

Council Chambers
City Hall, Saskatoon, Sask.
Tuesday, September 4, 2007
at 6:00 p.m.

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

PRESENT: His Worship the Mayor, in the Chair;
Councillors Clark, Dubois, Heidt, Lorje, Neault, Penner
Pringle, and Wyant;
City Manager Richards;
City Solicitor Dust;
General Manager, Corporate Services Bilanski;
General Manager, Community Services Gauthier;
General Manager, Fire and Protective Services Bentley;
General Manager, Infrastructure Services Totland;
General Manager, Utility Services Wandzura;
City Clerk Mann; and
Council Assistant Mitchener

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT the minutes of meeting of City Council held on August 13, 2007, be approved.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider the reports of the Administration and Committees.

CARRIED.

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

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

Committee arose.

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

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

“ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT NO. 19-2007

Section A – COMMUNITY SERVICES

**A1) Municipal Enterprise Zone
List of Approved Applications – July/August 2007
(File No.: PL. 4110 – 34; CK. 3500-15)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received

ADOPTED.

BACKGROUND

The Municipal Enterprise Zone was established by City Council in 2002 to provide financial incentives to encourage more economic development in seven core neighbourhoods and two core industrial areas of Saskatoon. Among many incentives, the Municipal Enterprise Zone will provide automatic rebates for building, plumbing, sign permit fees, land use fees such as rezoning and discretionary uses, tax abatements for up to five years, and one year grants in lieu of tax abatement. The program is temporary until the funds are spent. City Council provided \$500,000 of initial funding for the program in the spring of 2002, renewed the program funding with \$500,000 in March 2006, and again with \$500,000 on February 26, 2007.

REPORT

The following applications were approved by the Adjudication Committee on July 10 and August 8, 2007:

1. 101079706 Saskatchewan Ltd. (Emerald Park), 601 Avenue W South; 2309 17th Street West; 525, 529, 601, and 605 Avenue X South – Emerald Park has purchased six apartment blocks in the Meadowgreen neighbourhood and is in the process of renovating the 160 units for sale as condominiums. Total investment for this development is estimated at 1.75 million dollars. During its June 25, 2007, meeting, City Council approved a five year tax abatement available on completion of the project. Upon review by the administration, it was noted that the project would also qualify for assistance with subdivision fees. On July 10, 2007, the Enterprise Zone Committee approved a rebate of up to \$15,000 for subdivision charges associated with this project.

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2. Kjargaard Mechanical Consulting Corp. (KMCC), 312 Avenue B South – KMCC is a residential heating and cooling company that was previously run as a home based consulting business. It has recently purchased the property at 312 Avenue B South in the Riversdale neighbourhood and intends to renovate the property. Total investment for this project including purchase and improvements is \$165,000. On August 8, 2007, the Enterprise Zone Committee approved a grant in lieu of tax abatement equal to one year's current property tax or \$3,056.32.
3. Heifer International – Canadian Prairies, 233 Avenue C South – Heifer International is a non-profit corporation who works with communities around the world to achieve long-term solutions to poverty, hunger, and environmental degradation by helping them become more self-reliant. It has leased the space at 233 Avenue C South, in the Riversdale neighbourhood and wishes to update the interior of the building. The total value of the improvements is estimated at \$6,000. On August 8, 2007, the Enterprise Zone Committee approved a grant in lieu of tax abatement equal to one year's current property tax or \$1,738.42.
4. Kiskeynew Canoe Company/General Business Machines, 502 Avenue L South – General Business Machines is located in the West Industrial area. It buys, sells, and repairs all brands of business machines and has added a canoe company to the business. It wishes to proceed with a façade improvement to this property, amounting to a total investment of \$2,800, of which \$2,300 is eligible for incentives. On August 8, 2007, the Enterprise Zone Committee approved a façade appearance grant for this project in the amount of \$2,300.

Follow-up inspections will be undertaken at all of the above locations. Only when it is clearly demonstrated that the projects are completed, will the committed funds be provided to the owner/applicant.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

As of August 9, 2007, there was an estimated \$411,000 remaining in the Municipal Enterprise Zone account. This allows for all money spent on completed projects and committed to be spent on submitted applications. The above applications total \$22,094.74 and are within the means of the Municipal Enterprise Zone Program.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice, pursuant to Section 3 of Policy C01-021, Public Notice Policy, is not required.

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**A2) Addition of Names to the Names Master List
(File No.: PL. 4001-5; CK. 6310-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that City Council approve the names contained in this report to be added to the Names Master List.

ADOPTED.

REPORT

According to City of Saskatoon Policy No. C09-008 (Naming of Civic Property and Development Areas), all requests for adding names to the Names Master List must be screened by the Naming Advisory Committee and approved by City Council.

The Naming Advisory Committee has reviewed and screened the following names in accordance with City Council's naming guidelines and recommends to City Council that they be added to the Names Master List.

1. 'Rajput' – Dr. Ali Rajput is a neurologist and researcher at the University of Saskatchewan specializing in disorders such as Parkinson's disease and the physical changes in the brain that accompany them. He has spent his 40-year career here in Saskatoon, and at age 73, he is a professor emeritus at the University of Saskatchewan. His awards include 2006 Citizen of the Year, 2006 Doctor of the Year by the Saskatchewan Medical Association, a Saskatchewan Centennial Medal, a University of Saskatchewan Distinguished Researcher Award, and the Saskatchewan Order of Merit. He was made an officer of the Order of Canada in 1997. Dr. Rajput is also credited with inspiring the Kinsmen Foundation to create the Telemiracle Fundraiser.
2. 'Feheregyhazi' – Tibor Feheregyhazi (1932-2007) was the artistic director of Persephone Theatre for 25 years. Tibor Feheregyhazi came to Canada from Budapest in 1958 and was involved with many theatre companies before coming to Saskatoon in 1982 where he stayed for the rest of his life. Tibor Feheregyhazi received the Order of Canada in 2005 for his devotion to theatre.

The Names Master List is kept in the Mayor's Office and contains all screened and approved name suggestions for naming municipally owned or controlled facilities, streets, suburban development areas, neighbourhoods, and parks. There are currently 195 entries on the Names Master List. The City Planning Branch will notify the applicants of the outcome of City Council's decision.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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**A3) Forestry Farm Capital Project No. 2048
(File No. LS 4206-FO-1; CK. 4205-8)**

RECOMMENDATION: that City Council approves the deferral of 2007 Capital Projects at the Saskatoon Forestry Farm Park and Zoo to prioritize the construction and financing of a Bear Exhibit and relocation of an existing Owl Exhibit as recommended in this report.

ADOPTED.

BACKGROUND

The Saskatoon Forestry Farm Park and Zoo Master Plan approved by City Council in April, 2006, outlined a future course of action for the development of the site. Long-term funding for these projects were approved by City Council in January, 2006, with the creation of the Saskatoon Forestry Farm Park and Zoo Capital Reserve funded through an annual transfer of operating funds totaling \$150,000 to be phased in at \$50,000 per year.

Projects identified in the 2007 Capital Project submission documents were the construction of a Bear Exhibit, with funding from the Saskatoon Zoo Foundation up to \$200,000; relocation of an existing Owl Exhibit, with a \$15,000 budget; installation of interpretive signage in the Forestry Farm Park with a budget of \$15,000; front gate booth relocation, with a budget of \$30,000; and the construction of a public shelter in the Zoo, with a budget of \$30,000 all funded through the Forestry Farm Master Plan Implementation.

DISCUSSION

The last three years has seen a major increase in construction costs in Western Canada and Saskatoon in particular. Fundraising for capital projects has proven difficult as construction costs increase at a rate equal to two percent per month, making cost projections obsolete the moment you make them. Your Administration is recommending the following changes to the 2007 Capital Projects submission with additional funding from the Saskatoon Zoo Foundation and the Forestry Farm Master Plan Implementation.

Bear Exhibit

The construction of a Bear Exhibit at the Forestry Farm Park and Zoo was estimated to cost \$200,000 in early 2005. Planning is well underway for this project, and the estimated construction cost has risen to \$330,000. The Saskatoon Zoo Foundation has agreed to fund this project to \$275,000, and your Administration is recommending that the additional \$55,000 be funded through the Forestry Farm Master Plan Implementation. This funding will allow the completion of this project in 2007, and will have a positive impact on the education programs, as well as a positive impact on the general attendance to the facility.

