifications thereto which relate to:

1. the City having already serviced certain of the lands covered by the within Agreement when developing other lands in close proximity to the lands herein; and,
2. certain servicing activities being provided by the Developer which will equally benefit adjacent City lands.

Except for such modifications, the proposed Agreement imposes all standard development conditions and requirements.

ATTACHMENT

1. Proposed Development and Servicing Agreement as between The City of Saskatoon and Northridge Development Corporation.

REPORT NO. 2-2001 OF THE PLANNING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Composition of Committee

Councillor D. Atchison, Chair
Councillor P. McCann
Councillor T. Paulsen
Councillor P. Roe
Councillor R. Steernberg

1. **Request for Funding -
Housing Proposal from the Saskatoon Housing Coalition, Inc.
(File No. CK. 1815-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that a five percent contribution, up to a maximum of \$30,000, to the Saskatoon Housing Coalition, Inc. for their housing proposal respecting an apartment complex in the Pleasant Hill neighbourhood, and that the source of funding for the contribution be the Affordable Housing Reserve as per the Innovative Housing Incentives Policy No. C09-002, be approved.

ADOPTED.

The attached reports of the Chair, Social Housing Advisory Committee, dated February 2, 2001, and of the General Manager, Community Services Department, dated February 2, 2001 have been considered by your Committee. Your Committee has been advised by Ms. Jo-Ann Coleman Pidskalny, Executive Director, Saskatoon Housing Coalition, Inc., that rents received from the apartment complex will cover operating costs.

Your Committee supports the above recommendation.

**2. Disposal of Ground Water Collected by Foundation Weeping Tiles
(File No. CK. 7820-1)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the foundation weeping tiles from all new buildings constructed in the City of Saskatoon be drained to a sump pit and the pit pumped to the ground surface adjacent to the building or to a storm sewer;
 - 2) that in no case shall the weeping tile be drained to the sanitary sewer;
 - 3) that the administration be instructed to develop a program to encourage the owners of existing buildings to redirect the flow from the foundation weeping tiles from the sanitary sewer to the surface or to the storm sewer;
 - 4) that the administration be instructed to develop regulations for the disposal of ground water collected by foundation weeping tiles from both new and existing buildings; and
 - 5) that the administration report further once the regulations are developed and an implementation plan is in place.

ADOPTED.

Your Committee has considered and supports the recommendations outlined within the attached report of the General Manager, Infrastructure Services Department, dated February 1, 2001, regarding the above matter.

**3. Mandatory Call-in Inspection Program - Enforcement Process
(File No. CK. 530-1)**

- RECOMMENDATION:** that the current Mandatory Call-in Inspection Program be revised to include enforcement provisions in cases where work is covered before the inspection has been conducted.

ADOPTED.

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Your Committee has considered the attached report of the General Manager, Community Services Department, dated February 14, 2001, regarding the above matter. Following your Committee's review, the above recommendation is put forward.

**4. Marquis Drive/Idylwyld Drive Grade Separation Final Design Study
Capital Project No. 1994
(File No. CK. 6000-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that, due to changes in scope of Capital Project 1994 – Marquis Drive/Idylwyld Drive Intersection Improvements as outlined in the report of the General Manager, Infrastructure Services Department, dated February 6, 2001, the approved 2001 funding be re-directed to the detailed final design study of an interchange at the intersection of Marquis Drive and Idylwyld Drive (Highway 11/12).

ADOPTED.

Attached is a report of the General Manager, Infrastructure Services Department, dated February 6, 2001, which has been considered by your Committee. During review of this matter, your Committee was advised that improvements to the intersection of Marquis Drive and Idylwyld Drive are regarded as a priority by Saskatchewan Highways and Transportation.

Your Committee supports the recommendation outlined above.

**5. Trilux Media - Roadside Imaging
(File No. CK. 6280-1)**

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) that approval in principle be granted to permit Trilux Media Group to install floral advertising panels on public right-of-way;
- 2) that the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare the necessary lease agreement for City Council approval;
- 3) that any lease revenues generated be allocated to the Dedicated Roadway Reserve; and

- 4) that the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare the necessary amendment to the Capital Reserve Bylaw No. 6774.

ADOPTED.

Your Committee has considered and supports the recommendations outlined in the attached report of the General Manager, Infrastructure Services Department, dated February 19, 2001, regarding the above matter.

