

Council Chambers  
City Hall, Saskatoon, Sask.  
Monday, April 19, 2004  
at 7:00 p.m.

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

**PRESENT:** His Worship the Mayor, in the Chair;  
Councillors Alm, Birkmaier, Dubois, Fortosky, Heidt, Hnatyshyn,  
Neault, Paulsen, Penner and Wyant;  
City Manager Richards;  
General Manager, Community Services Gauthier;  
General Manager, Corporate Services Veltkamp;  
General Manager, Infrastructure Services Uzelman;  
General Manager, Fire and Protective Services Bentley;  
General Manager, Utility Services Hewitt;  
City Solicitor Dust;  
City Clerk Mann;  
Councillors' Assistant Long.

*Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,*

- 1) *THAT Page 21 of the minutes of meeting held on April 5, 2004, concerning Item A9 of Communications, be amended to read that Mr. Eric Stolte, Saskatchewan Hemophilia Society, spoke regarding the 19<sup>th</sup> Annual High Voltage Classic, not Mr. Sid Katzman.*
- 2) *THAT the minutes of meeting of City Council held on April 5, 2004, as amended, be approved.*

*CARRIED.*

**HEARINGS**

**2a) Proposed Zoning Bylaw Amendment  
Landscape Development Requirements and Guidelines  
Proposed Bylaw No. 8290  
(File No. CK. 4139-1)**

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Report of the City Clerk:

“The purpose of this hearing is to consider proposed Bylaw No. 8290, a copy of which is attached.

Attached is a copy of Clause 4, Report No. 2-2004 of the Planning and Operations Committee, which was adopted by City Council at its meeting held on February 9, 2004, as well as a letter dated February 16, 2004 from the Secretary of the Municipal Planning Commission recommending that the proposed Zoning Bylaw amendments concerning landscaping, as outlined in the report of the General Manager, Community Services Department to the Planning and Operations Committee, dated January 15, 2004, be approved.

Attached is a copy of Notice which appeared in the local press under dates of March 27 and April 3, 2004.”

*His Worship the Mayor opened the hearing.*

*Mr. Paul Whitenect, Community Services Department, indicated the Department’s support of the proposed Zoning Bylaw Amendment.*

*Mr. John Waddington, Chair, Municipal Planning Commission, indicated the Commission’s support of the proposed Zoning Bylaw Amendment.*

*Mr. Terry Boucher spoke in support of the proposed Zoning Bylaw Amendment.*

*Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Alm,*

*THAT the hearing be closed.*

*CARRIED.*

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*Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,*

*THAT Council consider Bylaw No. 8290.*

*CARRIED.*

- 2b) Proposed Zoning Bylaw Text Amendment – Revised Definition of Grade Level  
Applicants: City of Saskatoon, Dundee Development Corporation and Boychuk  
Construction.  
Proposed Bylaw No. 8296  
(File No. CK. 4350-1)**
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Report of the City Clerk:

“The purpose of this hearing is to consider proposed Bylaw No. 8296, a copy of which is attached.

Attached is a copy of Clause 2, Report No. 3-2004 of the Municipal Planning Commission which was adopted by City Council at its meeting held on March 22, 2004, as well as a copy of Notice which appeared in the local press under dates of March 27 and April 3, 2004.”

*His Worship the Mayor opened the hearing.*

*Mr. Tim Steuart, Community Services Department, indicated the Department’s support of the proposed Zoning Bylaw amendment.*

*Mr. John Waddington, Chair, Municipal Planning Commission, indicated the Commission’s support of the proposed Zoning Bylaw Amendment.*

*Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Birkmaier,*

*THAT the hearing be closed.*

*CARRIED.*

*Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Hnatyshyn,*

*THAT Council consider Bylaw No. 8296.*

*CARRIED.*

**MATTERS REQUIRING PUBLIC NOTICE**

**3a) Review of Pawn Shop Concentrations  
(File No. CK. 185-1)**

Report of the City Clerk:

“The following is a report of the Planning and Operations Committee:

- RECOMMENDATIONS:**
- 1) that the Zoning Bylaw and Business License Bylaw be amended to address the issue of pawn shop concentrations, as outlined in the report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated March 3, 2004;
  - 2) that the General Manager, Community Services Department be requested to prepare the required notices for advertising the proposed amendments to the Zoning Bylaw;
  - 3) that the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the required bylaws; and
  - 4) that at the time of the public hearing, the Municipal Planning Commission be asked report on the proposed bylaw amendments.

Attached is a copy of a report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated March 3, 2004, submitting recommendations for amendments to the Zoning Bylaw and Business License Bylaw to address the issue of pawn shop concentrations.

Also attached is a copy of letter dated March 10, 2004, from Mr. Trent Seidel, Director, Saskatchewan Pawnbrokers and Second Hand Dealers Association, with respect to the above matter.

The Community Services Department has advised that the necessary advertising for the Business License Bylaw amendments required under the Public Notice Policy has been undertaken.

Your Committee has reviewed the above matter and is supporting the recommendations outlined in the March 3, 2004 report of the Community Services Department.’

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

Public Notice is required for consideration of this matter, pursuant to Section 3b) of Policy No. C01-021, The Public Notice Policy. The following notice was given:

- Advertised in the Star Phoenix and Sun on the weekends of April 10 and April 17, 2004
- Posted on City Hall Notice Board on April 8, 2004
- Posted on City Website on April 8, 2004

Attached are copies of the following correspondence:

- Letter dated April 13, 2004, from Mr. Trent Seidel, Director, Saskatchewan Pawnbrokers and Second Hand Dealers Association, requesting permission to address Council;
- Letter dated April 13, 2004, from Brenda Reddick, Owner/Operator, Third Avenue Pawnbrokers, requesting permission to address Council;
- Letter dated April 14, 2004, from Nina Ngo, requesting permission to address Council;
- Letter dated April 14, 2004 from Rob Dashney, Proprietor, Cashworld Pawn & Second-Hand Store; and
- Letter dated April 14, 2004 from Lionel Wong, Director, Saskatchewan Pawnbrokers and Second Hand Dealers Association.”

**3b) Proposed Business License Bylaw Amendments – Pawnshops**  
**(File No. CK. 185-1)**

Report of the City Clerk:

“The following is a report of the Planning and Operations Committee:

**‘RECOMMENDATION:** that the City Solicitor be requested to draft a bylaw incorporating the changes to the License Bylaw with respect to pawnshops as proposed by the Saskatoon Police Service outlined in the following report.

Your Committee has considered the attached reports of the Chief of Police dated March 11 and 18, 2004, submitting information on the following proposed amendments to the Business License Bylaw relating to pawnshops:

- Prohibit a pawnshop from engaging in a pawn transaction or an unconditional sale with a person under the age of eighteen years.

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- All property from any transaction to be held a minimum of four clear business days.
- Any item pawned or sold outright and having cleared the thirty (30) day required waiting period for resale, be held an additional forty-five (45) days before disposal.
- Prohibit the acceptance of personal identification as an acceptable form of collateral for a loan.
- Include provision for revoking a business license and appeal procedure for same.
- Include progressive fines and penalties.

Your Committee supports the proposed amendments to the License Bylaw as outlined above.’

### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

Public Notice is required for consideration of this matter, pursuant to Section 3b) of Policy No. C01-021, The Public Notice Policy. The following notice was given: **(See Attachment 3a)**

- Advertised in the Star Phoenix and Sun on the weekends of April 10 and April 17, 2004
- Posted on City Hall Notice Board on April 8, 2004
- Posted on City Website on April 8, 2004”

*The City Clerk distributed copies of a letter dated April 19, 2004, from Deputy Chief Donald MacEwan, Saskatoon Police Service, advising that the Police Service has reviewed its previous recommendation, and has decided that it would be sufficient to request a 45 day holding period for items that are the subject of an unconditional sale or a pawn transaction.*

*Ms. Brenda Reddick, Third Avenue Pawnbrokers, advised that she and her husband have decided to close their business due to the increase in license fees and the cost of computer monitoring machines. She expressed the opinion that the increase in fees is unfair practice.*

*Mr. Trent Seidel, Saskatchewan Pawnbrokers and Second Hand Dealers Association, indicated that he was speaking with respect to Item 3b). He gave an overview of the pawnbroking business, and expressed the opinion that the recommendations, particularly the holding period, will have a negative impact on the business, as well as the customers.*

*Ms. Nina Ngo expressed concerns with respect to limiting the size of premises, the increase in license fees and renewal fees, the holding period and the electronic recording equipment having to be purchased by the owners.*

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*Mr. Brian Bieber expressed concerns with respect to the proposed holding periods, and the increase in license fees. He invited Council to tour the pawnbrokers in the City to see how they are operated, as there is much misinformation about the industry.*

*Mr. Randy Pshybelo, Riversdale Business Improvement District, spoke in support of limiting the concentration of pawnshops, and expressed concerns with some of the recommendations in Item 3b).*

*Mr. Joseph Roberts indicated the he is a user of pawnshops and asked that Council not hinder the business.*

**IN DEFERRAL**

*Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Hnatyshyn,*

*THAT the matter be deferred for two weeks.*

*THE DEFERRAL MOTION WAS PUT AND CARRIED.*

**COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL**

The following communications were submitted and dealt with as stated:

**A. REQUESTS TO SPEAK TO COUNCIL**

**1) Carroll Chubb, dated April 12**

Requesting permission to address Council with respect to the Gathercole building. (File No. CK. 4130-2-11)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that Item AA20 of Communications be brought forward and considered and that Carroll Chubb be heard.

*Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,*

*THAT Item AA20 of Communications be brought forward and considered, and that Carroll Chubb be heard.*

*CARRIED.*

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**“A20) Carroll Chubb, dated April 15**

Inviting Council to attend the Old Buildings, New Uses event on Sunday, April 4, 2004. (File No. CK. 4130-2-11)”

*Ms. Carroll Chubb spoke with respect to the heritage value of the Gathercole building.*

*Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,*

*THAT the information be received.*

*CARRIED.*

**2) Debbie D. Frost, dated April 13**

Requesting permission to address Council with respect to the cost of bus passes for low-income people. (File No. CK. 7312-1)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that Debbie Frost be heard.

*Moved by Councillor Dubois, Seconded by Councillor Birkmaier,*

*THAT Debbie Frost be heard.*

*CARRIED.*

*Mr. Joseph Roberts advised Council that Ms. Frost was unable to attend, and that he and Ms. Diane Bignell were present in her place to speak on behalf of the Get on the Bus Coalition. He indicated that the Coalition would like to enter into a partnership with the City to provide transportation to those in need. Ms. Diane Bignell cited statistics with respect to transportation costs for people on social assistance. Mr. Roberts provided Council with information on the Coalition, and a petition with approximately 700 signatures indicating support for the Equal Justice For All initiative for a \$15.00 bus pass to people on low income.*

*Moved by Councillor Dubois, Seconded by Councillor Fortosky,*

*THAT the matter be referred to the Transit Strategic Plan Study Steering Committee.*

*CARRIED.*



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**3) Terry Carruthers  
Saskatoon Soccer Association, dated April 19**

Requesting permission to address Council with respect to the Saskatoon Soccer Centre tax abatement. (File No. CK. 1965-1)

**4) Wayne Walling General Manager,  
Saskatoon Soccer Centre, dated April 19**

Requesting permission for John Riggs and Wayne Walling to address Council with respect to the Saskatoon Soccer Centre tax abatement.

**5) Bob Rohachuk, dated April 19**

Requesting permission to address Council with respect to the Saskatoon Soccer Centre tax abatement.

**6) Terry Matheson, President  
Saskatoon United Soccer Club, dated April 19**

Requesting permission to address Council with respect to the Saskatoon Soccer Centre tax abatement.

**7) Kim Fraser, Coordinator  
Saskatoon and District Soccer Association, dated April 19**

Requesting permission for Roman Todos to address Council with respect to the Saskatoon Soccer Centre tax abatement.

**8) Joel Johannson  
Saskatoon Minor Hockey Association, dated April 19**

Requesting permission to address Council with respect to the Saskatoon Soccer Centre tax abatement.

**RECOMMENDATION:** that Clause 4, Report No. 7-2004 of the Executive Committee be brought forward and considered and that the speakers be heard.

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*Councillor Heidt excused himself from discussion and voting on the matter, due to a conflict of interest, and left the Council Chamber.*

*Moved by Councillor Alm, Seconded by Councillor Wyant,*

*THAT Clause 4, Report No. 7-2004 of the Executive Committee be brought forward and considered, and that the speakers be heard.*

*CARRIED.*

**“REPORT NO. 7-2004 OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**4. Saskatoon Soccer Centre Tax Abatement  
(File No. CK. 1965-1)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the prime-time rental rates at City-operated indoor rinks be increased by \$10 per prime-time hour (excluding GST) over the next three years, effective October 1, 2004, and that for the subsequent seasons rate increases will maintain full cost recovery for the rental operation at City-operated indoor rinks;
  - 2) that the Saskatoon Soccer Inc. be granted a five-year full tax exemption, provided Saskatoon Soccer Inc. contributes \$72,000 towards the Youth Sport Subsidy Program, to be phased in over a two-year period, due by the following dates:  
  
June 30, 2005 - \$24,000  
June 30, 2006 - \$48,000  
June 30, 2007 - \$72,000  
June 30, 2008 - \$72,000  
June 30, 2009 - \$72,000;
  - 3) that the Youth Sport Subsidy Program subsidy be established at 39.2 percent at the end of the phase in period; and,
  - 4) that the Administration report further on a policy for property tax exemptions on non-City operated facilities constructed and operated on Municipal Reserve land.