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Owl Exhibit

An Owl Exhibit has to be relocated to facilitate the Bear Exhibit construction. Originally estimated to cost \$15,000, this project has risen to \$20,000. Your Administration is recommending that this project be funded through the Forestry Farm Master Plan Implementation Plan as this was part of the Master Plan recommendations.

Interpretive Plan

The installation of interpretive signs in the Forestry Farm Park was scheduled for 2007 at a projected cost of \$15,000, which will be phased in over two years allowing your Administration to complete a schematic, planned approach to this project. We recommend 2007 expenditures of \$5,000 and an additional \$10,000 in 2008 funded through the Forestry Farm Master Plan Implementation to address the need for an improved heritage interpretation at the Forestry Farm Park and Zoo.

Front Gate Booth Relocation and Public Shelter in the Zoo

Your Administration is recommending that the planned relocation of the front gate booth and construction of a public shelter in the Zoo in 2007 at an estimated cost of \$60,000 be postponed until 2009. This will enable your Administration to complete the prioritized 2007 projects, primarily the Bear Exhibit in a timely manner.

JUSTIFICATION

With the completion of the Bear Exhibit, relocation of the Owl Exhibit, and the installation of designated heritage signs, the Saskatoon Forestry Farm Park and Zoo will continue to strengthen its position in both the tourist and local market as the “must see” attraction in Saskatoon. The improved exhibits will also strengthen our education programs as we will be in an improved position to interpret wildlife and human interactions in an urban environment. The completion of the Bear Exhibit will also strengthen the Saskatoon Zoo Foundations “Who’s Who at the Zoo” Capital Campaign, which has generated close to 1.5 million dollars in contributions to date. The majority of these funds are dedicated to the construction of an education centre at the Forestry Farm Park and Zoo.

OPTIONS

The one option we have to reduce the financial impact of the Bear Exhibit construction would be to eliminate the public viewing bay at a savings of approximately \$40,000. Your Administration does not agree with this option as construction costs are continuing to rise and it would be difficult to budget for this in the future.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

There are no policy implications.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

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To complete the projects outlined in this report would not require any additional funding from Reserve Capital Expenditure, as the funds have been allocated to the Forestry Farm Park and Zoo Master Plan Implementation.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

ATTACHMENT

1. Spreadsheet identifying projects and funding sources.

A4) Request For Encroachment Agreement

182 Wall Street

Lots 50, 51 and 52, Block 2, Registered Plan No. (Q12) F 4570

(File No. CC 4090-2)

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that City Council recognize the encroachment at 182 Wall Street (Lots 50, 51 and 52, Block 2, Registered Plan No. (Q12) F 4570);
 - 2) that the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare the appropriate encroachment agreement making provision to collect the applicable fees; and
 - 3) that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute, on behalf of the City of Saskatoon under the Corporate Seal and in a form that is satisfactory to the City Solicitor, the agreement with respect to this encroachment.

ADOPTED.

The new owner of the property located at 182 Wall Street has requested to enter into an Encroachment Agreement with the City of Saskatoon. As shown on the attached Surveyor's Certificate, part of the building encroaches onto the lane. According to our records, the encroachment has likely existed since 1953. There is an Encroachment Agreement already in place; however, the property is changing ownership and a new agreement is required. The total area of encroachment is approximately 3.2 m² and will, therefore, be subject to an annual charge of \$50.

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

ATTACHMENTS

1. Letter of request, received August 15, 2007.
2. Surveyor's Certificate dated November 1, 1989.

**A5) Land-Use Applications Received by the Community Services Department
For the Period Between August 2, 2007 and August 22, 2007
(For Information Only)
(File Nos. PL. 4132, PL. 4300; CK. 4000-5)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

The following applications have been received and are being processed:

Condominium

- Application No. 22/07: 1001 Lansdowne Avenue
Applicant: Jastek Riverstone Project Inc.
Legal Description: Lots 7-10, Block 109, Plan Q1
Current Zoning: RM3
Neighbourhood: Nutana
Date Received: August 3, 2007
- Application No. 23/07: 1013 Lansdowne Avenue
Applicant: Jastek Riverstone Project Inc.
Legal Description: Lots 2-5, Block 109, Plan Q1
Current Zoning: RM3
Neighbourhood: Nutana
Date Received: August 3, 2007
- Application No. 25/07: 3113 7th Street East
Applicant: Darrel Epp Architect Ltd.
Legal Description: Lot A, Block 434, Plan 67-S-21473
Current Zoning: RM4
Neighbourhood: Brevoort Park
Date Received: August 13, 2007
- Application No. 26/07: 906 Duchess Street
Applicant: Mike McNinch
Legal Description: Lot 20-39, Block B and D, Plan H1323 Parcel E

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Current Zoning: RM5
Neighbourhood: City Park
Date Received: August 13, 2007

- Application No. 27/07: 302 Tait Crescent
Applicant: Mike McNinch
Legal Description: Lot 10, Block 843, Plan 82S33154
Current Zoning: RM3
Neighbourhood: Wildwood
Date Received: August 13, 2007

Condominium

- Application No. 28/07: 176 Acadia Court
Applicant: Mike McNinch
Legal Description: Lot C, Block F, Plan 75S32246
Current Zoning: RM4
Neighbourhood: College Park
Date Received: August 13, 2007
- Application No. 29/07: 105 – 110th Street
Applicant: Webster Surveys
Legal Description: Lots 35 and 36, Block 2, Plan I5611
Current Zoning: RM4
Neighbourhood: Sutherland
Date Received: August 10, 2007
- Application No. 30/07: 830/840 Idylwyld Drive
Applicant: Webster Surveys
Legal Description: Parcel B, Plan 67S15816
Current Zoning: M3 and B2
Neighbourhood: Central Industrial
Date Received: August 10, 2007
- Application No. 31/07: 1009 9th Street East
Applicant: Meridian Development for Murano Development Corp.
Legal Description: Lots 15 and 16, Block 4, Plan G18
Current Zoning: RM3
Neighbourhood: Varsity View
Date Received: August 22, 2007

Subdivision

- Application No. 49/07: 415 Lynd Crescent
Applicant: Jastek Bordeaux Project Inc.
Legal Description: Parcel DD, Plan 101907222

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Current Zoning: RMTN
Neighbourhood: Stonebridge
Date Received: August 7, 2007

- Application No. 50/07: 1418 8th Avenue North
Applicant: Webster Surveys Ltd.
Legal Description: Lots 41 and 49, Block 3, Plan G76
Lot 48, Block 3, Plan 101421436
Current Zoning: R2
Neighbourhood: North Park
Date Received: August 10, 2007

Subdivision

- Application No. 51/07: 2310 Millar Avenue
Applicant: Webster Surveys Ltd.
Legal Description: Lots 3 and 4, Block 381, Plan 59S01097
Current Zoning: IL1
Neighbourhood: North Industrial
Date Received: August 9, 2007
- Application No. 52/07: Ontario Avenue and 38th Street
Applicant: Webster Surveys Ltd.
Legal Description: Lot Q, Block 213, Plan 101458650
Lot A and C, Block 213, Plan G826
Current Zoning: IH
Neighbourhood: Kelsey-Woodlawn
Date Received: August 17, 2007
- Application No. 53/07: 1313 Avenue D North
Applicant: Tri-City Surveys for Timothy LaLonde
Legal Description: Lots 4-8, Block 13, Plan 101540977 and
Lots 6 and 7, Block 13, Plan F5509
Current Zoning: R2
Neighbourhood: Mayfair
Date Received: August 22, 2007

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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. Plan of Proposed Condominium No. 22/07
2. Plan of Proposed Condominium No. 23/07
3. Plan of Proposed Condominium No. 25/07
4. Plan of Proposed Condominium No. 26/07
5. Plan of Proposed Condominium No. 27/07
6. Plan of Proposed Condominium No. 28/07
7. Plan of Proposed Condominium No. 29/07
8. Plan of Proposed Condominium No. 30/07
9. Plan of Proposed Condominium No. 31/07
10. Plan of Proposed Subdivision No. 49/07
11. Plan of Proposed Subdivision No. 50/07
12. Plan of Proposed Subdivision No. 51/07
13. Plan of Proposed Subdivision No. 52/07
14. Plan of Proposed Subdivision No. 53/07

**A6) Camponi Place – Proposals to Purchase
File No. CK 4020-1 and LD 4217-03-1**

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

BACKGROUND

The lands located on Camponi Place in Confederation Suburban Centre, which were originally obtained through the tax enforcement process, have been available for sale over the counter in excess of 15 years. Up until spring 2007 there has been little to no interest in this land. However, since that time there has been renewed interest in these lots.