**6. Building Code Enforcement - Backlog of Building Code Deficiencies
(File No. CK. 301-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Attached is a report of the General Manager, Community Services Department, dated February 27, 2001. This report outlines the enforcement process to deal with the backlog of building code deficiencies.

This matter was discussed by your Committee at its meeting held on February 27, 2001, at which time it was resolved, in part:

- “1) that the current policy direction with respect to the “key objectives” and critical inspection items associated with the plan review and inspection program be reconfirmed;
- 2) that the revised enforcement process, as outlined on Attachment 3 of the report of the General Manager, Community Services Department, dated February 27, 2001, to be used by the Administration in an attempt to arrange for the inspection of properties with outstanding deficiencies, be endorsed;
- 3) that the current policy direction with respect to initiating legal action against property owners who do not respond to attempts made by the Administration to arrange for the inspection of properties with outstanding deficiencies be reconfirmed;

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- 4) that the Administration be requested to prepare a monthly report on the success achieved through the implementation of the revised enforcement process and ultimately to seek the approval of the Planning and Operations Committee prior to commencing any legal action;”

IT WAS RESOLVED:

- 1) that the current policy direction with respect to the “key objectives” and critical inspection items associated with the plan review and inspection program be reconfirmed;
- 2) that the revised enforcement process, as outlined on Attachment 3 of the report of the General Manager, Community Services Department, dated February 27, 2001, to be used by the Administration in an attempt to arrange for the inspection of properties with outstanding deficiencies, be endorsed;
- 3) that the current policy direction with respect to initiating legal action against property owners who do not respond to attempts made by the Administration to arrange for the inspection of properties with outstanding deficiencies be reconfirmed;
- 4) that the Administration be requested to prepare a monthly report on the success achieved through the implementation of the revised enforcement process and ultimately to seek the approval of the Planning and Operations Committee prior to commencing any legal action;

REPORT NO. 3-2001 OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Composition of Committee

Councillor G. Penner, Chair
Councillor O. Fortosky
Councillor M. Heidt
Councillor L. Swystun
Councillor K. Waygood

1. Communications to Council

**From: Brian Klenk, Facilities Supervisor
Canadian Blood Services**
Date: December 26, 2000
**Subject: Request for Property Tax Exemption
(File No. CK. 1965-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that Canadian Blood Services (formerly Canadian Red Cross) be granted a property tax exemption for their property located 325- 20th Street East, as a continuation of the property tax exemption for this building which was formerly under the ownership of Canadian Red Cross.

ADOPTED.

Attached is a copy of the report of the General Manager, Corporate Services Department dated February 8, 2001, providing background information on the property tax exemption for the building located at 325 - 20th Street East, (formerly owned by Canadian Red Cross). Also attached is a copy of the above-noted communication from Mr. Brian Klenk, Facilities Supervisor, Canadian Blood Services, requesting a continuation of the property tax exemption for this building located at 325 - 20th Street East, which was formerly granted to Canadian Red Cross.

Your Committee has reviewed the information provided, and supports a continuation of the property tax exemption for this property, in that the owner administers the Canadian Blood Program which was formerly administered by the Canadian Red Cross. The Committee believes that this exemption is not a new application, it is a continuation of a former exemption, and notes that an application has been made for a statutory property tax exemption through *The Health Districts Act*.

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**2. License Agreement - Mayfair Lawn Bowling Club Inc.
Ashworth Holmes Park
(File No. CK. 4205-1)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the License Agreement between the City of Saskatoon and the Mayfair Lawn Bowling Club Inc., regarding the use of the lawn bowling facility in Ashworth Holmes Park, be extended for five years from May 17, 2001 to May 16, 2005; and
 - 2) that the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the appropriate Agreement and that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute the Agreement under the Corporate Seal.

ADOPTED.

Attached is a copy of the report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated February 7, 2001, providing information on the License Agreement with Mayfair Lawn Bowling Club Inc., for use of the lawn bowling facility in Ashworth Holmes Park and recommending a renewal of this Agreement. Your Committee has reviewed this matter and supports the renewal of this Agreement.

**3. License Agreement - Shakespeare on the Saskatchewan Festival Inc.
Lease Renewal of Snow Dump Site Located
Between The Mendel and 25th Street
(File No. CK. 5520-5)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the request to extend the current License Agreement between the City and Shakespeare on the Saskatchewan Festival Inc. for an additional five years (from 2001 - 2005) for use of the snow dump site located between the Mendel Art Gallery and 25th Street, be approved under the same terms and conditions as the current Agreement;
 - 2) that an annual provision of \$5,000 be allocated for site preparation, to be funded through the Assistance to Community Groups Cash Grant Program, continuing for the term of the lease; and

- 3) that the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the appropriate Agreement and that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute the amending agreement under the Corporate Seal.