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Your Committee has considered and supports the following report of the General Manager, Community Services Department:

## **“EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

In 1998, City Council adopted a resolution that Saskatoon Soccer Centre Inc. be granted a five-year exemption from property tax with respect to the Indoor Soccer facility constructed on Umea District Park located on municipal reserve land.

During its August 17, 2002 meeting, City Council adopted the recommendation of the Executive Committee to have the Administration explore a change to the current property tax exemption practice with the view to either provide a better rationale for the practice or eliminate the practice altogether.

During its January 19, 2004 meeting, City Council received a request from Saskatoon Soccer for a further five-year extension from property taxation. Management of the Harold Latrace Arena also requested a tax exemption, as they wanted equal consideration to that afforded to the Saskatoon Soccer Centre. City Council approved a one-year extension to the Saskatoon Soccer Centre for the 2004 fiscal year and asked the Administration to bring forward options for tax exemptions related to sports facilities.

For this report, sports facilities are limited to indoor rinks and soccer facilities as all other sport facilities are such that they either:

1. Have property tax included as part of their annual lease fee (e.g. Lakewood Indoor Tennis Centre);
2. Have been exempted from property tax through a long-term agreement (e.g. Riverside Badminton & Tennis Club);
3. Do not compete with another provider (e.g. Harry Bailey Aquatic Centre);
4. Have competitive providers and all pay property tax; or
5. Competitive providers all exempt from property tax by legislation (e.g. Saskatoon Field House and College of Kinesiology, University of Saskatchewan).

Historically, support to operators of indoor rinks in this City has been provided in three ways:

1. Financial assistance to minor sport organizations who use sport facilities.

Assistance is provided through the Youth Sports Subsidy Program (YSSP) whereby eligible minor sport organizations receive a rebate (currently 37 percent) on rental fees incurred to provide their programs.

2. Charging full market rates for City-operated sport facilities.

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Full market rates are defined as rates which will allow private and non-profit operators to enter the market and generate sufficient revenues to construct sport facilities and sustain the associated operating costs. Charging rental rates at City-operated indoor rinks which achieve 100 percent cost recovery would meet the above definition.

3. Refrain from expansion of its current indoor rink operations.

In light of the above, this report focuses on **two fundamental issues**:

1. Achieving full cost recovery at City-operated indoor rinks (within a three-year period); and
2. Developing an equitable property tax policy between organizations that provide sports facilities located on municipal reserve land and organizations that provide similar or competitive services on privately-owned land.

For this report, discussion focuses on contributions to the Youth Sports Subsidy Program as a condition of being granted a full tax abatement. Although this report attempts to propose an equitable treatment to operators of indoor rinks and soccer facilities, a broader policy will need to be developed based on direction received from City Council.

## **BACKGROUND**

The Youth Sport Subsidy Program (YSSP) was established in 1992 specifically targeted to support volunteer organizations that provide sport activities for youth age 18 years or under living in Saskatoon. City Council, in 1996, established the subsidy rate for the Youth Sports Subsidy Program at 37 percent. The subsidy at 37 percent is the contribution provided by the City of Saskatoon toward facility costs incurred by eligible youth sports organizations to deliver their programs.

City Council, in 1993, approved a long-term revenue generation and cost-recovery strategy to achieve full cost recovery on the rental operation at the City-operated indoor rinks. In 2002, City Council accelerated the annual increment to the hourly rental rates for prime time from \$4 to \$5. It was estimated that the full cost-recovery goal would be achieved by 2009. Effective October 1, 2004, the prime-time hourly rental rate will increase from \$146 to \$151.

However, as Chart 1 below demonstrates, expenditures are growing at a rate that exceed the \$5 increments approved by City Council. During the 2003/04 program season, there is a difference of \$13 per hour between the projected full cost-recovery rate (\$159) and the approved rental rate (\$146). During the 2004/05 season, the difference between the full cost-recovery rate (\$168) and the approved rate (\$151) is \$17 per hour. It is estimated that the full cost-recovery goal would now be achieved by 2011.

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**Table 1**

	<b>2003/04</b>	<b>2004/05</b>	<b>2005/06</b>	<b>2006/07</b>	<b>2007/08</b>
Projected Full Cost-Recovery Rate	\$159	\$168	\$171	\$175	\$177
Rental Rate @ \$5 Increments	\$146	\$151	\$156	\$161	\$166

The primary rationale for operating the indoor rinks is the provision of facilities to accommodate the programs offered by the various youth sport organizations (e.g., hockey, speed skating, ringette). A major consideration in implementing a phased approach is balancing the financial objectives of full cost recovery with maintaining participation levels. The annual increment to the hourly prime-time rental rate is the result of consultations with representatives of the respective minor sport organizations.

The recent consultations were based on the following financial implications:

**Chart 1**

<b>Impact Timeframe</b>	<b>Rink Rental Increment of \$5 per prime time hour</b>	<b>Increase City Revenues (Decrease Mill Rate)</b>	<b>YSSP City Contribution @ 37 % (Increase Mill Rate)</b>	<b>Subsidy Rate</b>	<b>Impact to all Youth Groups at Rinks</b>	<b>Impact to Minor Hockey</b>
Annual	\$146 to \$151	\$15,800	\$5,900	37%	\$10,000	\$8,200
Cumulative	\$146 to \$176	\$95,100	\$35,200	37%	\$59,900	\$49,100

So although the users of our City-operated ice indoor rinks are supportive of moving towards 100 percent cost-recovery rates, they have asked that the timeframe set to achieve that objective be such that the annual impact to their organizations is reflective of Table 1.

**DISCUSSION**

Achieving Full Cost Recovery at City-Operated Indoor Rinks

In discussion with representatives of the Harold Latrace Arena, they confirmed that their primary target group is minor hockey. They have set their rates to match those of the City of Saskatoon as they provide similar service and they serve the same client group. As a result of matching rates with the City of Saskatoon, they are in a deficit position.

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Rather than exploring the option of opening another tax abatement category for sports facilities, the Administration proposes in this report to accelerate the timeframe to achieve full cost-recovery rates at indoor rinks. Discussions with operators at the Harold Latrace Arena indicate that projected cost-recovery rates at City-operated indoor rinks would reflect fair market value and thus provide a level playing field with privately-operated indoor rinks. In light of their current financial realities, they urge the City to do this sooner than later.

In response to those realities, your administration proposes two options to achieve full cost recovery rates at the City-operated indoor rinks **within a three-year period**.

**Table 2**

	<b>2003/04</b>	<b>2004/05</b>	<b>2005/06</b>	<b>2006/07</b>
Projected Full Cost-Recovery Rate	\$159	\$168	\$171	\$175
Rates @ approved increments	\$146	\$151	\$156	\$161
Rates @ accelerated increments	-	\$156	\$166	\$176

These two options are based on current participation levels, projected usage, and the approved subsidy level through the Youth Sports Subsidy Program; and the incremental impact of a \$10 per hour rate increase for a full season on the minor sports groups who use the City-operated indoor rinks.

Option 1 – Impact of accelerated rates passed onto user groups

**Chart 2**

<b>Impact Timeframe</b>	<b>Accelerated Rink Rental @\$10 Rate per hour</b>	<b>Increase Rink Revenue/ Decrease Mill Rate</b>	<b>YSSP City Contribution @ 37 %</b>	<b>Subsidy Rate</b>	<b>Impact to all Youth Groups at Rinks</b>	<b>Impact to Minor Hockey</b>
Cumulative	\$146 to \$176	\$95,100	\$35,200	37%	\$59,900	\$49,100
Annual					<b>\$20,000</b>	<b>\$16,400</b>

This option significantly impacts indoor rink user groups as their annual rental cost increase is doubled from \$10,000 per year to \$20,000 per year. The City revenues and contribution remain unaffected in total but occur over a compressed period of time. Please reference Table 1.

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Option Two – Impact of accelerated rates absorbed through increased rink revenue

**Chart 3**

<b>Impact Timeframe</b>	<b>Accelerated Rink Rental Rate</b>	<b>Increase Rink Revenue/ Decrease Mill Rate</b>	<b>YSSP City Contribution @ 37 % Plus Premium</b>	<b>Subsidy Rate</b>	<b>Impact to all Youth Groups at Rinks</b>	<b>Impact to Minor Hockey</b>
Cumulative	\$146 to \$176	\$95,100	<b>\$88,700</b>	<b>39.2 %</b>	\$32,100	\$24,700
Annual					<b>\$10,400</b>	<b>\$8,200</b>

By directing \$53,500 from rink revenue to the Youth Sport Subsidy Program, we are able to achieve full cost recovery within the three-year period and also maintain the yearly rental cost increase currently supported by indoor rink users (e.g., \$10,000 annual increase). However, the favourable mill rate impact of the rate increase (calculated as the difference between the increased rink revenues and the YSSP contribution) decreases from \$59,900 to \$6,400. The increased contribution also requires the subsidy rate to increase from 37 percent to 39.2 percent.

Option Three – Soccer Centre contribution to Youth Sport Subsidy Program

Option 3 builds on the principles and variables presented in Option 2 with one exception. Instead of redirecting rink revenue to the Youth Sport Subsidy Program, your administration proposes the existing Soccer Centre facility participate in the contribution to the YSSP in a similar manner that sport facilities that operate privately-owned land do through payment of property taxes.

The City Assessor has advised that the assessed property tax on the Saskatoon Soccer Centre is approximately \$180,000. The City's portion of assessed tax on the soccer facility is \$72,000. This option proposes that the Saskatoon Soccer Centre, as a future condition of receiving a full tax abatement, be requested to contribute \$72,000 to the Youth Sports Subsidy Program.

**Chart 4**

<b>Impact Timeframe</b>	<b>Accelerated Rental Rate</b>	<b>Increase Rink Revenue/ Decrease Mill Rate</b>	<b>YSSP Contribution City@ 37 % Plus Soccer Contribution</b>	<b>Subsidy Rate</b>	<b>Impact to all Youth Groups at Rinks</b>	<b>Impact to Minor Hockey</b>
<b>Rinks = 3 yrs Soccer = 3 yrs</b>						
<b>Indoor Rinks</b>						
Cumulative	\$146 to \$176	\$95,100	\$35,200	<b>39.2 %</b>	\$32,100	\$24,700
Annual					<b>\$10,400</b>	<b>\$8,200</b>
<b>Indoor Soccer - Existing</b>						
Cumulative	\$89.25 to \$107.25		<b>\$72,000</b>	<b>39.2%</b>		<b>\$17,500</b>
Annual						<b>\$5,800</b>
<b>YSSP Surplus</b>	<b>\$4,000</b>					

To recover this additional operating expense, your administration anticipates that the Saskatoon Soccer Centre will be required to increase its current hourly rental rate by \$18 per hour from \$89.25 to \$107.25. This hourly rate increase is based on the total assessed tax rate of \$72,000 divided by an estimated 4,000 prime-time rental hours at the Soccer Centre facility.

As is the case with Minor Hockey, your administration proposes that the contribution be phased-in over a period which limits the annual impact to the user groups to an amount which can be sustained by the user groups. Since participant levels in minor hockey and youth soccer are in the same order of magnitude, we have chosen a phase-in period which equates the annual impact on these two user groups (i.e. approximately \$8,000).

Also, in this option, it is projected that the Youth Sports Subsidy Program would realize a \$4,000 under-expenditure (surplus). According to City of Saskatoon Policy C03-003 (Reserves for Future Expenditures), this \$4,000 will be transferred to the Special Events Reserve to provide funding assistance towards the hosting of major competitions.



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Proposed New Indoor Soccer Centre at University Heights Multi-District Park

The Saskatoon Soccer Centre Inc. is requesting in the 2005 Capital Budget \$2.25 million from the City of Saskatoon to support the development of the new indoor facility (proposed opening is the fall 2005). They are also requesting the facility be located on municipal reserve and that they receive a 100 percent property tax exemption. The assessed property tax for the new facility has been estimated at \$309,000. The estimated City's portion of a tax assessment for the new facility is \$123,000 annually.

It is the Administration's understanding that the new facility increases their capacity to provide additional practice and league play for minor soccer groups currently using community facilities. The increased capacity will have an incremental demand on the Youth Sports Subsidy Program of \$86,000 annually. Chart 6 illustrates the impact of applying the principle of sport facilities located on municipal reserve contributing to the YSSP in a similar manner that sport facilities that operate privately-owned land do through payment of property taxes. Using the same timeframe and assumption as Option 3, Chart 6 calculates a surplus in the Youth Sports Subsidy Program of \$41,500.