In February 2007 Saskatoon Housing Coalition requested, and were granted, a patient hold on Parcel P until June 2007. This patient hold is being extended on a monthly basis awaiting a response from the Province of Saskatchewan.

In May 2007 the Land Branch sold Lot 8 – 325 Fairmont Drive to Pro-Fit Athletic Club Inc. This lot was adjacent to their current business site and the offer was for our list price.

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In February 2007, the Land Branch received a letter from Stacy Dybvig, Associate Broker for ICR Commercial Real Estate indicating that he had a client that was very interested in purchasing all of the available land in the Confederation Suburban Centre (Attachment 1). However, the offer at this time was below the current list price for these properties and consequently, the offer was submitted to the Land Bank Committee for further discussion and consideration.

In May 2007 the Land Branch received a letter from Brenda Wallace, Executive Director of Saskatoon Housing Initiatives Partnership (SHIP), requesting a patient hold on Parcels Q and D and Lots 9 through 16 (note: there is no Lot 15), all on Camponi Place. SHIP is prepared to pay current list price for a demonstration street-oriented townhouse project (Attachment 2).

In order to make decisions about the various offers, the Land Branch placed an administrative hold on all land in the Confederation Suburban Centre until August 20, 2007. Both proponents were asked to submit further information about their respective projects. Both proponents submitted additional information on June 29, 2007. It should be noted that the ICR Proposal dated June 29, 2007 offers a purchase price above our current list price and includes Parcel P which is not available as this time. ICR has been advised that Parcel P is still not available and the purchase price has been adjusted in the following table.

REPORT

The table on the next page provides a comparative summary of each of the proposals submitted on June 29, 2007. The details of each proposal can be found in Attachments 1 and 2.

The Administration is very interested and excited with both of these proposals. The project submitted by ICR has an immediate possession and construction start date. The proposal submitted by SHIP indicates a possession date in fall 2007, and a construction date would not commence until the second quarter of 2008. Based on this the Administration has decided the following:

- Parcel 9 through 16 – sell to the client represented by Stacy Dybvig, ICR Commercial;
- Parcel D - sell to the client represented by Stacy Dybvig, ICR Commercial;
- Parcel Q - place on Administrative hold until resolution of the Saskatoon Housing Coalition proposal; and
- Parcel P - extend Administrative hold until September 30, 2007 pending response from the Province of Saskatchewan regarding from Saskatoon Housing Coalition.

Your administration has also discussed the option of selling both Parcels P and Q to the client represented by Stacy Dybvig, ICR if the proposal for Parcel P from Saskatoon Housing Coalition does not obtain the required funding.

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Your administration will continue to work with SHIP to find another suitable site for the demonstration project submitted for the Camponi land.

	ICR	SHIP
Anticipated Start Date	Immediately	October 11, 2007
Building Form and Tenure	Multi-unit development anticipating completion in 24 months. "Will not be rental units, but will not limit themselves to the rest of the community".	Ownership townhouses (70 units) affordable to families with incomes below \$52,000 (i.e. maximum home price of \$160,000).
Compliance with Current Zoning	Yes	Yes
Status of Financing	No financing required.	Working on builder incentive packages with Saskatchewan Housing Corporation, CMHC, and the City. All other financing shall be traditional (i.e. builder-financing for the construction phase and mortgage-financing for the homeowner).
Target Market	Middle class blue collar working families.	Families looking for entry-level homeownership opportunities, singles, and seniors.
Land Required	Parcels Q and D, and Lots 9-16	Parcels Q and D, and Lots 9-16.
Proposed Land Purchase Price	\$1,010,791.51 (6 percent higher than list price)	\$854,240.84 (full list price).
Terms and Conditions of Sale	None	Land sale to take place after SHIP has identified the successful builder (fall 2007).
Any other Expectations from City	None	It is anticipated that an application would be made to the City for a contribution to the capital costs under the Innovative Housing Policy.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

All proceeds of this sale will be deposited in the Property Realized Reserve.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

ATTACHMENTS

1. Proposal from Mr. Stacy Dybvig, ICR Commercial Real Estate
2. Proposal from Ms. Brenda Wallace, Executive Director, SHIP
3. Layout of Camponi Crescent Lots

Section B – CORPORATE SERVICES

**B1) Incentive Application
Croatia Industries Ltd.
(File No. 3500-13)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the application from Croatia Industries Ltd. for a five-year tax abatement on the incremental portion of taxes at 2508 Millar Avenue, be approved, commencing in 2008 as follows:

100% in Year 1
80% in Year 2
70% in Year 3
60% in Year 4
50% in Year 5; and,
 - 2) that the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare the appropriate bylaw and agreement.

ADOPTED.

REPORT

Attached is a report from John Cross, Chair, Saskatoon Regional Economic Development Authority Inc. (SREDA) Board of Directors. The report is self-explanatory and provides the required information for City Council to consider the request by Croatia Industries Ltd. for a five-year tax abatement.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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ATTACHMENT

1. Report – Chair, SREDA Board of Directors.

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The regular Order of Business was suspended and Item 9a) of Unfinished Business was brought forward and considered.

“UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**9a) Enquiry – Councillor Pringle (June 25, 2007)
Sick Bank Program
(File No. CK. 4630-1)**

City Council, at its meeting held on August 13, 2007, deferred consideration of the attached Clause B1, Administrative Report No. 18-2007 to this meeting.”

Moved by Councillor Pringle, Seconded by Councillor Penner,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT NO. 19-2007 - CONTINUED

Section D – INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

**D1) Proposed Parking Restrictions
1st Avenue North between 45th Street East and 45th A Street East
(File No. 6280-2; CK. 6120-2)**

RECOMMENDATION: that No Parking signs be installed on 1st Avenue North between 45th Street East and 45th A Street East, on both sides of the driveway located on the east side of the roadway, and on the west side of the roadway, 14.65 metres east from the lane, as outlined on Attached Plan No. 210-0004-023r001.

ADOPTED.

Infrastructure Services received a request to improve access when exiting the Federated Coop property parking lot located on the south side of 1st Avenue North between 45th Street East and 45th A Street East. The abundance of on-street parked vehicles currently restricts the turning movement of large trucks exiting the property, and additional turning radius is required.

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The Administration is recommending that parking restrictions be placed on both sides of the driveway on the east side of the roadway, as well as on the west side of the roadway for a length of approximately 14.65 metres. The owner of the business located on the west side of the street, at 2335 1st Avenue North, is in agreement with the proposed parking restrictions.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

ATTACHMENT

1. Plan No. Plan 210-0004-023r001.

**D2) Proposed Yield Sign Installation
Avenue B and 34th Street
(File No. 6280-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that yield signs be installed for eastbound and westbound vehicles at the intersection of Avenue B and 34th Street, as shown on attached Plan 211-0030-001r001.

ADOPTED.

REPORT

Infrastructure Services received a request to look at the possibility of installing yield signs at the intersection of Avenue B and 34th Street.

Both streets are classified as local roadways, which typically carry a daily traffic volume of approximately 1,000 vehicles per day. The intersection is four-legged and is currently uncontrolled.