ADOPTED.

Attached is a copy of the report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated February 7, 2001, providing information on the License Agreement with Shakespeare on the Saskatchewan Festival Inc., for use of the snow dump site located between the Mendel Art Gallery and 25th Street and recommending a renewal of this Agreement. Your Committee has reviewed this matter and supports the renewal of this Agreement.

**4. City Treasurer's Report on Investments - December 2000
(File No. CK. 1790-3)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

Attached is a copy of the report of the General Manager, Corporate Services Department dated February 12, 2001 providing the City Treasurer's Report on Investments. Your Committee has reviewed this report and submits it to City Council as information.

**5. Business License Partnership
with Saskatoon and District Chamber of Commerce
(File No. CK. 300-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that a \$10 refund be granted on Business License renewals issued between March 1, 2001 and March 1, 2002.

ADOPTED.

Attached is a copy of the report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated January 29, 2001 containing a proposal regarding a refund on the cost of Business License renewals in lieu of additional reductions in fees. Your Committee has reviewed this report with the Administration and supports this refund proposal.

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6. Skateboarding Pilot Project
(File No. CK. 610-1)

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that this matter be referred to the Budget Committee for consideration of a \$30,000 addition to the 2001 Budget of the Community Services Department for a third supervised skateboard centre; and
 - 2) that the Administration be requested to report to the Budget Committee at the time this matter is considered, on the feasibility of providing unsupervised outdoor skateboard facilities in smaller “pocket park” type areas in residential neighbourhoods where there is a demand for this type of facility.

ADOPTED.

Attached is a copy of the report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated February 19, 2001 recommending approval of funding for a third supervised skateboard centre to be located in the City’s north end. Your Committee has reviewed this proposal, and while there is support for a third supervised skateboard centre, your Committee also wishes to explore the concept of providing smaller unsupervised outdoor skateboard areas in neighbourhoods where there is high demand for this type of facility. Your Committee is interested in the aspect of safety, and believes the smaller facilities would help to satisfy the demand while keeping numbers manageable at each facility.

7. Outreach Youth Worker
(File No. CK. 5700-2-1)

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the Administration include a provision for an Outreach Youth Worker contract in the 2001 Operating Estimates to be funded as outlined in the report; and
 - 2) that this matter be forwarded to the Budget Committee for consideration during review of the City of Saskatoon 2001 Operating Estimates.

ADOPTED.

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Attached is a copy of the report of the General Manager, Community Services Department and Chief of Police, Saskatoon Police Services dated February 12, 2001 providing information on a proposal to hire an Outreach Youth Worker for a three-year period, on a contract basis at \$40,000 annually.

Your Committee has reviewed the proposal and fully supports this initiative, which would involve redistribution of 2001 funding and an additional commitment of \$10,000 for 2002, as outlined in the report.

**8. 2000 Year-End Report
Municipal Golf Courses
(File No. CK. 4135-1)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the information be received;
 - 2) that the golf course valuation for determining the Return on Assets be based on using the “adjusted” assessment value; and
 - 3) that a financial performance objective for Return on Assets (ROA) for City-owned golf courses be amended to 2.4 percent.

ADOPTED.

Attached is a copy of the report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated February 15, 2001 providing a Year-End Report on Municipal Golf Courses. Your Committee has reviewed this report with the Administration and supports the idea that golf course development costs and building assessments should be determined in accordance with established formulas and principles that can be applied consistently to all golf courses, and therefore using adjusted assessed values for the purpose of determining golf course asset valuation is appropriate. Your Committee therefore supports the adjustment of the financial performance objective for Return on Assets from 1.25% to 2.4% which reflects the “adjusted” assessment value which is used in the formula.”

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Steernberg,

THAT the Committee of the Whole be adopted.

CARRIED.

ENQUIRIES

Councillor O. Fortosky

Sound Abatement: Montgomery Place - CN Railway Tracks

Lack of sound abatement has been a concern for Montgomery residents for many years due to rail traffic and the noise that accompanies that traffic.

Would the Administration please report on the history of sound problems along the south part of Montgomery Place along the CN railway tracks as well as possible solutions.

Moved by Councillor Roe,

THAT the meeting stand adjourned.

CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Deputy Mayor

City Clerk