**Chart 5**

<b>Impact Timeframe</b>	<b>Accelerated Rental Rate</b>	<b>Increase Rink Revenue/ Decrease Mill Rate</b>	<b>YSSP Contributi on City@ 37 % Plus Soccer Contribut ion</b>	<b>Subsid y Rate</b>	<b>Impact to all Youth Groups at Rinks</b>	<b>Impact to Minor Hockey / Indoor Soccer</b>
<b>Rinks = 3 yrs Soccer = 2 yrs</b>						
<b>Indoor Rinks</b>						
Cumulative	\$146 to \$176	\$95,100	\$35,200	<b>39.2 %</b>	\$32,100	\$24,700
Annual					<b>\$10,400</b>	<b>\$8,200</b>
<b>Indoor Soccer - Existing</b>						
Cumulative	\$89.25 to \$107.25		<b>\$72,000</b>	<b>39.2%</b>		<b>\$17,500</b>
Annual						<b>\$8,750</b>
<b>Indoor Soccer - New</b>						
Cumulative	2,050 new hours @ \$107.25		<b>\$123,600</b>	<b>39.2%</b>		<b>\$133,700</b>
Annual						<b>\$68,850</b>
<b>YSSP Surplus</b>	<b>\$41,500</b>					

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Should the above scenario occur, three options would be available to City Council in terms of the projected surplus:

1. Transfer to Special Events reserve in anticipation of increased special events at the new soccer facility;
2. Increase YSSP subsidy rate to all minor sport users;
3. Reduce contribution from Saskatoon Soccer Centre;
4. Reduce contribution from City of Saskatoon; or
5. Any combination of the above.

Concerns Expressed by Saskatoon Soccer Centre

Attachment 1 is a copy of the letter received from the Board of Directors of the Saskatoon Soccer Centre Inc., expressing their concerns about the possibility that the civic portion of property taxes would be levied on the current soccer facility and proposed new facility at the University Heights Multi-District Park. The main concerns expressed by the Soccer Centre Board are as follows:

- Rental rates would be increased by 25 percent in order to recover the cost of the tax assessment. This increase will have an impact on participation levels at the current and planned new facility.
- Soccer teams currently rent school gymnasiums at half the hourly rate of the soccer centre. If rental rates increase by an additional 25 percent, teams would opt to continue to rent school gyms or other civic facilities rather than rent the soccer centre. The projected revenue for the new soccer centre is based on soccer teams relocating their practice times from community facilities to the new soccer facility.
- They view the soccer centre as a civic facility and thus desire fair and equitable treatment with other civic recreation facilities on municipal land.
- Paying taxes will impede plans to build a second soccer facility for a 2005 opening.

Based on discussions with a Saskatoon Soccer Centre Board representative, the board will be required to carry a mortgage of approximately 10 million and ongoing operating costs for the two soccer facilities. The mortgage requirement would be reduced by any donations from the City of Saskatoon and other donors. The Administration proposes an option to mitigate the contribution as a condition of receiving a full tax exemption by suggesting that the City loan Saskatoon Soccer Centre Inc. the money at City investment/loan rates. For the new soccer facility, Saskatoon Soccer Centre Inc. plans to amortize its mortgage over a 20 to 25-year period. They have been guaranteed a 5.5 percent interest rate for five years. The option is for the City of Saskatoon to loan the Saskatoon Soccer Centre Inc. money at the City investment/lending rate of 4.6 percent and guarantee this rate for 15 years. With no change to current interest rates, this would represent a savings of \$920,300 in interest costs over 20 years and \$962,200 over 25 years. It is the Administration's hope that these financial arrangements will provide a great deal of stability to the Saskatoon Soccer Centre's financial business plan. Assistance through such a loan arrangement will have no impact on the mill rate.

**OPTIONS**

The principle options have been explored in this document. However, variations on timing and contribution sources could also be explored.

**COMMUNICATIONS PLAN**

The minor sports groups and the Saskatoon Soccer Centre Inc. have been notified about the proposal and options outlined in this report. The groups affected will be invited to City Council to present their concerns regarding this report.”

*Mr. Terry Carruthers, Saskatoon Soccer Association, spoke with respect to the lack of support for soccer, and the lack of soccer facilities in the city.*

*Mr. Wayne Walling expressed concerns with respect to taxes being charged to soccer facilities, and requested that a decision not be made at this time, in order to allow them time to determine whether their membership supports the recommendations.*

*Mr. John Riggs, President, Saskatoon Soccer Centre, expressed concerns regarding charging a levy on soccer.*

*Mr. Bob Rohachuk, Saskatoon Youth Soccer Inc., expressed concerns with respect to the recommendations, and asked that Council consider the implications.*

*Mr. Terry Matheson, Saskatoon United Soccer Club, indicated that he was present representing the youth in Zone 1, which encompasses most of the west side of the city. He indicated that they are struggling to keep costs down, and that any increase will have a negative impact. He urged Council to give more time and thought to the proposal.*

*Mr. Roman Todos, Saskatoon and District Soccer Association, expressed concerns with respect to the recommendations, and asked that Council give them time to provide more information.*

*Mr. Joel Johannson, Saskatoon Minor Hockey Association, requested more time in order for his organization to review the report, and make an informed presentation.*

**IN DEFERRAL**

*Moved by Councillor Dubois, Seconded by Councillor Birkmaier,*

*THAT the matter be deferred for one month.*

*THE DEFERRAL MOTION WAS PUT AND LOST.*

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*Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Wyant,*

- 1) *that the prime-time rental rates at City-operated indoor rinks be increased by \$10 per prime-time hour (excluding GST) over the next three years, effective October 1, 2004, and that for the subsequent seasons rate increases will maintain full cost recovery for the rental operation at City-operated indoor rinks;*
- 2) *that the Saskatoon Soccer Inc. be granted a five-year full tax exemption, provided Saskatoon Soccer Inc. contributes \$72,000 towards the Youth Sport Subsidy Program, to be phased in over a two-year period, due by the following dates:*  
  
*June 30, 2005 - \$24,000*  
*June 30, 2006 - \$48,000*  
*June 30, 2007 - \$72,000*  
*June 30, 2008 - \$72,000*  
*June 30, 2009 - \$72,000;*
- 3) *that the Youth Sport Subsidy Program subsidy be established at 39.2 percent at the end of the phase in period; and*
- 4) *that the Administration report further on a policy for property tax exemptions on non-City operated facilities constructed and operated on Municipal Reserve land.*

*CARRIED.*

*Councillor Heidt re-entered the Council Chamber.*

**COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL – CONTINUED**

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

**1) Richard Buzik, dated March 31**

Expressing concerns with respect to crows. (File No. CK. 151-2)

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

*Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,*

*THAT the letter be referred to the file.*

*CARRIED.*

**2) S/Sgt D. Elias  
Saskatoon Police Service, dated April 1**

Advising that he will be replacing S/Sgt. Lewis as the Saskatoon Police Services' representative on the Traffic Safety Committee. (File No. CK. 225-8)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that S/Sgt D. Elias be appointed to the Traffic Safety Committee as the Saskatoon Police Services' representative, to replace S/Sgt. Lewis.

*Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,*

*THAT S/Sgt. D. Elias be appointed to the Traffic Safety Committee as the Saskatoon Police Services' representative, to replace S/Sgt. Lewis.*

*CARRIED.*

**3) Brian Toole, Volunteer Chair, Relay for Life  
Canadian Cancer Society, dated April 6**

Requesting Council to extend the hours under the Noise Bylaw for the Canadian Cancer Society's Relay for Life to be held from 7:00 p.m., June 4, 2004 to 7:00 a.m., June 5, 2004 at Diefenbaker Park. (File No. CK. 185-9)

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**RECOMMENDATION:** that permission be granted to the Canadian Cancer Society to extend the time during which the Canadian Cancer Society's Relay for Life may be conducted at Diefenbaker Park from 7:00 p.m., June 4, 2004 to 7:00 a.m., June 5, 2004.

*Moved by Councillor Alm, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,*

*THAT permission be granted to the Canadian Cancer Society to extend the time during which the Canadian Cancer Society's Relay for Life may be conducted at Diefenbaker Park from 7:00 p.m., June 4, 2004 to 7:00 a.m., June 5, 2004.*

*CARRIED.*

**4) Dr. Walter and Ruth Klaassen, dated April 5**

Requesting a ban on sea-doo's on the river in the city. (File No. CK. 5520-1)

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

*Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,*

*THAT the matter be referred to the Meewasin Valley Authority.*

*CARRIED.*

**5) Lois Bruce, President  
Schizophrenia Society of Saskatchewan Inc., dated April 7**

Expressing appreciation for the grant received. (File No. CK. 1871-5)

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

*Moved by Councillor Alm, Seconded by Councillor Hnatyshyn,*

*THAT the information be received.*

*CARRIED.*

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**6) Brian Daku, dated April 14**

Expressing concern with respect to the hold on the sale of a residential care home lot in Willowgrove. (File No. CK. 4000-5)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the matter be considered with Clause 3, Report No. 7-2004 of the Executive Committee.

*Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,*

*THAT the matter be considered with Clause 3, Report No. 7-2004 of the Executive Committee.*

*CARRIED.*

**7) Fern Larner, Executive Assistant  
Saskatchewan Place, dated May 2**

Submitting Notice of Annual Members' Meeting of the Saskatchewan Place Association Inc. to be held on Tuesday, May 4, 2004. (File No. CK. 175-31)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the City of Saskatoon, being a member of the Saskatchewan Place Association Inc., appoint Donald Atchison, or in his absence Owen Fortosky or Myles Heidt, of the City of Saskatoon, in the Province of Saskatchewan, as its proxy to vote for it on its behalf at the Annual Members' Meeting of the Saskatchewan Place Association Inc., to be held on May 4, 2004, or at any adjournment or adjournments thereof.

*Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Neault,*

*THAT the City of Saskatoon, being a member of the Saskatchewan Place Association Inc., appoint Donald Atchison, or in his absence Owen Fortosky or Myles Heidt, of the City of Saskatoon, in the Province of Saskatchewan, as its proxy to vote for it on its behalf at the Annual Members' Meeting of the Saskatchewan Place Association Inc., to be held on May 4, 2004, or at any adjournment or adjournments thereof.*

*CARRIED.*

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**8) Sylvie Delaquis  
Federation of Canadian Municipalities, dated April 13**

Submitting a copy of a letter dated April 7, 2004 addressed to the Honourable Tony Valeri, P.C., M.P., Minister of Transport, regarding Resolution NTC04.1.02CA – National Highways Program, submitted by the City of Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 155-5)

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

*Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,*

*THAT the information be received.*

*CARRIED.*

**9) Ken Wood, C.A., General Manager  
Saskatchewan Place, dated April 14**

Requesting that Council approve a productivity improvement loan with a five-year term, for the acquisition of a new score clock. (File No. CK. 1000-1)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that Council approve a productivity improvement loan of \$350,000 to Saskatchewan Place, over a five-year term, for the acquisition of a new score clock.

*Moved by Councillor Fortosky, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,*

*THAT Council approve a productivity improvement loan of \$350,000 to Saskatchewan Place, over a five-year term, for the acquisition of a new score clock.*

*CARRIED.*

**10) Wayne Poletz, dated April 7**

Submitting comments with respect to development of the south downtown. (File No. CK. 4130-1)

**11) Joe Abrook, dated April 14**

Submitting comments with respect to development of the south downtown. (File No. CK. 4130-2-11)



**12) Todd Welman, dated April 14**

Suggesting that the Saskatchewan Pavilion from the 1986 Expo be used as the landscape feature for the south downtown. (File No. CK. 4130-2)

**13) Spencer Early, President  
SaskTel Saskatchewan Jazz Festival, dated April 8**

Requesting that a cultural center that would seat 1000 be considered in development of the south downtown. (File No. CK. 4130-2-11)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the information be received and referred to the South Downtown Project Manager.

*Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,*

*THAT the information be received and referred to the South Downtown Project Manager.*

*CARRIED.*

**14) Joanne Sproule, Secretary  
Saskatoon Development Appeals Board, dated April 7**

Submitting notice of Development Appeal Board hearing for property located at 115 Avenue H South. (File No. CK. 4352-1)

**15) Joanne Sproule, Secretary  
Saskatoon Development Appeals Board, dated April 14**

Advising that the Development Appeal Board hearing for property located at 4018 Taylor Street East has been withdrawn by the appellant. (File No. CK. 4352-1)

**16) Joanne Sproule, Secretary  
Saskatoon Development Appeals Board, dated April 14**

Submitting notice of Development Appeal Board hearing for property located at 334 Avenue V South. (File No. CK. 4352-1)

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

*Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,*

*THAT the information be received.*

*CARRIED.*

**17) Ash Skinner, dated April 14**

Submitting comments with respect to the Police Service. (File No. CK. 5000-1)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the letter be referred to the Board of Police Commissioners.

*Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,*

*THAT the matter be referred to the Board of Police Commissioners.*

*CARRIED.*

**18) Reg Gibbins, dated April 14**

Expressing appreciation for the bike trail behind Preston Crossing leading to Adolph Crescent.  
(File No. CK. 150-1)

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

*Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,*

*THAT the information be received.*

*CARRIED.*

**19) Betty Trapp, dated April 14**

Requesting that the 19<sup>th</sup> Street between Vancouver Avenue and Winnipeg Avenue be paved. (File No. CK. 6315-1)

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**RECOMMENDATION:** that the matter be referred to the Administration.

*Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Fortosky,*

*THAT the matter be referred to the Administration.*

*CARRIED.*

**20) Carroll Chubb, dated April 15**

*DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 7.*

**21) Tammy Stonehouse  
Confederation Park Community Association, dated April 14**

Expressing the Confederation Park Community Association's support of the West-Sector Plan.  
(File No. CK. 4110-1)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the letter be considered with Clause 1, Report No. 7-2004 of the Executive Committee.

*Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Fortosky,*

*THAT the letter be considered with Clause 1, Report No. 7-2004 of the Executive Committee.*

*CARRIED.*

**22) Mark Bergen, dated April 15**

Submitting comments with respect to the budget and an increase in taxes. (File No. CK. 1920-1)

**23) Mike Cey, dated April 15**

Submitting comments with respect to the budget and an increase in taxes. (File No. CK. 1920-1)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the letters be considered with Clause 1, Report No. 1-2004 of the Budget Committee.

*Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Alm,*

*THAT the letters be considered with Clause 1, Report No. 1-2004 of the Budget Committee.*

*CARRIED.*

**24) Doug Agnew**  
**Agnew & Company, dated April 17**

Submitting comments, on behalf of Rick Libke regarding the tendering process for Type II Residential Care Home Lots in the Willowgrove neighbourhood. (File No. CK. 4215-1)

**25) B. Daku, J. Elliott, R. Libke, dated April 19**

Submitting comments with respect to the tendering process for Type II Residential Care Home Lots in the Willowgrove Neighbourhood. (File No. CK. 4215-1)

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the matter be considered with Clause 3, Report No. 7-2004 of the Executive Committee.

*Moved by Councillor Dubois, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,*

*THAT the matter be considered with Clause 3, Report No. 7-2004 of the Executive Committee.*

*CARRIED.*

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

**1) Len Taylor**  
**Minister of Government Relations, dated March 31**

Submitting information with respect to changes relating to Saskatchewan Assessment Management Agency funding and governance. (File No. CK. 180-11) **(Referred to the Administration.)**

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**2) Len Taylor  
Minister of Government Relations, dated April 12**

Advising of approval of the City's application for a grant for the replacement of two vehicles under the Municipal Transit Assistance for People with Disabilities. (File No. CK. 7305-1) **(Referred to the Administration.)**

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

*Moved by Councillor Birkmaier, Seconded by Councillor Hnatyshyn,*

*THAT the information be received.*

*CARRIED.*

**C. PROCLAMATIONS**

**1) Mark Keller, Branch Manager  
Water and Wastewater Treatment, dated February 24**

Requesting that Council proclaim May 2 to 8, 2004 as Drinking Water Week in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 205-5)

**2) Phyllis Hallatt, President  
Child Find Saskatchewan Inc., dated April 2**

Requesting that Council proclaim May 25, 2004 as Missing Children's Day in Saskatoon and May, 2004 as Missing Children's Month in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 205-5)

**3) Dianne Craig-Hutton, Chair  
Leave A Legacy Saskatoon, dated March 23**

Requesting that Council proclaim May 10 to 15, 2004 as Leave a Legacy Week in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 205-5)

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**4) Dennis Chubb, Chair  
Leadership Saskatoon Inc., undated**

Requesting that Council proclaim May 3 to 7, 2004 as Leadership Week in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 205-5)

**5) John Muzka, Committee and Campaigning Chair  
The Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal Committee, dated April 7**

Requesting that Council proclaim May, 2004 as Red Shield Month in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 205-5)

**6) Walter B. McNabb, Chairperson  
WoodShow '04, dated April 14**

Requesting that Council proclaim May 29 to June 6, 2004 as Woodworkers Week in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 205-5)

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 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.

*Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Penner,*

- 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**

John Waddington, Chair, presented Report No. 5-2004 of the Municipal Planning Commission;

General Manager, Community Services Gauthier presented Section A, Administrative Report No. 8-2004;

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General Manager, Corporate Services Veltkamp presented Section B, Administrative Report No. 8-2004;

General Manager, Infrastructure Services Uzelman presented Section D, Administrative Report No. 8-2004;

General Manager, Utility Services Hewitt presented Section E, Administrative Report No. 8-2004;

City Clerk Mann presented Section A, Addendum to Legislative Report No. 8-2004;

City Solicitor Dust presented Section B, Legislative Report No. 8-2004;

Councillor Fortosky, Chair, presented Report No. 7-2004 of the Planning and Operations Committee;

Councillor Birkmaier, Chair, presented Report No. 3-2004 of the Audit Committee;

Councillor Fortosky, Chair, presented Report No. 1-2004 of the Budget Committee; and

His Worship the Mayor, Chair, presented Report No. 7-2004 of the Executive Committee.

*Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,*

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

- a) Report No. 5-2004 of the Municipal Planning Commission;*
- b) Administrative Report No. 8-2004;*
- c) Legislative Report No. 8-2004;*
- d) Addendum to Legislative Report No. 8-2004;*
- e) Report No. 7-2004 of the Planning and Operations Committee;*
- f) Report No. 3-2004 of the Audit Committee;*
- g) Report No. 1-2004 of the Budget Committee; and*
- h) Report No. 7-2004 of the Executive Committee;*

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

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

*Committee arose.*

*Councillor Penner 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:*

**“REPORT NO. 5-2004 OF THE MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION”**

Composition of Commission

Mr. John Waddington, Chair  
Mr. Jack Billinton, Vice Chair  
Councillor Bev Dubois  
Mr. Dieter André  
Mr. Gord Androsoff  
Mr. Roy Ball  
Mr. Michael Chyzowski  
Mr. Lloyd Hedemann  
Mr. Brad Sylvester  
Ms. Karen Thogersen  
Mr. Vern Waldherr  
Mr. Randy Warick  
Mr. Jim Zimmer

**1. Nutana Local Area Plan Implementation  
Amendment to Zoning Bylaw  
Lots 14, 15 and 16, Block 89, Plan Q  
722 and 726 13<sup>th</sup> Street East  
Nutana Neighbourhood  
(File No. CK. 4351-1)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that City Council approve the required advertising respecting the proposal to amend the City of Saskatoon Zoning Bylaw No. 7800 to rezone 722 and 726 13<sup>th</sup> Street East from R2 to R2A;
  - 2) that the General Manager, Community Services Department be requested to prepare the required notice for advertising the proposed amendment;



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- 3) that the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the required Bylaw; and
- 4) that at the time of the public hearing, City Council support the application to amend the City of Saskatoon Zoning Bylaw No. 7800 to rezone 722 and 726 13<sup>th</sup> Street East from R2 to R2A.

Attached is a copy of report of the Community Services Department dated March 16, 2004, with respect to the above proposed rezoning of 722 and 726 13<sup>th</sup> Street East from R2 to R2A. The report provides background information about the rezoning of these properties in 2003 from R2A to R2. The Community Services Department recommends that City Council deny the proposed amendment.

Your Commission has considered the above report and has received presentations from Ms. Elaine Anne Mazier Maksymiuk, owner of 722 13<sup>th</sup> Street East, and Ms. Natalie Kitsei, owner of 726 13<sup>th</sup> Street East, to support their application for rezoning back to R2A. Ms. Maksymiuk indicated that her family never supported the change from R2A to R2. Ms. Kitsei indicated that when she purchased the property a couple of years ago, she was not aware that the zoning was to be changed.

Also attached is a copy of the material circulated by Ms. Maksymiuk to support her position, including the map of the proposed rezoning and the location of the three properties at 720, 722 and 726 13<sup>th</sup> Street East in relation to the other R2A property and close proximity to RM3 property across the street.

Following review of this matter, while your Commission supports the reversion of the two properties to R2A, its position has not changed with respect to overall support for the plan developed through the Nutana Local Area Planning process. Your Commission's reasons for supporting the proposed amendments are as follows:

- The change in zoning from R2A to R2 in 2003 was never supported by the owner of 722 13<sup>th</sup> Street East.
- The proximity of these properties to other R2A properties surrounding it in the same block and to the RM3 property across the street.
- This would provide consistent zoning in the block, with the exception of the property at 720 13<sup>th</sup> Street East.

*IT WAS RESOLVED:*

- 1) *that City Council approve the required advertising respecting the proposal to amend the City of Saskatoon Zoning Bylaw No. 7800 to rezone 722 and 726 13<sup>th</sup> Street East from R2 to R2A;*

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- 2) *that the General Manager, Community Services Department 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 at the time of the public hearing, City Council consider the Municipal Planning Commission's recommendation that the application to amend the City of Saskatoon Zoning Bylaw No. 7800 to rezone 722 and 726 13<sup>th</sup> Street East from R2 to R2A be supported.*

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT NO. 8-2004**

**Section A – COMMUNITY SERVICES**

**A1) Willows Golf Course Community  
Request to Utilize Dedicated Lands Account as Funding Source for Appraisal  
(File No. CK. 4131-24)**

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**RECOMMENDATION:** that the Dedicated Lands Account be utilized as the funding source for the purpose of obtaining an appraisal, at a cost of approximately \$3,500.00, plus GST, to determine the value of money-in-lieu of municipal reserve dedication.

*ADOPTED.*

**BACKGROUND**

At its meeting held on December 15, 2003, City Council approved the Willows Golf Course Community Concept Plan.

At its meeting held on February 25, 2004, the Technical Planning Commission approved Subdivision Application No. 01/04, to provide for the realignment of Cartwright Street as identified in the approved Willows Golf Course Community Concept Plan.

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**REPORT**

Municipal reserve dedication was one of the issues addressed through the processing of the Willows Golf Course Community Concept Plan. Under the provisions of *the Planning and Development Act, 1983*, all land that is the subject of a proposed subdivision shall provide the municipality, without compensation, land for municipal reserve or money in place of any land to be dedicated or a combination of land and money. In the case of residential land, the dedication is based on 10 percent of the land area proposed for subdivision. The Willows Concept Plan was ultimately approved by City Council on the basis that money-in-lieu of municipal reserve will be collected at the time the Willows area is subdivided.

A subdivision application to create the four development parcels, that will comprise the first phase of the Willows project, will be submitted in the very near future. In order to deal with the application in a timely fashion, the Development Services Branch is taking steps to begin to determine the 10 percent money-in-lieu of municipal reserve valuation. Historically, the Land Manager has performed money-in-lieu valuations as required. A request to the Land Manager was made and subsequently denied for several reasons, including the uniqueness of the Willows project. As a result, we are seeking to engage the services of an independent appraiser to carry out the valuation.

Cost estimates for appraisal work have been requested from two appraisal firms, resulting in one firm replying with an estimate of \$3,500 plus GST. We recommend that the Dedicated Lands Account be utilized to fund the appraisal, as this is the benefiting account for money-in-lieu of municipal reserve payments.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

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

**A2) Request to Reconsider Bylaw No. 8925  
Revised Fees for Rezoning, Discretionary Use, and Development Permit  
(File No. CK. 4330-1)**

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- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that City Council reconsider Bylaw No. 8925, being an amendment to the Zoning Bylaw to revise the fees for rezoning, discretionary use, and development permit applications;
  - 2) that the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare the necessary changes to Bylaw No. 8925;

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- 3) that the Community Services Department be instructed to prepare the necessary advertisement; and
- 4) that the Municipal Planning Commission be requested to report on this matter at the time of the public hearing.

**BACKGROUND**

City Council, at its meeting of April 5, 2004, considered a motion to amend the Zoning Bylaw related to revised fees for rezoning, discretionary use and development permit applications. A motion to consider this bylaw amendment was put and lost on a tie vote. Please refer to the attached excerpt from the minutes of the April 5, 2004, City Council meeting.

**REPORT**

Section 35(1)(d) of Bylaw No. 8198 The Council and Committee Procedure Bylaw, 2003 provides that:

“A motion to rescind or reconsider a resolution or bylaw shall only be considered by Council if a Council committee or the administration recommends that Council consider a motion to rescind or reconsider.”

In this instance, your Administration is requesting that, pursuant to the above noted provision, City Council reconsider the amendment to the Zoning Bylaw related to revised fees for rezoning, discretionary use and development permit applications.

It is recognized that this is an exceptional request. The reasons are as follows:

- The proposed fee increases were previously considered and approved by the Budget Committee;
- There appears to have been some misunderstanding related to the implementation of this proposed fee increase, which is intended to achieve a 60 % cost recovery target, and planned stakeholder consultation which will take place later this year regarding future cost recovery targets; and
- City Council approved amendments to Bylaw No. 6537 The Subdivision Bylaw to increase subdivision approval fees. This particular fee increase was a part of the overall recommendation to also increase fees for rezoning, discretionary use, and development permits

Should City Council agree to reconsider this matter, it will be necessary for the City Solicitor to make changes to the Bylaw to revise the implementation date of the fee changes to June 8, 2004.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

If City Council agrees to reconsider this Zoning Bylaw amendment, advertising in the Star Phoenix will be required pursuant to the provisions of *The Planning and Development Act, 1983*.