The five-year collision history reports that there were 16 collisions at this intersection, averaging 3.2 collisions per year. According to City Policy C07-007, Traffic Control – Use of Stop and Yield Signs, a yield sign is warranted if at least three collisions occur within the preceding twelve month period, or an excessive number of collisions occur relative to other similar intersections in the surrounding area. Infrastructure Services is, therefore, recommending that yield signs be installed for eastbound and westbound vehicles at the intersection of Avenue B and 34th Street.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

ATTACHMENT

1. Plan No. 211-0030-001r001.

**D3) Enquiry – Councillor B. Dubois (February 12, 2007)
Safety Improvement – Intersection of McOrmond Road, Kerr Road
and Stensrud Road
(File CK. 6250-1)**

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) that the installation of traffic signals at the intersection of McOrmond Drive and Kerr Road/Stensrud Road be approved; and
- 2) that funding be provided from Capital Project 592 – Land Development - Arbor Creek Subdivision, at an estimated cost of \$150,000.

ADOPTED.

BACKGROUND

The following enquiry was made by Councillor Dubois at the meeting of City Council held on February 12, 2007:

“Would the Administration please report on what can be done at the intersection of McOrmond Road, Kerr Road and Stensrud Road to make it safer; perhaps a four-way stop or lights.”

REPORT

Based on vehicle count data obtained on March 20, 2007, the total number of vehicles entering the intersection of McOrmond Drive and Kerr Road/Stensrud Road during the evening peak hour of operation was 1,960 vehicles per hour, of which 18% were entering from Kerr Road and Stensrud Road. Approximately 1,540 vehicles were observed entering the intersection during the morning peak hour, of which more than half were from Kerr Road and Stensrud Road.

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Collision data for this intersection it was not included in the analysis, as it is not current enough to reflect the ongoing growth occurring in this area.

A delay study was completed on April 2, 2007, which assessed the delay to the largest minor street movement (northbound left turning and through vehicles from Kerr Road) during the intersection's evening peak hour of operation. The average delay was 26 seconds. While this is not considered to be overly excessive, it is anticipated that traffic volumes and delays will increase as a result of continued growth in the sector.

Based on the *Canadian Traffic Signal Warrant Procedure*, published by the Transportation Association of Canada, the traffic and vehicle data, combined with the intersection's geometry, indicates that traffic signals are warranted, with 106 points being assigned to the intersection. A warrant value of 100 priority points is considered the threshold value to exceed for traffic signals to be considered. The Administration is, therefore, recommending that traffic signals be installed at the intersection of McOrmond Drive and Kerr/Stensrud Road. Given the time requirements for design and installation of the signals, installation of the signals will not occur until the 2008 construction season.

In many cases, all-way stops are installed at an intersection as an interim measure prior to the installation of traffic signals. However, the current speed limit is 70 km/hr on McOrmond Drive, and 50 km/hr on both Kerr Road and Stensrud Road. Because of the difference in roadway classification and speed, the driver expectation is to have the right-of-way on McOrmond Drive.

Requiring motorists on McOrmond Drive to stop at a four-way introduces unwarranted delay and potentially leads to an unsafe environment for both motorists and pedestrians. Consequently, the Administration is recommending that the intersection be left in its current state, with stop conditions only on Kerr Road and Stensrud Road, until the traffic signals can be installed in 2008.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The estimated cost of installing signals at the intersection of McOrmond Drive and Kerr/Stensrud Road is \$150,000. Funding will be provided from Capital Project 592 – Land Development – Arbor Creek Subdivision.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

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**D4) Enquiry – Councillor B. Pringle (April 16, 2007)
Noise Complaint – Train Whistles at Preston Rail Crossing
(File No. 6171-01; CK. 375-2)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

BACKGROUND

The following enquiry was made by Councillor Pringle at the meeting of City Council held on April 16, 2007:

“I am receiving noise complaints about the train doing several long whistle blows at the Preston Rail crossing at 1:00 a.m., 3:00 a.m. and 5:00 a.m. Could the Administration please assess this and negotiate with CN to cease this practice, if deemed adequately safe to do so.”

REPORT

The Preston rail crossing is under the jurisdiction of the R.M. of Corman Park and is located on the Canadian National (CN) Watrous Subdivision line (Mile 186) on Preston Avenue (south City limit). The crossing currently has flashing red lights, cross-bucks and crossing gates in operation.

The approved concept plan for the Stonebridge neighbourhood includes the closure of Preston Avenue at the south City limit. The closure of this portion of Preston Avenue would negate the CN whistle requirements for this location, as an actual at-grade railway/roadway crossing would no longer exist.

Dundee Developments, the developer for the Stonebridge neighbourhood, has advised that they will be pursuing the permanent closure of this portion of Preston Avenue soon. Upon receipt of their application, Infrastructure Services will proceed with the permanent closure. Once the permanent closure has been approved by City Council, Infrastructure Services will pursue the removal of the CN whistle requirement for that portion of the railway.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

**D5) Vehicle and Equipment Services
Capital Project 1357 – Replacement of Vehicle and Equipment
Purchase of Python 4-wheel Sweeper
(File No. CK. 1390-01)**

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) that the purchase of one (1) 4-wheel street sweeper from Python Manufacturing at a total cost of \$187,750.95 including GST and PST be accepted; and
- 2) that the Corporate Services Department, Purchasing Services Branch issue the purchase order.

ADOPTED.

REPORT

Vehicle and Equipment Services have several different makes of 4-wheel street sweepers in the fleet of 10 sweepers. While some of the units work well for specific jobs, the Elgin Eagle has been the only acceptable all-purpose sweeper to date. In the spring of 2007, Vehicle and Equipment Services made arrangements to rent (2) new sweepers for the summer to help with the spring clean-up and also to do a thorough evaluation of the units.

One unit, a Challenger, manufactured in Winnipeg performed fairly well, but the unit was not operator friendly, (very rough and hard on the operator's back) and required frequent maintenance due to some very lightly built sweeping components. This unit is not approved for City of Saskatoon use and has been returned to the dealer.

The second unit, a Python, manufactured in Regina has performed exceptionally well and would be the preferred unit over the Elgin Eagle from the standpoint of performance and operator acceptance.

The rental agreement for the Python sweeper included a purchase option where 80% of the rent would apply to the purchase of the unit. Since the unit performed so well, Vehicle and Equipment Services are recommending the conversion of the rental to a purchase. Python Manufacturing has offered to supply a new unit rather than the unit currently being rented. Vehicle and Equipment Service is recommending acceptance of this offer.

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Purchase of the new Python sweeper is recommended as follows:

Purchase Price	\$195,385.00
Rental Credit	<u>26,240.00</u>
Sub total	169,145.00
GST	10,148.70
PST	<u>8,457.25</u>
Total	<u>\$187,750.95</u>

The purchase price is comparable to the Elgin Eagle and the offer to recoup 80% of the four-month rental makes this purchase very attractive.

The unit will replace a 19 year old machine which will be disposed of through public auction. A return of approximately \$7,000 is expected on disposal.

The source of funding will be the approved 2007 Capital budget for Replacement of Vehicle and Equipment.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

**D6) Proposed General Loading Zone
(File No. CK. 6145-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that a five minute General Loading Zone be installed on the west side of the 200 Block Avenue J South.

ADOPTED.

Infrastructure Services has received a request from a business located at 1002 – 20th Street West, for the installation of a five minute General Loading Zone in front of their building on the west side of the street as shown on Plan No.210-0042-001r003(Attachment 1).

The loading zone conforms to City guidelines with respect to Loading Zones.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

ATTACHMENTS

1. Plan No. 210-0042-001r003.

**D7) Proposed Parking Meter Installations
Parking on 200 Block of 23rd Street
(File No. 6120-1)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that three metered parking stalls be installed on the north side of 23rd Street between 1st Avenue and Ontario Avenue; and
 - 2) that the parking meters offer a maximum two hour time limit effective from 09:00 to 18:00, Monday to Saturday.

ADOPTED.

REPORT

The building located at 225 1st Avenue North underwent construction to add approximately 9,800 square feet of office space. The building expansion occurred on the property's south parking lot, which borders 23rd Street. As a result of the addition to the building, the driveway access from 23rd Street to the former parking lot is no longer required and has been abandoned by the property owner.

The Administration is recommending that three-metered parking stalls be added to the north side of 23rd Street, in the area previously utilized as a driveway access. In order to be consistent with the existing parking meters on this section of 23rd Street, the additional parking meters will offer a maximum two hour parking limit, effective from 09:00 to 18:00, Monday to Saturday.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Public Notice, pursuant to Section 3 of Policy C01-021, Public Notice Policy, is not required.

ATTACHMENT

1. Plan 21-0040-004r003.

**D8) Proposed Parking Restrictions by Bedford Road Collegiate
600 Block Bedford Road, 400 Block Avenue G North and 400 Block Avenue F North
File No. CK. 6120-2**

RECOMMENDATION: that a “No Parking, 09:00 to 15:00, Monday to Friday” parking restriction be installed on the 600 block of Bedford Road, the east block face of the 400 block of Avenue G North, and a portion of the west block face of the 400 block of Avenue F North.

ADOPTED.

REPORT

In an effort to address lack of parking, noise, littering and traffic concerns, residents adjacent to Bedford Road Collegiate embarked on the process of collecting signatures to petition for the implementation of parking restrictions on the 600 block of Bedford Road, 400 block of Avenue G North and their corresponding side yards along Avenue F North and Ave G North. The document, which was distributed to area residents in June of 2007, was identified as a petition to implement a “No Parking, 09:00 to 15:00, Monday to Friday” parking restriction.

The petition resulted in an overall resident support level of 79%. The Administration has evaluated the names and addresses listed on the petition, and have no concerns in relation to support for implementation of a parking restriction. The residents realize that they did not meet the required 10 block area for the implementation of a Residential Parking Permit Program (RPP) in the area.

As an alternative to an RPP, the Administration is recommending that the 600 block of Bedford Road, the east block face of the 400 block of Avenue G North, and a portion of the west block face of the 400 block of Avenue F North, be posted with a “No Parking, 09:00 to 15:00, Monday to Friday” parking restriction, as shown on Plan No. 210-0013-013r001 (Attachment 1).

Since the overall petition results can be deemed to be a clear indication that the majority of the residents wish to introduce the parking restriction, the Administration has no issue with making this parking restriction recommendation to City Council.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

ATTACHMENT

1. Plan No. 210-0013-013r001

**D9) Red Light Camera Proposal – Installation of two new locations
(File No: CK. 5300-8)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that City Council approve an amendment to the red light camera report that was approved by City Council at its meeting on June 25, 2007, as described in this report; and
 - 2) that the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the necessary Agreement and that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute the agreement.

REPORT

At its meeting on June 25, 2007, City Council approved a report for the installation of two additional locations for red light cameras, specifically 51st Street and Warman Road and 8th Street and Preston Avenue. City Council also approved the award of the project to Trafco Canada for the provision of photo enforcement, processing and other services for the two locations. Due to an internal oversight, the pricing structure outlined in the report contained an error.

The report approved by City Council on June 25, 2007 indicated that “The price structure for each intersection shall be a \$2300 monthly fee payable by the City plus \$12 per violation”. The correct pricing, as negotiated with Trafco Canada, should have read “\$2300 *per approach* per month plus \$12.00 per ticket issued”. This pricing structure was used by Infrastructure Services for budgeting purposes for the two new locations.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

IT WAS RESOLVED: 1) that the information be received; and

2) that the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the necessary Agreement and that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute the agreement.

**D10) Capital Project 1357 – Replacement of Vehicles and Equipment
Purchase of Track Sidewalk Cleaner
File CK 1000-1**

- RECOMMENDATION**
- 1) that the sole source bid submitted by Prinoth for the purchase of one Camoplast Track Sidewalk Cleaner, at a total cost of \$178,530.80 (including G.S.T. and P.S.T.) be approved; and

- 2) that the Corporate Services Department, Purchasing Services Branch issue the appropriate purchase order.

ADOPTED.

REPORT

Infrastructure Services requires a new sidewalk cleaner to support its snow and ice program. In an effort to reduce operator fatigue and injury, the Administration is recommending a departure from the current trackless type machine to a track type unit. Track type units provide a smoother ride when operating on rough surfaces, and allow for greater mobility when moving from job to job.

Vehicle and Equipment Services received a quotation from Prinoth of Calgary for a Camoplast Track Sidewalk Cleaner, complete with a snow blower, sweeper and a 58" straight blade. To add to the versatility of the unit, an optional ½ cubic yard salt/sand spreader will also be purchased.

The Camoplast track vehicle was previously sold under the Bombardier name. Prinoth is the only distributor of this unit in Western Canada, which has been used by municipalities to clear snow from sidewalks for a number of years. Another firm is working on developing a similar unit, however, it is still in the development stage.

A lease/rental option was investigated, however, the rental of \$16,000 per month for a six-month rental period was considered too costly. If purchased, the proposed Vehicle and Equipment Services rental rate for a six-month rental period will be \$6,000 per month.

The pricing on the Camoplast Track Sidewalk Cleaner is set at the factory, and since this is primarily a municipal vehicle, the pricing is for municipal use, and no further discounts apply.

The net cost to the City as quoted by Prinoth is as follows:

Base Price	\$ 151,098.00
Optional ½ cubic yard salt /sand spreader	4,740.00
Freight	<u>5,000.00</u>
Subtotal	\$160,838.00
G.S.T.	9,650.28
P.S.T.	<u>8,041.90</u>
Subtotal	\$178,530.80
Less GST Rebate	<u>9,650.28</u>
Net Cost to the City of Saskatoon	\$168,880.52

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Although not specifically identified for replacement in the approved 2007 Capital Budget, there is sufficient funding available within Capital Project 1357 – Replacement of Vehicles and Equipment, without placing the project in a deficit position.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

**D11) August 17 and 19, 2007 Storm Events
(FILE NO: 7560-01; CK. 7820-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that consideration of the matter be deferred until after 7:00 p.m.

Section F – CITY MANAGER

**F1) Enquiry - Councillor C. Clark (June 11, 2007)
Rail Corridor between Saskatoon and Regina
(File No. CC. 7000-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that your Administration contact the City of Regina to develop a strategy on the potential line abandonment.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the matter be considered with Item A3 of Communications to Council.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT NO. 13-2007

Section A – OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

**A1) 2006 Municipal Elections
Disclosure of Campaign Contributions and Expenses
(File No. CK. 255-5-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: 1) that the information be received; and

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- 2) that the matter of possible amendments to *Bylaw 8491, The Campaign Disclosure and Spending Limits Bylaw*, be referred to the Executive Committee.

ADOPTED.

City Council, at its meeting held on March 27, 2006, passed *Bylaw No. 8491, The Campaign Disclosure and Spending Limits Bylaw, 2006*. The bylaw requires that all candidates for City Council file a Statement of Election Expenses/Contributions with the Returning Officer on or before the first working day of May in the year immediately following the year in which an election is held.

Part IV of the bylaw, regarding enforcement, is as follows:

“Offences and Penalties

24. (1) Every person who contravenes any provision of this Bylaw is guilty of an offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine of not more than \$5,000.00 and, in the case of a continuing offence, to a further fine of not more than \$5,000.00 for each day during which the offence continues.
- (2) A conviction for an offence under this Bylaw does not relieve the person convicted from complying with the Bylaw and the convicting judge may, in addition to any fine imposed, order the person to do any act or work, within the time specified by the judge in the order, to comply with the provisions of this Bylaw.
- (3) A person to whom an order is directed pursuant to subsection (2), who fails to comply with that order within the time specified by the judge, is guilty of any offence and liable on summary conviction to a fine of not more than \$5,000.00 for each day during which the non-compliance continues.
- (4) If a candidate is the subject of an investigation pursuant to this Bylaw and the candidate is convicted of an offence against this Bylaw based on information obtained pursuant to the investigation, the convicting court may order, in addition to any penalty imposed pursuant to this Bylaw, that the candidate pay all or any costs of the investigation.

Disqualification from Office

25. (1) In addition to the penalties set out in Section 24, if a candidate who is elected contravenes any provision of this Bylaw, the candidate is disqualified from Council and shall resign immediately.

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- (2) Notwithstanding subsection (1), where on application a judge of the Court of Queen's Bench is of the opinion that the disqualification of the candidate arose through inadvertence or by reason of an honest mistake, the candidate shall not be required to resign."