**ATTACHMENT**

1. Excerpt from the minutes of the April 5, 2004 City Council Meeting – Revised Fees for Rezoning, Discretionary Use, and Development Permit Applications.

*IT WAS RESOLVED:*

- 1) *that City Council reconsider amending the Zoning Bylaw to revise the fees for rezoning, discretionary use, and development permit applications;*
- 2) *that the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare the necessary bylaw to provide for the revised fees;*
- 3) *that the Community Services Department be instructed to prepare the necessary advertisement; and*
- 4) *that the Municipal Planning Commission be requested to report on this matter at the time of the public hearing.*

**A3) Land-Use Applications Received by the Community Services Department  
For the Period Between April 1, 2004 and April 13, 2004  
(For Information Only)  
(File No. CK. 4000-5)**

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

*ADOPTED.*

The following applications have been received and are being processed:

Subdivision

- Application No.13/04: Wall Street Lane Closure  
Applicant: George Nicholson Franko for City of Saskatoon  
Legal Description: Part of E/W lane, Block 15, Plan G3042  
Current Zoning: RA 1  
Neighbourhood: Central Business District  
Date Received: March 30, 2004

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Subdivision

- Application No.14/04: 802 Heritage Crescent  
Applicant: T. Webb Surveys for Parkside View Developments Ltd.  
Legal Description: Lot 1, Block 413, Plan No. 97S49157  
Current Zoning: RMTn  
Neighbourhood: Wildwood  
Date Received: April 6, 2004

Subdivision

- Application No.15/04: Blakeney Crescent  
Applicant: Murray Marien for City of Saskatoon  
Legal Description: Part of Lot B, Block 750; Lot C, Block 754, Plan No. 89S54198  
Current Zoning: R2  
Neighbourhood: Confederation Park  
Date Received: April 7, 2004

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

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

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Plan of Proposed Subdivision No. 13/04.
2. Plan of Proposed Subdivision No. 14/04.
3. Plan of Proposed Subdivision No. 15/04.

**A4) Regional Retail Study  
(File No. CK. 4125 -11)**

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

*ADOPTED.*

**BACKGROUND**

On February 9, 2004, City Council received a presentation of the Regional Retail Study by Rob Dee and Associates. The study was commissioned by City Council in 2003 to investigate issues concerning the growth of major retail sites in Saskatoon.

City Council resolved in part:

- 1) that City Council receive the Retail/Service Space Needs and Distribution Study as information;
- 2) that the Administration be requested to bring forward the necessary reports for Preston Crossing – Phase II, by April 1, 2004;
- 3) that the recommendation that the retail parcel (Parcel P, Plan 99SA37157) at Attridge Drive and Heal Avenue in the University Heights Suburban Centre be divided into two phases, with the first phase consisting of up to 6.1 gross hectares (15 acres), be referred to the Land Bank Committee; and
- 4) that the Administration be requested to report on servicing and scheduling issues.

**REPORT**

Regarding resolution 2 above, City Council held a public hearing to consider amendments to the Development Plan and Zoning Bylaw to accommodate Preston Crossing Phase II on Monday, March 22, 2004. The proposed amendments were approved by City Council.

Regarding resolution 3, the University Heights retail development (Parcel P) is currently under review in the Land Branch. A further report will be made through the Land Bank Committee to City Council in due course.

This report will deal more substantively with resolution 4.

Aside from Preston Crossing and University Heights, there are two other major proposals for Regional Retail sites in Saskatoon.

**1. Stonebridge (S.E. Corner of Clarence Avenue and Circle Drive – Attachment 1)**

First Pro has applied for redesignation and rezoning of 30 acres of land at the corner of Clarence Avenue and Circle Drive. Prior to development, a number of steps must occur.

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a) Traffic Impact Analysis

A 30 acre retail site will have significant impacts on the City's transportation system, particularly the intersection of Circle Drive and Clarence Avenue. The Administration has asked for a traffic impact study to determine what enhancements would have to be undertaken to allow the development to proceed. First Pro has indicated that the traffic analysis is tied to the Stonebridge Neighbourhood Concept Plan, which will be reviewed in 2004.

b) Infrastructure Analysis

The servicing of this site is connected to the servicing of the Stonebridge neighbourhood. The Stonebridge Neighbourhood Concept Plan is currently under administrative review and will likely be processed through to City Council, including how to service the entire area, in 2004. The Administration has requested a plan from First Pro indicating how they envisage the site to be serviced with water, storm and sanitary sewer.

The Administration has also asked First Pro for more information about how they intend to incorporate the temporary storm pond at the corner of Clarence Avenue and Circle Drive. First Pro's application does not include this storm pond. The pond may be abandoned and the land (10 acres) made available for sale once full services are brought to the Stonebridge neighbourhood. The 10 acre storm pond is owned by the City of Saskatoon.

c) Concept Plan and Build-out

The Administration has asked for information about the projected total square footage, anticipated phasing of the site, a conceptual layout of the site with anticipated types of stores, parking areas, and access/egress conditions, together with traffic circulation patterns.



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d) Market Area Analysis

First Pro's application to City Council requests the redesignation and rezoning of 30 acres of land. However, they have alluded to the possibility of including the area of the temporary storm pond, which would bring the gross area of the site to 40.9 acres. The application has requested a Suburban Centre designation, however, a 40.9 acre site is large enough to serve an entire region. More information is required to determine the intended market area.

If all of the above information is provided in a timely manner by the developer, and outstanding technical issues are resolved, including City Council approval of the Stonebridge Neighbourhood Concept Plan, the Stonebridge retail site may be available for development by the fall of 2005 at the earliest.

**2. West Sector (Intersection of Highways 14 and 7 – Attachment 2)**

Thirty (30) acres of retail land has been identified in the West Sector Concept Plan at the intersection of Highways 14 and 7.

a) Annexation

The City Administration, with City Council approval, will commence the annexation process with the RM of Corman Park. It is targeted that the lands necessary for Phases 1 through 3 will be annexed by the City of Saskatoon effective January 1, 2005.

b) Detailed Concept of Phase 1

The Administration will work together with the School Boards to design a detailed concept plan for phase 1 of the West Sector. It is anticipated that a concept plan could be ready for approval by City Council in the fall of 2004.

c) Servicing Budget

Requests for funding approval will be made to commence with the temporary servicing scheme in 2005.

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d) Acquisition of Land

The City of Saskatoon will need to acquire control of Saskatchewan Highways lands necessary for the newly aligned Highway 7 and proposed interchange at Highway 14.

e) Designation and Rezoning of Land

The City of Saskatoon will need to undertake a redesignation and rezoning of all lands annexed into the City of Saskatoon. The lands in the West Sector are currently under the control of the Saskatoon Planning District Development Plan and Zoning Bylaw.

f) Tendering of Retail Lands

The West Sector retail Site is currently located on land owned by the City of Saskatoon. As such, these lands would need to be tendered in an open bid process.

It is anticipated that the above steps could be undertaken in 18 to 24 months. Development of the West Sector retail site and high school sites may be possible by the spring of 2006.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

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

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Map showing location of Stonebridge Retail Site
2. Map showing location of West Sector Retail Site

**Section B – CORPORATE SERVICES**

**B1) 2004 Budget Approval  
Business Improvement Districts  
(File No. CK. 1711-1)**

**RECOMMENDATION:** 1) that the 2004 Budget submissions from The Partnership, Broadway Business Improvement District, Riversdale Business Improvement District, and the Sutherland Business Improvement District be approved; and,

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- 2) the City Solicitor's Office be requested to prepare the 2004 Business Improvement District Levy Bylaws for submission to City Council for consideration.

*ADOPTED.*

The Business Improvement District Bylaws require each BID to submit an annual budget for Council's approval. The 2004 levy request for each BID is as follows:

- a) The Partnership – attached is a copy of a letter dated January 5, 2004 from Mr. Terry Scaddan, Executive Director, The Partnership, forwarding their 2004 Budget Proposal for the approval of City Council. The levy request is the same as 2003.
- b) Broadway Business Improvement District – attached is a copy of a fax dated February 12, 2004 from Ms. Heather Larson, Executive Director, Broadway BID, providing the 2004 Proposed Budget for the Broadway BID. The levy request is the same as 2003.
- c) Riversdale Business Improvement District – attached is a copy of a letter dated January 15, 2004 from Ms. Phyllis Lodoen, Executive Director, Riversdale BID, forwarding their 2004 Budget Proposal for the approval of City Council. The levy request is \$25,500 higher than 2003.
- d) Sutherland Business Improvement District – attached is a copy of a fax from Mr. Clinton Weese, Secretary-Treasurer, Sutherland BID, providing the 2004 Proposed Budget for the Sutherland BID. The levy request is the same as 2003.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

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

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. January 5, 2004 letter from The Partnership
2. February 12, 2004, fax from Broadway Business Improvement District
3. January 15, 2004 letter from Riversdale Business Improvement District
5. Fax from Sutherland Business Improvement District

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**B2) Canada-Saskatchewan Infrastructure Program  
Capital Project 2008  
Circle Drive/11<sup>th</sup> Street Intersection Improvements  
Agreement Between the City of Saskatoon and  
the Province of Saskatchewan  
(File No. 1860-1)**

**RECOMMENDATION:** that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute the agreement between the City of Saskatoon and the Province of Saskatchewan, relating to Capital Project 2008, Circle Drive/11<sup>th</sup> St. Intersection Improvements, under the Corporate Seal.

*ADOPTED.*

Capital Project 2008, Circle Drive/11<sup>th</sup> Street Intersection Improvements was approved during the 2004 Capital Budget deliberations subject to approval of funding under the Canada Saskatchewan Infrastructure Program. Funding in the budgeted amount of \$1,700,000 has been approved under this program.

Attached is the standard form of agreement between the City of Saskatoon and the Province of Saskatchewan relating to the Canada-Saskatchewan Infrastructure Program and this capital project.

The agreement outlines the responsibilities of each party and has been reviewed by the Corporate Services Department, Infrastructure Services Department, and the City Solicitor. The funding to be received under this program and as outlined in this agreement, together with the total eligible contracted project costs, is consistent with the application submitted by the City of Saskatoon.

It should also be noted that all environmental issues have been reviewed and the mitigating measures will be addressed.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

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

**ATTACHMENT**

1. Agreement between the City of Saskatoon and the Province of Saskatchewan (Intersection of Circle Drive/Dundonald Avenue & 11<sup>th</sup> Street West in Saskatoon).

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**B3) Cheshire Homes (Management)  
Nominee to Board of Directors  
(File No. CK. 750-2-2)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that effective May 3, 2004, Mr. Cal McCarthy be appointed as the City's nominee to the Board of Directors of Cheshire Homes (Management), in place of Mr. Ron Beallie, and that he be authorized to vote the membership interest and execute all documents on behalf of the City of Saskatoon as is necessary to formalize the minutes of Cheshire's Annual General Meetings; and,
  - 2) that the City Clerk advise Cheshire Homes of the appointment of the City's nominee.

*ADOPTED.*

Mr. Ron Beallie, Corporate Support Services Manager, Corporate Services Department, has served as City Council's nominee to the Board of Directors of Cheshire Homes (Management) for the past three years. He has now indicated he wishes to be relieved of that responsibility.

Mr. Cal McCarthy, Financial Planning and Reporting Coordinator, Corporate Services Department, has indicated his willingness to represent the City on this Board, if it is City Council's wish.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

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

**B4) Operating Line of Credit  
(File No. CK. 1500-1)**

- RECOMMENDATION:** that City Council consider Bylaw No. 8299, The Operating Line of Credit Bylaw, 2004.

*ADOPTED.*

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Within the Corporate Services Department's mandate, it is the responsibility of the Office of the City Treasurer to manage and administer civic funds. Cash management is an integral part of the process as there is a continual requirement for cash balances to fund the day-to-day liabilities of the Corporation as dictated by the capital and operating budgets. Ideally, the Office of the City Treasurer would like to attain a zero cash balance on a daily basis; however, the timing of cheque clearance, unexpected disbursements, and unanticipated revenues have rendered this target difficult to achieve on a consistent basis. As result, the City's combined operating balance may be in a surplus position or in an overdraft position on any given day. Overdraft charges are applied to any cash balances in a deficit position. An overdraft position is usually offset in a matter of days through cash management activities.

The City's current lead bank, the Royal Bank of Canada, has requested that the City submit formal authorization to support an operating line of credit. The Office of the City Treasurer recommends that an operating line of credit, not to exceed \$10 million, be formally authorized through the passage of a bylaw. An operating line of credit and the rate of interest charged for same shall be determined by agreement between the City and the financial institution lending the funds.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

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

**ATTACHMENT**

1. The Operating Line of Credit Bylaw, 2004, Bylaw No. 8299.

**Section D – INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES**

- D1) Enquiry – Councillor G. Penner (December 1, 2003)**  
**Traffic Lights – 8<sup>th</sup> Street and Acadia Drive**  
**(File No. CK. 6320-1)**

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

*ADOPTED.*

The following enquiry was made by Councillor Penner at the meeting of City Council held on December 1, 2003:

“Could I please have a report on the implications of having an arrow for left turns, on each phase, all the time at the intersection of 8<sup>th</sup> Street and Acadia Drive?”