Eleven of the thirty-four candidates failed to file the required disclosures by the May 1st deadline. By June 5th all candidates had complied, with the exception of two candidates for Mayor. One candidate's non-compliance related to an error in filing, in that the required disclosures were filed but the statement of campaign revenues and expenses was not audited, while one candidate refused to file the required disclosures.

After careful consideration and consultation with independent legal counsel, it was decided that charges would not be brought against any of the candidates that were in breach of the bylaw. It is the opinion of the Returning Officer that it is not in the public interest to prosecute since the bylaw was new, there was substantial compliance, most of the breaches were inadvertent, and the bylaw did achieve its goal of transparency and awareness.

It is recommended, however, that the Executive Committee consider the matter of possible amendments to the bylaw, based on the experience of the 2006 elections.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

REPORT NO. 9-2007 OF THE PLANNING AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

Composition of Committee

Councillor G. Wyant, Chair
Councillor B. Dubois
Councillor P. Lorje
Councillor C. Clark
Councillor B. Pringle

1. **Communications to Council**
From: Linda Crosson
Date: July 26, 2007
**Subject: Traffic Speed Concerns on McKercher Drive
and Mount Allison Crescent**

AND

Enquiry – Councillor G. Penner (April 10, 2006)
Proposed Crosswalk – Degeer Street and McKercher Drive
(File No. CK. 5200-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Your Committee reviewed the above communication at its meeting held on August 16, 2005, with respect to traffic speed concerns on McKercher Drive at Mount Allison Crescent. The matter was referred to the Board of Police Commissioners and to the Administration for a report.

Attached is a copy of the report of the General Manager, Infrastructure Services Department dated July 18, 2007, in response to the above matter, as well as an enquiry from Councillor Penner, as noted above. The report is being forwarded to City Council as information.

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the matter be referred back to the Planning and Operations Committee for further review including Boychuck, McKercher and Acadia Drives.

2. **Truck Bylaw Modifications**
(File No. 6000-1)

RECOMMENDATION: 1) that the City Solicitor be instructed to amend Bylaw 7200, The Traffic Bylaw, to modify the sections pertaining to trucks as previously approved by City Council at its meeting held on October 3, 2005, subject to further amendment outlined within the report of the General Manager,

Infrastructure Services Department dated August 7, 2007;
and

- 2) that City Council approve the Traffic Bylaw Special Permits Policy.

ADOPTED.

City Council, at its meeting held on October 3, 2005, considered Clause 4, Report No. 14-2005 of the Planning and Operations Committee and requested that the City Solicitor prepare amendments to Traffic Bylaw No. 7200 to modify the sections pertaining to trucks.

Your Committee has received the attached report of the General Manager, Infrastructure Services Department dated August 7, 2007, and has been advised that the Administration has undertaken further consultation with the construction industry, various civic departments, Saskatoon Police Services and the Provincial Prosecutor and additional modifications are being recommended as a result of those further consultations.

Presentations were made to your Committee on the issue of the permits and with respect to the secondary truck route along Avenue P. Your Committee was advised by the Administration that they are continuing to look at the issues raised relating to the permits and are exploring opportunities to expand the availability of permits. The Administration has indicated that a report on the proposed design and costs of improvements to the intersection of Avenue P and 11th Street was provided as information to the Committee earlier and the project currently remains unfunded in the Capital Budget. This matter will be looked at further during the Capital Budget deliberations.

Following review of this matter, your Committee is supporting the recommendations of the Administration, as noted above.

3. Poster Bylaw No. 7565
(File No. CK. 185-6)

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the proposed revisions to the locations where attaching a poster on public property is restricted to the use of community bulletin boards and the addition to the City of Saskatoon poster facilities, as set out in Attachments 1 and 2 to the report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated July 17, 2007, be approved; and
 - 2) that the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the appropriate amendments to Poster Bylaw No. 7565.

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Your Committee has reviewed the attached report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated July 17, 2007, and is supporting the proposed revisions to the Poster Bylaw to revise the locations where attaching a poster on public property is restricted to the use of community bulletins and the addition of two types of poster facilities. Your Committee is recommending that the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the appropriate amendments to the Poster Bylaw to reflect the proposed changes to Schedules A and B of the bylaw.

IT WAS RESOLVED: 1) that the proposed revisions to the locations where attaching a poster on public property is restricted to the use of community bulletin boards and the addition to the City of Saskatoon poster facilities, as set out in Attachments 1 and 2 to the report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated July 17, 2007, be approved;

2) that the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the appropriate amendments to Poster Bylaw No. 7565; and

3) that the Administration consider restricting posters in major thoroughfares (ie. 22nd Street, College Drive, etc.) and report to the Administration and Finance Committee.

**4. Amendments to Innovative Housing Incentives Policy
(File No. CK. 750-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the following amendments to the City of Saskatoon Policy C09-002 (Innovative Housing Incentives) be approved:

1) to replace Section 3.2a) i) and ii) and stipulate that the City of Saskatoon will provide 10 percent of the total project costs for the residential portion, as defined in Section 2.3; and

2) to amend Section 2.2 by removing reference to the specific Maximum Income Levels as set by the Province on July 31, 2006.

ADOPTED.

Your Committee has considered the attached report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated July 3, 2007, and supports the recommendations from the Administration with respect to proposed amendments to the Innovative Housing Incentives Policy.

**5. 2007 Provision of Civic Services
(File No. CK. 1870-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

Attached is a copy of the report of the General Manager, Infrastructure Services Department providing information with respect to the Provision of Civic Services Program for 2007.

REPORT NO. 11-2007 OF THE ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Composition of Committee

Councillor G. Penner, Chair
Councillor M. Neault
Councillor D. Hill
Councillor M. Heidt
Councillor T. Paulsen

**1. Employment Equity Program Annual Monitoring Report
(File No. CK. 4500-2)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

Attached is a copy of the report of the General Manager, Corporate Services Department dated August 1, 2007 forwarding the 2004-2006 Employment Equity Program Monitoring Report.

The Monitoring Report has had limited distribution, and can be viewed on the City of Saskatoon web site www.saskatoon.ca under Corporate Services Department, Human Resources, Employment Equity Program.

2. Request for Tax-Based Incentives –

**Fairbanks Morse Warehouse – Additional Unit
14 – 23rd Street East
(File No. CK. 1965-1)**

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) that a tax abatement of 100 percent of incremental taxes be approved for the development at 14 – 23rd Street East, for a period of five years commencing in the next taxation year after completion of the project;
- 2) that the request for an exemption of existing taxes during construction be approved, not exceeding 12 months or \$1,699.43; and
- 3) that the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare the necessary agreement.

ADOPTED.

Attached is a copy of the report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated August 13, 2007 in response to a supplementary application from Olstar Developments Inc. for the conversion of a warehouse at the northeast corner of the Fairbanks Morse parcel to a single unit condominium, bringing the total number of housing units for the project to 13.

Your Committee has reviewed this report with the Administration, and supports the recommendations.

**3. 2007 Assistance to Community Groups – Cash Grants Program
Environmental Component
(File No. CK. 1871-10-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the Environmental Component of the 2007 Assistance to Community Groups – Cash Grants Program totalling \$5,000, be approved as outlined on Attachment 3.

ADOPTED.

Attached is a copy of the report of the General Manager, Utility Services Department dated July 31, 2007 forwarding recommendations regarding the applications received under the Environmental Component of the 2007 Assistance to Community Groups - Cash Grants Program.

Your Committee has reviewed this report and supports the recommendations provided.

**4. Discounted Monthly Bus Passes – Provincial Pilot Project
(File No. CK. 1905-7)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that Saskatoon Transit continue to administer the subsidized Discounted Bus Pass Program and continue to work with the Province for increased subsidization to cover revenue loss and additional administration costs; and
 - 2) that the Administration report further in three months, at the end of the one-year trial period, as to the status of the project in terms of revenue impact.

ADOPTED.

At its meeting held on June 12, 2006, City Council approved a one-year trial subsidized bus pass program, in partnership with the Department of Community Resources (DCR), effective October 1, 2006, and also resolved:

that the Administration report further in six months as to the initial success of the program, and recommendations as to required changes to ensure that Saskatoon Transit does not incur any revenue loss from the program.