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Traffic is heavy at this intersection and it is often very difficult to negotiate a left-hand turn.”

**BACKGROUND**

8<sup>th</sup> Street is classified as a six-lane divided major arterial roadway and carries a daily traffic volume of approximately 36,600 vehicles at this intersection. Acadia Drive is classified as a major collector north of 8<sup>th</sup> Street with a traffic volume of 12,300 vehicles per day. The south leg is classified as a minor arterial carrying 12,000 vehicles per day. The intersection is currently controlled by traffic signals, with exclusive eastbound and westbound left turn bays and permissive left turn arrows. The northbound and southbound approaches each provide two lanes: a through/left turn lane and a through/right turn lane with no turn arrows. Currently there are no overhead lane designation signing or roadway markings on any approach at this intersection. There are also commercial driveways near the intersection on all intersection approaches.

There have been 231 reported collisions at this intersection over the last five years. The five-year collision history of this intersection since 1998 is summarized in Table 1:

**Table 1: Collision History of 8<sup>th</sup> Street and Acadia Drive**

Collision Configuration	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	Total
Fixed Object	0	1	2	3	2	10
Rear End	4	20	9	12	12	57
Right Angle	7	7	13	4	11	42
Head On	1	0	0	0	0	1
Left Turn	8	19	15	14	21	77
Parked	0	0	0	0	0	0
Backing	0	0	0	0	0	0
Parking	0	0	0	0	0	0
Side Swipe	1	8	11	2	2	24
Other	14	2	3	0	1	20
Total	37	57	53	35	49	231

**REPORT**

Capital Project 631-Traffic Safety provides funding for audits of high collision intersections resulting in recommendations for improvements to the intersection to reduce the collision rate and improve safety. The independent review is funded in partnership with Saskatchewan Government Insurance (SGI), and any improvements to the intersection may be partially funded by SGI at their discretion. A consultant’s report has been recently completed recommending various safety improvements at the intersection of 8<sup>th</sup> Street and Acadia Drive.

The report identified the following issues at this intersection:

**1. Geometric deficiencies**

- a. Northbound and southbound shared left turn-through lane may cause confusion for southbound and northbound drivers unsure if vehicles are turning left or not.
- b. The close proximity of commercial driveways on both 8<sup>th</sup> Street and Acadia Drive create potential weaving conflicts for intersection users, and for vehicles entering and leaving the driveways.
- c. Shared outer through-right turn lane may also be a source of rear ends.

**2. Collision analysis findings**

- a. Collisions were predominantly of three types: rear end (RE), left turn opposing (LTO), and right angle (RA).
- b. Northbound vehicles were involved in over 50% of collisions identified as having high occurrences (3 or more collisions over 5 years).
- c. The highest collision types involving vehicles travelling in the northbound direction include LTO collisions, RA collisions, RE, and sideswipes over 5 years.
- d. The highest number of RE collisions occurred in the eastbound and westbound directions.

**3. Conflict analysis findings\***

- a. 90 conflicts were observed at this intersection (approximately 6 conflicts per hour), 18 of them being significant (i.e. higher risk of collision and closer time to collision).
- b. The most predominant conflict types were the LTO conflicts between eastbound and westbound vehicles (20 conflicts), followed by LTO conflicts between northbound and southbound vehicles (10 conflicts).
- c. There were 17 conflicts involving vehicles turning into the same lanes, 11 of which involved westbound vehicles turning left into the same lane as eastbound vehicles turning right.
- d. There were also 12 RE conflicts in the eastbound and westbound directions (6 in each direction). A total of 9 of the 12 conflicts were caused by vehicles entering or exiting the commercial driveways.

\*A conflict study involves monitoring the intersection throughout a typical day and noting any near miss collisions or other driver reactions that would not be considered normal or safe vehicle operation.

As a result of the study performed, the consultant proposed three changes to the intersection that are anticipated to result in reduced collisions.



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**1. Provide split phasing for the traffic signals in the northbound and southbound directions.**

This countermeasure will remove conflicts between key left turn movements at the intersection with opposing traffic by providing full protection 24 hours a day. Split phasing will also allow both northbound and southbound through lanes to remain shared with left and right turn movements.

**2. Provide additional time to eastbound/westbound protected left turn phase.**

This countermeasure will assist in reducing eastbound/westbound LTO collisions by providing more protected left turn time.

**3. Provide secondary traffic signal heads in eastbound and westbound directions.**

This countermeasure will provide additional traffic signal display to drivers. This should assist in reducing RE and RA collisions.

Implementation of the traffic signal timing changes described above will satisfy the request for fully protected left turn arrows at this intersection. At this time, the Traffic Engineering Section is preparing construction drawings for the work required to implement the above recommendations. SGI will also be contacted to determine if they are willing to contribute to the funding required for these improvements.

The traffic signal changes are planned to proceed in the near future, with the estimated implementation cost of \$5,000 to be funded from Capital Project 631-Traffic Safety.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

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

**D2) Enquiry - Councillor M. Heidt (November 3, 1997)**

**Snow Removal Policy**

**(File No. CK. 6290-1)**

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

*ADOPTED.*

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At the meeting of City Council on November 3, 1997, Councillor Heidt made the following inquiry:

“Would the Administration please report to the Planning and Operations Committee on the snow removal policy and the priorities with respect to snow removal in the City.”

The document “Winter Maintenance – Level of Service” (Attachment 1) was received as information by the Planning and Operations Committee on December 12, 2000. The report was submitted as a follow-up to a self-control audit that was completed in 2000. The above enquiry by Councillor Heidt was not referred to in the 2000 report, and therefore the item remained outstanding until now.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

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

**ATTACHMENT**

1. Winter Maintenance – Level of Service

**D3) Enquiry - Councillor O. Fortosky (September 24, 2001)  
Possibility of Paving – Spadina Crescent West  
to the Queen Elizabeth Power Plant  
(File No. CK. 6315-1)**

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

*ADOPTED.*

At the meeting of City Council on September 24, 2001, Councillor Fortosky made the following enquiry:

“Would the Administration report back on the possibility of paving the road along Spadina West to the Queen Elizabeth Power Plant.”

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## REPORT

The City of Saskatoon has been negotiating a number of issues with SaskPower relating to the expansion of the City's landfill onto portions of the property occupied by the Queen Elizabeth Power Station site. The condition of Spadina Crescent between the Queen Elizabeth site and Schuyler Street has been a major issue, and the City has agreed to maintain a dust-free surface at this location with a chip-sealed surface as a final treatment.

In the summer of 2003, a contractor was hired to clean and rough-grade the ditches along this section of road. In October of 2003, the gravel sections of the road were reshaped to a reasonable cross-section. Additional gravel was added to the surface, and a proprietary oil product supplied by a local emulsion supplier was mixed in with the gravel to provide a dust-free surface. This surface is performing extremely well to date, and has not required any significant maintenance or grading since it was placed. Minor pothole patching will be performed to restore any surface deficiencies in the spring of 2004. The total cost of the treatments applied to date is approximately \$105,000.

In 2004, Infrastructure Services will finalize ditch grading, install culverts as required, and apply the final chip-seal treatment. A chip-seal involves spraying emulsified asphalt on the road surface, spreading aggregate onto the oil, and compacting the materials into a wearing surface. The chip-seal will extend the life of both the existing pavement sections that are failing, and the gravel sections that were stabilized with emulsion. The total cost of minor pavement repairs and chip-sealing is expected to be \$60,000.

Surfacing of this road with asphalt would require the construction of a granular base structure. A detailed evaluation and design would have to be performed, but a preliminary estimate is that the cost would be in excess of \$700,000.

A new water supply line to the Water Treatment Plant is proposed to be constructed in 2010. This line would run parallel to or partially under this section of Spadina Crescent.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

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

**D4) Enquiry – Councillor M. Heidt (May 5 and 12, 2003)**  
**Lane Behind Blue Diamond Restaurant**  
**(File No. CK. 6000-1)**

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

*ADOPTED.*

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Councillor Heidt made the following enquiry at the meeting of Council on May 5 and 12, 2003:

“Would the Administration investigate what action we can do to improve the safety of the lane behind Blue Diamonds on 22<sup>nd</sup> Street, as this is an alley used as a street:

- one-way
- paving
- sanding program in the winter.”

Traffic accident records are not kept by specific lane, so accident statistics are not available. The lane has been inspected by traffic engineering staff and was found to be in acceptable condition.

If local residents wish the lane to be converted to one-way traffic only, an application could be made to the Municipal Engineering Branch, Infrastructure Services. Municipal Engineering will prepare the necessary report for Council.

Currently, there are two options available to facilitate paving of this lane. The first option is that adjacent property owners could fund the full cost of construction of a paved lane. Secondly, Infrastructure Services could construct the paved lane by initiating a capital project. The estimated cost for paving this lane is between \$30,000 and \$40,000.

Regarding winter maintenance, Public Works treats this lane in a similar priority as paved lanes in the downtown and in other commercial areas.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

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

**D5) Clarence Avenue/CNR Overpass – Property Acquisitions  
Part NW ¼ 10-36-5-W3rd and Part of Plan No. CR - 3926  
(File No. CK. 4021-1)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the Offer to Purchase Agreements for Part NW ¼ 10-36-5-W3rd and Part of Plan No. CR – 3926 be approved; and
  - 2) that the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the necessary sale agreements, and that His Worship, the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the agreements.

*ADOPTED.*

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## BACKGROUND

At its September 22, 2003 meeting, City Council adopted Administrative Report No. 15-2003, which recommended “that the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare an agreement with Canadian National Railway (CNR) for the construction of a grade separation of the CNR Watrous Subdivision railway crossing of Clarence Avenue South, as detailed in this report, for execution by His Worship the Mayor and City Clerk under the Corporate Seal”.

This agreement between the City of Saskatoon and CNR to construct a grade separation of the CNR Watrous Subdivision railway crossing of Clarence Avenue South was executed on December 23, 2003. In order to accommodate the earth embankments for the grade separation, additional right-of-way must be acquired from the adjacent property owners. The City’s Land Manager was requested by Infrastructure Services to commence negotiations to acquire the said rights-of-way.

## REPORT

The City’s Land Manager commenced the process for the acquisition of the properties in February 2004. This process has involved commissioning the firm of Realty Executives to undertake the initial contact and subsequent negotiations with the owners of these properties. An agreement to purchase the land from Twin Dragon Holdings Ltd. along the west side of Clarence Avenue, south of Melville Street, was approved by City Council at its meeting held April 5, 2004.

An Offer to Purchase part of NW ¼ 10-36-5-W3rd containing approximately 1.255 acres has been signed by the Land Manager with the following terms and conditions:

Purchase Price:	\$5,353.90
Deposit:	\$2,000.00 (paid)
Condition Precedent:	Subject to approval by City Council
Other Terms:	Replacement of fence posts and three wire barbed fence by City
Closing and Possession:	May 1, 2004
Adjustments:	Taxes, utilities, and other adjustments to be made on possession

An Offer to Purchase part of Plan No. CR – 3926 containing approximately 0.435 acres has been signed by the Land Manager with the following terms and conditions:

Purchase Price:	\$16,119.60
Deposit:	\$ 5,000.00 (paid)
Condition Precedent:	Subject to approval by City Council
Other Terms:	Purchase price includes payment to vendor to install new approach and relocation of gates to the balance of land being retained by vendor
Closing and Possession:	May 1, 2004

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Adjustments: Taxes, utilities, and other adjustments to be made on possession

With respect to these agreements, the City has proceeded to prepare the necessary survey at its expense respecting these and other properties to be purchased. Attachment 1 illustrates the lands to be acquired from the owner of part of NW1/4 10-36-5-W3rd being proposed parcel S2 on Cartwright Place and proposed parcel Z lying to the east of Clarence Avenue, and owner of part of CR – 3926 being proposed parcel J lying to the east of Clarence Avenue.

The funding source for the purchase of this land is the funding allocated within Capital Project No. 2012 Clarence Avenue/CNR Overpass.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

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

**ATTACHMENT**

1. Plan of Properties

**Section E – UTILITY SERVICES**

**E1) Water Treatment Plant Site Expansion – Property Acquisition  
1119 and 1121 Spadina Crescent West, and 843 and 839-11<sup>th</sup> Street West  
(File No. CK 4021-1)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the Offer to Purchase Agreements for 1119 Spadina Crescent West, 1121 Spadina Crescent West, 843-11<sup>th</sup> Street West and 839-11<sup>th</sup> Street West be approved; and,
  - 2) that the City Solicitor be authorized to complete the purchase of these properties.

*ADOPTED.*

**BACKGROUND**

The Executive Committee, at its meeting held on November 10, 2003, resolved:

- “1. that the Executive Committee approve, in principle, Water and Waste Water Capital Expansion Plan; and

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2. that the Administration be authorized to proceed with the necessary property acquisitions to address the proposed Water Treatment Plant site expansion requirements.”

City Council, at its meeting held on December 15, 2003, approved Capital Project No.1224 – Water Treatment Plant Site Expansion estimated at \$2,128,000 for 2004.

**REPORT**

The City’s Land Manager commenced the process for the acquisition of nine residential properties in November 2003, as illustrated on Attachment No. 1. This process has involved commissioning the firm of Realty Executives to undertake the initial contact and subsequent negotiations with the owners of the properties. The approach is based on negotiation between a willing seller and a willing buyer. Part of this approach includes negotiating appropriate disruption costs with each of the property owners and includes costs such as mortgage interest penalties, legal fees, moving expenses. To ensure that property owners or existing tenants have time to adjust after the possession of the property by the City, each property owner is provided with the opportunity to lease the property back from the City until February 28, 2005, at a nominal amount inclusive of property taxes.

To date the City has acquired four properties including 1115 Spadina, 829-11<sup>th</sup> Street, 835-11<sup>th</sup> Street and 845-11<sup>th</sup> Street. Four additional properties are now the subject of an Offer to Purchase Agreement subject to the approval of City Council. These four properties are described as follows:

<b>Address</b>	<b>Purchase Price</b>	<b>Closing Date</b>
1119 Spadina Crescent West	\$140, 640	August 1, 2004
1121 Spadina Crescent West	\$114, 700	August 1, 2004
843 – 11 <sup>th</sup> Street West	\$83, 852	October 15, 2004
839 – 11 <sup>th</sup> Street West	\$97,950	October 1, 2004

The current owner of 1119 and 1121 Spadina Crescent West has elected to lease back the properties until February 28, 2005 at nominal rents inclusive of property taxes. The current owner of 839-11<sup>th</sup> Street has elected not to lease back the property. The agreement respecting the purchase of 843-11<sup>th</sup> Street is that on or before the closing date of October 15, 2004, the current owner will have disconnected all utilities, demolished the existing building including the removal of all concrete and debris and filled and packed the basement area.

Advice received from a qualified appraiser indicated sale values within the Holiday Park Neighbourhood fall within the range of \$10 to \$15 per sq. ft. of land. Recent sales along Spadina Crescent and 11<sup>th</sup> Street have confirmed sales at \$12 per sq. ft. However it should be noted that there could be wide variations in price depending upon the size of the land, the size and quality of existing dwellings and location.

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The purchase price for these properties exclusive of disruption costs fall within the expected range of prices for this land acquisition project.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

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

**ATTACHMENT**

1. Plan of Properties.

**E2) Enquiry – Councillor T. Paulsen (November 4, 2002)  
Possible Implementation of Kyoto Accord and  
Enquiry – Councillor L. Swystun (February 24, 2003)  
FCM Program - Partners for Planet Protection  
(Files CK. 175-9, 371-1 and 375-1)**

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

*ADOPTED.*

**BACKGROUND**

Councillor Paulsen made the following enquiry at the meeting of City Council on November 4, 2002:

“Could Administration please report on what steps, if any, the City may have to take to modify its operations if the Kyoto Accord is implemented.”

Councillor Swystun made the following enquiry at the meeting of City Council on February 4, 2003:

“Would the Administration please report on the FCM program regarding Partners for Planet Protection.”

At the Council Meeting on December 15, 2003, the recommendations were as follows:

- “1) that the City of Saskatoon become a member of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities’ (FCM) Partners for Climate Protection (PCP) Program; and
- 2) that the City of Saskatoon establish an ongoing Green House Gas (GHG) reduction program; and



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- 3) that \$30,000 be included in the 2004 Capital Budget to complete a GHG emissions inventory and establish the 1990 baseline; and
- 4) that the Administration report quarterly to the Planning and Operations Committee with respect to the Green House Gas reduction action plan.”

### **REPORT**

Through the ratification of the Kyoto Protocol, Canada has committed to reducing its emissions of greenhouse gases (GHG) responsible for global warming by 6 percent below 1990 levels by 2012. That will require a major shift, since emissions are now roughly one-fifth or 19 percent above 1990 levels. The Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) has been funded by the federal government to promote the Partners For Climate Protection (PCP) Program, including promoting the acceptance of the Kyoto Protocol.

To become a member of PCP, Council must pass a resolution to honour the Kyoto Protocol commitments and reduce GHG production not only in their own operations, but also in the community as a whole. The municipality must fax or mail this adopted resolution, along with the staff liaison's contact information, to FCM. The proposed resolution is attached.

All civic departments will be asked to take an active role with investigation, engineering, economic assessments, and development of a City and community GHG emissions action plan, under the coordination of the newly formed Environmental Protection (EP) Branch. Ongoing requirements of the EP Branch would include developing corporate initiatives for the emissions reduction plan, reporting on the status of the plan, and providing verification of the results.

The first and second of the five milestones in the PCP process are establishing a GHG inventory and setting reduction goals. Thirty thousand dollars has been allocated in the 2004 capital budget for the EP branch to contract a consultant to do an inventory of GHG emissions and establish the 1990 GHG baseline. In 2005 and beyond, the EP Branch will use this information to set reduction goals and establish programs both corporately and in the community with the first priority being corporate GHG reduction. This will serve to achieve the final three milestones: developing a local GHG reduction action plan, implementing the local action plan, and monitoring progress and reporting results.

FCM has indicated that submissions for Green Municipal Enabling Funds (GMEF) may now be made for assistance in the first three of five milestones upon joining the Federal Government's PCP Program. Grant funding will only be considered for up to one half of contracted professional and technical consultants and contractors' costs, and not for in-house staff, equipment, or general operating costs. A submission for the grant funding is subject to FCM review and approval.

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

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

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Partners for Climate Protection Resolution

**LEGISLATIVE REPORT NO. 8-2004**

**Section B – OFFICE OF THE CITY SOLICITOR**

- B1) Proposed Lease of City Boulevard  
Viacom Canada Inc.  
Warman Road Right-of-Way  
(File No. CK. 4070-2)**

**RECOMMENDATION:** that City Council consider Bylaw No. 8301.

*ADOPTED.*

City Council at its meeting held on January 6, 2003, authorized a lease of a portion of the boulevard at the Warman Road Right-of-Way between Circle Drive and Assiniboine Drive for an annual fee of \$3,000.00, plus Goods and Services Tax. City Council then directed that the City Solicitor prepare the appropriate Lease and Bylaw.

Proposed Bylaw No. 8301 authorizes the Boulevard Lease attached as Schedule “A” to the Bylaw. The Lease has been executed by Viacom Canada Inc.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

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

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Proposed Bylaw No. 8301 with attached Schedule “A”.

**B2) Proposed Lease of City Boulevard  
Park Town Motor Hotels Ltd.  
924 Spadina Crescent East  
(File No. CK. 4070-2)**

**RECOMMENDATION:** that City Council consider Bylaw No. 8302.

*ADOPTED.*

City Council at its meeting held on October 7, 2002, authorized a lease of a portion of the boulevard at 924 Spadina Crescent East for an annual fee of \$205.00, plus Goods and Services Tax. City Council then directed that the City Solicitor prepare the appropriate Lease and Bylaw.

Proposed Bylaw No. 8302 authorizes the Boulevard Lease attached as Schedule "A" to the Bylaw. The Lease has been executed by Park Town Motor Hotels Ltd. who is the owner to the property adjacent to the boulevard.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

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

**ATTACHMENTS**

Proposed Bylaw No. 8302 with attached Schedule "A".

**ADDENDUM TO LEGISLATIVE REPORT NO. 8-2004**

**Section A – OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK**

**A1) Appointment of Deputy Mayor  
(File No. CK. 255-3)**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- 1) that Councillor E. Hnatyshyn be appointed Deputy Mayor for the Month of May, 2004; and
- 2) that Councillor T. Paulsen be appointed Deputy Mayor for the Month of July, 2004.

*ADOPTED.*

Councillor Paulsen has indicated that she may not be able to fulfill the duties of Deputy Mayor for the month of May, 2004. Councillor Hnatyshyn has agreed to be appointed for May.

**REPORT NO. 7-2004 OF THE PLANNING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

Composition of Committee

Councillor O. Fortosky, Chair  
Councillor T. Alm  
Councillor D. L. Birkmaier  
Councillor E. Hnatyshyn  
Councillor M. Neault

**1. Yard Waste Diversion Programs for 2004  
(File No. CK. 7830-5)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that a second yard waste drop off depot be established in the city's north end;
  - 2) that a pilot program for subscription based door-to-door yard waste collection be cancelled; and
  - 3) that a further report be provided to the Committee prior to the fall with respect to the other programs, including the study with the University of Saskatchewan, composter subsidization, paint exchange and electronic waste.

Attached is a copy of a report of the General Manager, Utility Services Department dated March 5, 2004 on the above matter.

Your Committee has considered this matter and is forwarding the above recommendations to City Council for consideration.

*IT WAS RESOLVED: 1) that a second yard waste drop off depot be established in the city's north end;*

*2) that a further report be provided to the Committee prior to the fall with respect to the other programs, including the study with the University of Saskatchewan, composter subsidization, paint exchange and electronic waste.*

*CARRIED.*

*Moved by Councillor Fortosky,*

*THAT a pilot program for subscription based door-to-door yard waste collection be cancelled.*

*YEAS: His Worship the Mayor, Councillors Alm, Birkmaier and Dubois* 4

*NAYS: Councillors Fortosky, Heidt, Hnatyshyn, Neault, Paulsen, Penner  
and Wyant* 7

**REPORT NO. 3-2004 OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE**

Composition of Committee

Councillor D.L. Birkmaier, Chair  
Councillor T. Alm  
Councillor O. Fortosky  
Councillor B. Dubois  
Councillor M. Neault

**1. Agreement – Internal Audit Services  
(File No. CK. 1600-1)**

**RECOMMENDATION:** that the Audit Committee be authorized to undertake a Request for Proposal for internal audit services.

*ADOPTED.*

Your Committee has reviewed the contractual arrangements for internal audit services provided for the last 5 years and is of the opinion that the City should continue the practise that was established in 1999 for providing this service.

In July, 1999, City Council entered into an Agreement with Robert Prosser & Associates Inc., to provide internal audit services for the City of Saskatoon. This Agreement was for a 5-year period, which expires on August 14, 2004.

The Committee would like to undertake a Request for Proposal for this service, and will report further with recommendations on this Proposal once the results have been reviewed.

**REPORT NO. 1-2004 OF THE BUDGET COMMITTEE**

Composition of Committee

Councillor O. Fortosky, Chair  
His Worship the Mayor  
Councillor T. Alm  
Councillor D. L. Birkmaier  
Councillor B. Dubois  
Councillor M. Heidt  
Councillor E. Hnatyshyn  
Councillor M. Neault  
Councillor T. Paulsen  
Councillor G. Penner  
Councillor G. Wyant

**1. 2004 Operating Budget  
(File No. CK. 1704-1)**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

- 1) that the 2004 estimates of Revenues and Expenditures, as outlined in the attached summary document, be approved;
- 2) that the Administration be requested to report to City Council with information regarding the possible implementation of a minimum property tax;
- 3) that the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the necessary amendments to Capital Reserve Bylaw No. 6774 in order to provide for the establishment of a Trunked Radio System Infrastructure Replacement Reserve;
- 4) that Council consider implementing a declining funding scale to Wanuskewin Heritage Park in the future;
- 5) that the matter of future funding of a Detoxification Centre be referred to the Executive Committee;
- 6) that the Project Coordinator of the "Youth Works" Victim Restitution Project be requested to include Sutherland in the project; and
- 7) that the Administration be requested to report to City Council on the criteria for utilizing special needs transportation.

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The preliminary version of the 2004 Operating Budget Estimates was submitted to City Council on March 22, 2004, and referred to the Budget Committee for review. Your Committee met publicly on March 29 and 30 and reviewed the document.

Attached is a summary, which reflects the decisions made by the Budget committee during its deliberations.

The decisions made by the committee, which are reflected in the summary, are as follows:

- a) Funding for “Site Servicing – Shakespeare on the Saskatchewan” was reduced from \$3,000 to \$1,500;
- b) Vote 25-19 (Snow and Ice Management) was decreased by \$200,000;
- c) Vote 32-01 (Electrical Utility – Revenues) was increased by \$200,000;
- d) Funding to the Saskatoon Crisis Intervention Service (Vote 11) was increased by \$25,000;
- e) Funding for the “Youth Works” Victim Restitution Project was approved in the amount of \$30,000 (net \$25,000), with \$30,000 funded from Fire & Protective Services and \$5,000 revenue to the Landfill;
- f) Funding in the amount of \$30,000 was provided for upgrading work on the Vimy Memorial in Kiwanis Park;
- g) Provision for Fire Bylaw Violation Fines (Vote 5) was increased to (\$15,000);
- h) Provision for Traffic/Bylaw Violations (Vote 5) was increased by \$132,000 to (\$2,307,000), to be offset by an increase of \$39,600 to expenditures;
- i) Approval was given for the implementation of a Licensing Compliance Program (Vote 12), for a budget reduction of \$190,000;
- j) The amount of \$625,000 was removed from the Reserve for Capital Expenditures (Vote 13);
- k) No funding was provided to the Provincial World War II, Korea and Peacekeeping Memorial;
- l) The amount of \$989,400 from the GST refund was allocated to the A.L. Cole Redevelopment; and;

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- m) The GST refund for the Water, Sewer and Storm Utilities was transferred to the respective Utility Capital Reserves.