Attached is a copy of the report of the General Manager, Utility Services Department dated July 30, 2007 in response to the above resolution. Your Committee has reviewed this matter with the Administration, and supports the continuation of the subsidized Discounted Bus Pass Program for a further three months, under the conditions outlined in the above recommendation.

**5. Enquiry – Former Councillor D.L. Birkmaier (September 18, 2006)
Refuse Containers at Construction Sites
(File No. CK. 7830-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

ADOPTED.

The following enquiry was made by former Councillor D.L. Birkmaier at the meeting of City Council held on September 18, 2006:

“Would the Administration please report on the feasibility of introducing a bylaw similar to the City of Calgary which requires construction sites to have containers for refuse on site and the control and responsibility of access to construction sites?”

City Council considered Clause B2, Legislative Report No. 19-2006 in response to this enquiry at its meeting held on November 20, 2006 at which time the following motion was passed:

“that the matter of construction site waste be referred to the Administration and Finance Committee for review.”

Attached is a copy of the report of the General Manager, Utility Services Department dated July 16, 2007, which your Committee has reviewed in response to the November 20, 2006 resolution. Your Committee is satisfied that there are adequate controls in place to address construction site waste. Also attached is a copy of Clause B2, Legislative Report No. 19-2006, as referenced above.

REPORT NO. 4-2007 OF THE LAND BANK COMMITTEE

Composition of Committee

Councillor M. Heidt, Chair
Councillor D. Hill
Councillor P. Lotje
Councillor G. Penner
Councillor M. Neault

**1. Purchase of Additional Land for Land Bank Program
Blairmore Suburban Development Area – Neighbourhoods 3 & 4
(File No. CK. 4020-1)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the Land Branch Manager be authorized to purchase approximately 320.60 acres of vacant future residential land from 101097794 Saskatchewan Ltd. at a purchase price of \$3,500,000;
 - 2) that the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the necessary purchase agreements and that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute the Agreements under the Corporate Seal; and
 - 3) that this purchase be financed by withdrawals from the Property Realized Reserve, with an initial deposit of \$50,000 paid within five days of acceptance of the Offer to Purchase, and the balance of approximately \$3,450,000 to be paid on

the Closing Date. Legal and administration costs, plus disbursements will also be withdrawn from the Property Realized Reserve.

ADOPTED.

Attached is a copy of the report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated July 26 2007 which your Committee has reviewed with the Administration. The Committee supports the purchase of this land which is required for future residential land in the Blairmore Suburban Development Area.

**2. Request to Sell City-Owned Property
Lots 1 to 4, Block 871, Plan (To Be Registered)
Lambert Crescent, Hudson Bay Industrial
(File No. CK. 4215-1)**

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) that the Land Branch Manager be authorized to offer Lots 1 to 4, Block 871, Plan (To Be Registered) to each of the abutting landowners for a period of not more than 15 days at the reserve bid price as outlined in the attached report;
- 2) that should the abutting landowners not proceed to purchase an abutting property, the Land Branch Manager be authorized to sell any remaining properties to the highest bidder through a public tender process, with reserve bids as outlined in the attached report;
- 3) that if the lots re not sold through the tender process, they be placed for sale over-the-counter, on a first-come, first-served basis; and
- 4) that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary documentation to complete these sale transactions.

ADOPTED.

Attached is a copy of the report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated July 20, 2007 recommending the sale of the above-noted property to the abutting property owners for a period of not more than 15 days, and the sale of any remaining properties to the highest bidder through a public tender process.

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Your Committee has reviewed this report with the Administration, and supports the sale of this property, as outlined in the attached report.

**3. Direct Sale of Serviced Land (0.25 acres)
to Vaughn Wyant Investments Ltd.
(File No. CK. 4215-1)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that approval be granted for the direct sale of 0.25 acres of serviced land lying to the east of 703 Melville Street (Parcel S, Plan 101899907) with terms and conditions as outlined in the attached report; and
 - 2) that His Worship the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the necessary documentation to complete the sale of the property.

Attached is a copy of the report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated July 26, 2007 regarding the direct sale of land on Melville Street.

Your Committee has reviewed this report with the Administration, and supports the sale of this land under the terms and conditions outlined in the report.

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

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the recommendation be adopted.

Councillor Wyant re-entered the Council Chamber.

**REPORT NO. 2-2007 OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES – CITY OF SASKATOON
GENERAL SUPERANNUATION PLAN**

Composition of Board

Dr. A. Whitworth, Chair
Mr. M. Baraniecki, Vice-Chair
Mr. F. Smith
Councillor G. Wyant
Mr. P. Richards
Mr. S. Saunders
Mr. L. Thiessen
Mr. G. Gross

**1. Actuarial Valuation Report to December 31, 2006
General Superannuation Plan
(File No. CK. 4731-6)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the Actuarial Valuation Report to December 31, 2006 for the General Superannuation Plan be approved; and
 - 2) that Aon Consulting be authorized to file the Actuarial Valuation Report to December 31, 2006 with the Superintendent of Pensions and Canada Revenue Agency.

ADOPTED.

The Board of Trustees – General Superannuation Plan is required by law [Section 8(1) of *The Pension Benefits Act, 1993*] to undertake an Actuarial Valuation Report of the Plan every three years, and file the results with the Superintendent of Pensions and the Canada Revenue Agency. The Board has been diligent in undertaking Actuarial Valuation Reports in order to ensure the Plan is meeting all financial obligations both present and future, and has engaged Aon Consulting to prepare Actuarial Valuation Reports on an annual basis.

Attached is a copy of the Actuarial Valuation Report to December 31, 2006 for the General Superannuation Plan, which has been reviewed and accepted by the Board. The implementation of the agreed increased contribution levels has enabled the Plan to meet its actuarial obligations and to build a going-concern contingency reserve of \$6,908,000. This reserve is only just over one percent of the actuarial assets of the Plan and significantly lower than the maximum allowable.

The solvency surplus and solvency ratio are favourable and meet the Regulators' requirements. The Valuation was conducted using a slightly lower discount rate of 6.25% (6.50% in 2005) and a constant inflation rate of 3.5%. A modification to the smoothing formula was made. Both of these

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changes help ensure the Plan has sufficient margin to protect the long-term security of Plan members without requiring future contribution rate increases.

His Worship the Mayor assumed the Chair.

Moved by Councillor Lorje, Seconded by Councillor Penner,

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

CARRIED.

HEARINGS

- 4a) Discretionary Use Application
Home Based Business Type II
927 Laycoe Crescent (Silverspring Neighbourhood)
Applicant: Ken Greenhorn
(File No. CK. 4355-1)**

REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK:

“The purpose of this hearing is to consider the above noted discretionary use application.

The City Planner has advised that notification posters have been placed on site and letters have been sent to all adjacent property owners within 75 metres of the site.

Attached are copies of the following:

- Report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated July 24, 2007 recommending that the application submitted by Ken Greenhorn (Home Based Drafting Office) to use Lot 5, Block 406, Plan 95S26266 (927 Laycoe Crescent) for the purpose of a Home Based Business - Type II be approved subject to the following:
 - i) the applicant obtaining all relevant permits (such as building and plumbing permits) and licenses prior to the use of this site for the purpose of a Home Based Business - Type II; and
 - ii) the applicant providing one paved off-street parking space exclusively for the non-resident employee;
- Report of the Municipal Planning Commission indicating that the Commission supports the above noted recommendation.”

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His Worship the Mayor opened the hearing.

Mr. Tim Steuart, Community Services Department, expressed the Department's support of the Discretionary Use Application.

Mr. Brad Sylvester, Chair, Municipal Planning Commission, expressed the Commission's support of the Discretionary Use Application.

His Worship the Mayor ascertained that there was no one present in the gallery who wished to address Council on this matter.

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Wyant,

THAT the hearing be closed.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Pringle,

THAT the application submitted by Ken Greenhorn (Home Based Drafting Office) to use Lot 5, Block 406, Plan 95S26266 (927 Laycoe Crescent) for the purpose of a Home Based Business - Type II be approved subject to the following:

- i) the applicant obtaining all relevant permits (such as building and plumbing permits) and licenses prior to the use of this site for the purpose of a Home Based Business - Type II; and*
- ii) the applicant providing one paved off-street parking space exclusively for the non-resident employee;*

CARRIED.