*Moved by Councillor Paulsen,*

*THAT 7a) Unfinished Business be brought forward and considered.*

*CARRIED.*

**“UNFINISHED BUSINESS”**

**7a) Provincial Budget – 2004  
(File No. CK. 1700-3)**

Attached is a copy of Clause B2, Administrative Report No. 7-2004, which was considered by City Council, at its meeting held on April 5, 2004. Council adopted the recommendation that this report be forwarded to City Council’s meeting of April 19 for consideration when dealing with the report of the Budget Committee.

Also attached is a copy of a letter dated March 31, 2004 from Dennis Johnson, Chair, Meewasin Valley Authority (MVA), with respect to funding to the MVA. Council also considered the matter at its meeting held on April 5, 2004 and moved that the letter be joined to the file.”

- IT WAS RESOLVED:*
- 1) that the Administration be requested to report to City Council with information regarding the possible implementation of a minimum property tax;*
  - 2) that the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the necessary amendments to Capital Reserve Bylaw No. 6774 in order to provide for the establishment of a Trunked Radio System Infrastructure Replacement Reserve;*
  - 3) that Council consider implementing a declining funding scale to Wanuskewin Heritage Park in the future;*
  - 4) that the matter of future funding of a Detoxification Centre be referred to the Executive Committee;*
  - 5) that the Project Coordinator of the “Youth Works” Victim Restitution Project be requested to include Sutherland in the project;*



- 6) *that the Administration be requested to report to City Council on the criteria for utilizing special needs transportation; and*
- 7) *that the grant to the Meewasin Valley Authority be increased by \$55,670.*

**IN REFERRAL**

*THAT the issue of the reduction in revenue sharing by \$196,800 be referred to the April 26, 2004 meeting of the Executive Committee.*

*THE REFERRAL MOTION WAS PUT AND CARRIED.*

*Councillor Birkmaier excused herself from the meeting at 11:20 p.m.*

**REPORT NO. 7-2004 OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

Composition of Committee

His Worship Mayor D. Atchison, Chair  
Councillor T. Alm  
Councillor D.L. Birkmaier  
Councillor B. Dubois  
Councillor O. Fortosky  
Councillor M. Heidt  
Councillor E. Hnatyshyn  
Councillor M. Neault  
Councillor T. Paulsen  
Councillor G. Penner  
Councillor G. Wyant

**1. Future Growth Study  
West Sector Feasibility Study  
(File No. CK. 4110-2)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that City Council adopt, in principle, the West Sector Concept Plan, subject to identification of interim financing sources for construction of services;

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- 2) that the West Sector Concept Plan be forwarded to the R.M. of Corman Park Council and Saskatoon District Planning Commission for information; and
- 3) that the Administration be instructed to proceed with annexation of the lands required for the West Sector as shown in Attachment 3.

Your Committee has considered the attached report of the General Manager, Community Services Department, dated March 4, 2004, regarding the above.

A presentation will be made by the Administration regarding the West Sector Feasibility Study.

*Pursuant to earlier Resolution, Item AA21 of Communications was brought forward and considered.*

*IT WAS RESOLVED:*

- 1) *that City Council adopt, in principle, the West Sector Concept Plan, subject to identification of interim financing sources for construction of services;*
- 2) *that the West Sector Concept Plan be forwarded to the R.M. of Corman Park Council and Saskatoon District Planning Commission for information; and*
- 3) *that the Administration be instructed to proceed with annexation of the lands required for the West Sector as shown in Attachment 3.*

**2. Sanatorium Site – Offer from Saskatchewan Property Management Corporation to Transfer Ownership to City of Saskatoon  
(File No. CK. 4020-1)**

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

- 1) that the City of Saskatoon purchase Block KK, Plan (EF1) G 1777, created by M.T.O. No. 00SA28748, (generally referred to as the Sanatorium Site) and Block B of Plan 60S13285, from Saskatchewan Property Management Corporation for the sum of \$1.00;

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- 2) that City Council approve the Southwest Trail Extension of the Meewasin Trail through Block KK and authorize Parks Branch to enter into a Maintenance Agreement accordingly for the Meewasin Valley Authority (MVA) site development;
- 3) that the City Solicitor prepare the necessary agreements for execution by His Worship and the City Clerk; and
- 4) that the Administration report to the Executive Committee on the highest and best use of the Bowerman House, including possible sale of the property.

Attached are copies of the following reports:

- General Manager, Community Services Department, dated March 15, 2004; regarding an offer from Saskatchewan Property Management Corporation (SPMC) to transfer ownership of the sanatorium site to the City of Saskatoon.
- General Manager, Community Services Department, dated April 5, 2004, advising of the result of discussions with SPMC regarding the possibility of excluding the Bowerman House and yard site from the sale, and submitting a copy of an engineering report and a condition assessment of the Bowerman House.

Your Committee supports the purchase of this property in order that the southwest extension of the Meewasin Trail can proceed. Consideration will be given at a future date regarding the disposition of the Bowerman House.

*IT WAS RESOLVED: 1) that the City of Saskatoon purchase Block KK, Plan (EF1) G 1777, created by M.T.O. No. 00SA28748, (generally referred to as the Sanatorium Site) and Block B of Plan 60S13285, from Saskatchewan Property Management Corporation for the sum of \$1.00;*

*2) that City Council approve the Southwest Trail Extension of the Meewasin Trail through Block KK and authorize Parks Branch to enter into a Maintenance Agreement accordingly for the Meewasin Valley Authority (MVA) site development;*

*3) that the City Solicitor prepare the necessary agreements for execution by His Worship and the City Clerk; and*

*Councillor Fortosky excused himself from discussion and voting on Recommendation No. 4, due to a conflict of interest, and left the Council Chambers.*

- 4) *that the Administration report to the Executive Committee on the highest and best use of the Bowerman House, including possible sale of the property.*

*Councillor Fortosky re-entered the Council Chamber.*

**3. Maquire Crescent – Willowgrove Neighbourhood  
Type II Residential Care Home Lots  
Tender Process – Legal Issues/Recommendations  
(File No. CK. 4215-1)**

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- 1) that the City not enter into sale agreements with Mr. Libke, Ms. Elliott and Mr. Daku with respect to the three subject properties and that they be so advised;
- 2) that the properties be sold to the fourth highest bidders, namely: Ed and Alice Trefiak for 318 Maguire Crescent, Dennis Slater for 322 Maguire Crescent and Dr. and Mrs. O. S. Akinbolue for 326 Maguire Crescent;
- 3) that, in the future, the terms and conditions of sale for Type II and III Residential Care Home lots which are tendered, should require a 10% non-refundable deposit and a requirement for a Certificate of Independent Bid Determination; and
- 4) that the conditions for sale for the Type II Residential Care Home Lot located at Hughes Drive be changed to meet the new requirements.

The City, through its Land Branch, put up for sale by tender, three lots on Maguire Crescent as possible sites for Type II Residential Care Homes. The Instructions to Bidders included the City's normal provision prohibiting multiple bids on a single property.

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The following chart outlines the bids:

	<b>318</b>	<b>322</b>	<b>326</b>
Reserve Bid	\$55,400.00	\$55,400.00	\$54,300.00
Bidder A (Libke)	\$92,500.00	\$82,300.00	\$72,100.00
Bidder B (Elliott)	\$82,500.00	\$72,300.00	\$92,100.00
Bidder C (Daku)	\$72,500.00	\$92,300.00	\$82,100.00
Next Highest Bidders	\$69,729.10	\$69,501.25	\$67,407.38

Each of the three Bidders, A, B and C, forfeited their 2% deposit on their \$92,000.00 bid and their \$82,000.00 bid so that they each would then be the successful bidder on their \$72,000.00 bids.

Subsequently, the Land Branch has learned that Bidders A, B and C had a common financial adviser assisting them in the organization of the bids. Further, the building plans and discretionary use applications have been delivered to the City and the floor plans for each of the three proposed Type II Residential Care Homes are identical and were submitted by the same designer at the same time.

The City's obligation is to protect and maintain the integrity of the bidding process. The Administration believes, and the Committee agrees, that the bids of Bidders A, B and C were organized in such a way as to offend against the City's rule prohibiting multiple bids.

In these circumstances, the Committee recommends that the bids of Bidders A, B and C be rejected and that the properties be sold to the next highest bidders. The Committee also recommends that the non-refundable deposit on this type of property be increased to 10%.

*Pursuant to earlier resolution, Items AA6, AA24 and AA25 of Communications were brought forward and considered.*

- IT WAS RESOLVED:*
- 1) that the City not enter into sale agreements with Mr. Libke, Ms. Elliott and Mr. Daku with respect to the three subject properties and that they be so advised;*
  - 2) that the properties be sold to the fourth highest bidders, namely: Ed and Alice Trefiak for 318 Maguire Crescent, Dennis Slater for 322 Maguire Crescent and Dr. and Mrs. O. S. Akinbolue for 326 Maguire Crescent;*

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- 3) *that, in the future, the terms and conditions of sale for Type II and III Residential Care Home lots which are tendered, should require a 10% non-refundable deposit and a requirement for a Certificate of Independent Bid Determination; and*
- 4) *that the conditions for sale for the Type II Residential Care Home Lot located at Hughes Drive be changed to meet the new requirements.*

**4. Saskatoon Soccer Centre Tax Abatement  
(File No. CK. 1965-1)**

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*DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 9.*

*Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Hnatyshyn,*

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

*CARRIED.*

**ENQUIRIES**

**Councillor M. Heidt  
Upgrade of Secondary Road – North of 37<sup>th</sup> Street on Hughes Avenue  
(File No. CK. 6315-1)**

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Hughes Avenue starts at 33<sup>rd</sup> Street West, goes north to 37<sup>th</sup> Street and then proceeds north on a secondary road and connects to a grid two miles north which ties into Marquis Drive and Saskatchewan Place.

This road is used extensively to get to the north end and to Saskatchewan Place and is referred to as Sask Place Road.

Would the Administration report back to see if there is the possibility to do a joint agreement with the R.M. on an upgrade to the secondary road and report the cost and time frame.

**Councillor T. Alm  
Recovery of Stolen Items from Pawn Shops  
(File No. CK. 5000-1)**

Will the Board of Police Commissioners please provide statistical data identifying the number of stolen items recovered from pawn shops during the most recent 12 months.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**7a) Provincial Budget – 2004  
(File No. CK. 1700-3)**

*DEALT WITH EARLIER. SEE PAGE NO. 64.*

**INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF BYLAWS**

**Bylaw No. 8290**

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Neault,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 8290, being “The Zoning Amendment Bylaw, 2004 (No. 17)” and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Fortosky,

THAT Bylaw No. 8290 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a second time.

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Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Wyant,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 8290.

CARRIED.

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

Committee arose.

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

That while in Committee of the Whole, Bylaw No. 8290 was considered clause by clause and approved.

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

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

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 8290 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT Bylaw No. 8290 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.



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**Bylaw No. 8296**

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Neault,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 8296, being “The Zoning Amendment Bylaw, 2004 (No. 20)” and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Fortosky,

THAT Bylaw No. 8296 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Wyant,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 8296.

CARRIED.

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

Committee arose.

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

That while in Committee of the Whole, Bylaw No. 8296 was considered clause by clause and approved.

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Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

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

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 8296 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT Bylaw No. 8296 be now read a third time, that the bylaw be passed and the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to sign same and attach the corporate seal thereto.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a third time and passed.

**Bylaw No. 8299**

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Neault,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 8299, being "The Operating Line of Credit Bylaw, 2004" and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Fortosky,

THAT Bylaw No. 8299 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

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The bylaw was then read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Wyant,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 8299.

CARRIED.

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

Committee arose.

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

That while in Committee of the Whole, Bylaw No. 8299 was considered clause by clause and approved.

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

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

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 8299 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT Bylaw No. 8299 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.

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**Bylaw No. 8301**

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Neault,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 8301, being “The Boulevard Lease (Warman Road Right-of-Way) Bylaw, 2004” and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Fortosky,

THAT Bylaw No. 8301 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Wyant,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 8301.

CARRIED.

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

Committee arose.

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

That while in Committee of the Whole, Bylaw No. 8301 was considered clause by clause and approved.

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Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

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

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 8301 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT Bylaw No. 8301 be now read a third time, that the bylaw be passed and the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to sign same and attach the corporate seal thereto.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a third time and passed.

**Bylaw No. 8302**

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Neault,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 8302, being “The Boulevard Lease (924 Spadina Crescent East) Bylaw, 2004” and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Fortosky,

THAT Bylaw No. 8302 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

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The bylaw was then read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Wyant,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 8302.

CARRIED.

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

Committee arose.

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

That while in Committee of the Whole, Bylaw No. 8302 was considered clause by clause and approved.

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

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

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 8302 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT Bylaw No. 8302 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.

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*Moved by Councillor Penner,*

*THAT the meeting stand adjourned.*

*CARRIED.*

The meeting adjourned at 11:45 p.m.

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Mayor

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City Clerk