**4b) Proposed Rezoning from R1A to RMTN and from R1A to R1B
Proposed Parcels A & B and Proposed Parcels 552, 553, 554
Willowgrove Neighbourhood
Proposed Bylaw No. 8622
(File No. CK. 4351-1)**

REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK:

“The purpose of this hearing is to consider proposed Bylaw No. 8622.

Attached are copies of the following:

- Proposed Bylaw No. 8622;
- Clause 1, Report No. 5-2007 of the Municipal Planning Commission, which was adopted by City Council at its meeting held on August 13, 2007; and
- copy of the notice that appeared in the local press under dates of August 18 and 25, 2007.”

His Worship the Mayor opened the hearing.

Mr. Tim Steuart, Community Services Department, expressed the Department’s support of the proposed Zoning Bylaw Amendment.

Mr. Brad Sylvester, Chair, Municipal Planning Commission, expressed the Commission’s support of the proposed Zoning Bylaw Amendment.

His Worship the Mayor ascertained that there was no one present in the gallery who wished to address Council on this matter.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Wyant,

THAT the hearing be closed.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT Council consider Bylaw No. 8622.

CARRIED.

4c) Proposed Rezoning from R1A to R1B

**Galloway Road – Stonebridge Neighbourhood
Lots 21 – 33, Block 111 of Proposed Plan of Subdivision
Applicant: Dundee Realty Corporation
Proposed Bylaw No. 8625
(File No. CK. 4351-1)**

REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK:

“The purpose of this hearing is to consider proposed Bylaw No. 8625.

Attached are copies of the following:

- Proposed Bylaw No. 8625;
- Report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated July 23, 2007 recommending that the proposal to rezone Lots 21-33, Block 111 of Proposed Plan of Subdivision (ISC Surface Parcel: 161799328) from a R1A District to R1B District be approved;
- Report of the Municipal Planning Commission advising that the Commission supports the above noted recommendation; and
- Notice that appeared in the local press under dates of August 18 and 25, 2007.”

His Worship the Mayor opened the hearing.

Mr. Tim Steuart, Community Services Department, expressed the Department’s support of the proposed Zoning Bylaw Amendment.

Mr. Brad Sylvester, Chair, Municipal Planning Commission, expressed the Commission’s support of the proposed Zoning Bylaw Amendment.

Mr. Don Armstrong, Dundee Realty Corporation, asked that Council support the proposed rezoning.

His Worship the Mayor ascertained that there was no one present in the gallery who wished to address Council on this matter.

Moved by Councillor Dubois, Seconded by Councillor Lorje,

THAT the hearing be closed.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Lorje, Seconded by Councillor Pringle,

THAT Council consider Bylaw No. 8625.

CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL

The following communications were submitted and dealt with as stated:

A. REQUESTS TO SPEAK TO COUNCIL

1) Tim Lalonde, dated August 13

Requesting permission to address City Council with respect to zoning. (File No. CK. 750-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that Tim Lalonde be heard.

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Pringle,

THAT Tim Lalonde be heard.

CARRIED.

Mr. Tim Lalonde expressed concerns regarding rental accommodations. He suggested that the laws be changed to allow four-plexes on fifty foot lots.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Neault,

THAT the information be referred to the Administration to consider during the policy review regarding housing.

CARRIED.

2) Jeannine Paul, dated August 22

Requesting permission to address City Council with respect to affordable housing. (File No. CK. 750-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that items C24 to C32 and D6 of Communications to Council be brought forward, and that Jeannine Paul be heard.

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Pringle,

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*THAT that items C24 to C32 and D6 of Communications to Council be brought forward,
and that Jeannine Paul be heard.*

CARRIED.

“C24) Terri Lohela, dated August 9

Commenting on affordable housing in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 4132-1)

C25) Valerie Dawson, dated August 9

Commenting on affordable housing in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 4132-1)

C26) Ambrose and Mavis Reschny, dated August 10

Commenting on the conversion of existing apartment buildings into condominiums. (File No. 4132-1)

C27) Hamdi Elmoselhi, dated August 13

Commenting on affordable housing in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 4132-1)

C28) Jim Zhao, dated August 13

Commenting on affordable housing in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 4132-1)

C29) Mitya Khanal, dated August 13

Commenting on affordable housing in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 4132-1)

C30) Carrie Wiebe, dated August 13

Commenting on affordable housing in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 4132-1)

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C31) Bernice Stefanuik, undated

Commenting on the conversion of existing apartment buildings into condominiums. (File No. 4132-1)

C32) Nityananda Khanal, dated August 25

Commenting on affordable housing in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 4132-1)

D6) Gerry McCallum, dated August 15

Commenting on the housing concerns in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 750-1) **(Referred to Administration for further handling.)”**

Ms. Jeannine Paul spoke regarding affordable housing and provided Council with ten potential housing solutions.

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT the information be referred to the Administration to consider during the policy review regarding housing.

CARRIED.

3) Martin Wooldridge, dated September 4

Requesting permission for Jonathan Bodvarson, member, Transport2000 Prairie to address City Council regarding the retention of the Saskatoon-Regina CN rail line. (File No. CK. 7000-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that Clause F1, Administrative Report No. 19-2007 be brought forward and Jonathan Bodvarson be heard.

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

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THAT Clause F1, Administrative Report No. 19-2007 be brought forward and Jonathan Bodvarson be heard.

CARRIED.

“ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT NO. 19-2007

**F1) Enquiry - Councillor C. Clark (June 11, 2007)
Rail Corridor between Saskatoon and Regina
(File No. CC. 7000-1)**

RECOMMENDATION: that your Administration contact the City of Regina to develop a strategy on the potential line abandonment.

The following enquiry was made by Councillor C. Clark at the City Council meeting held on June 11, 2007:

“Would the City Manager please report on the status of the rail corridor between Saskatoon and Regina, and in particular between Regina and Craik, as there is indication that it could be decommissioned.

Could the report include a discussion of the potential impact this could have on the future transportation strategy for Saskatoon and region as this is the only direct rail corridor connecting the two main urban centres of the province, and given that rail transportation is one of the most efficient forms of travel in terms of greenhouse gas emissions, keeping with our recently announced strategy to reduce greenhouse gases.”

Currently there are no CN trains that travel between Saskatoon and Regina, and CN Freight Railway does not operate passenger trains. Also, Via Rail does not operate passenger trains between Saskatoon and Regina. CN operates only one freight train, once per week, between Saskatoon and Davidson, to service the grain elevator. However since 2001, it has not operated freight trains south of Davidson or between Regina and Davidson.

It is your Administration’s understanding that CN has applied to abandon the rail line between Regina and Craik. While this decision may be understandable at this point in time, there may be longer-term consequences for both Saskatoon and Regina.

These two cities are not unlike Calgary and Edmonton, which have recognized the economic corridor between them, and are considering improvements to the rail links including the potential of a rapid passenger link.

Saskatoon and Regina, although not as large, will in the future, through their growth, develop and support the economic corridor between the two cities. A rail connection between the two cities could indeed benefit the development of the corridor.

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While not required immediately, it could benefit both Saskatoon and Regina to ensure that the corridor is not lost permanently, so that the advantages of rail transportation can be used in the future as both cities grow. Therefore, we are recommending that the two cities voice their concerns over the potential rail line abandonment.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

Mr. Jonathon Bodvarson, Transport2000 Prairie, asked the City of Saskatoon to encourage the Province to maintain the rail line between Saskatoon and Regina. He suggested that the City look to join the stakeholders committee, help open a short-line railway, and encourage public and private participation.

Moved by Councillor Clark, Seconded by Councillor Penner

THAT the Administration contact the City of Regina to develop a strategy on the potential line abandonment.

CARRIED.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT NO. 19-2007 – CONTINUED

SECTION D – Infrastructure Services

D11) August 17 and 19, 2007 Storm Events
(FILE NO: 7560-01; CK. 7820-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

REPORT

Two significant storm events occurred over the weekend of August 17, 2007. The first storm occurred on Friday, August 17 and resulted in a total of 59.2 millimetres (mm) of rainfall. Approximately 26 hours later, a second storm struck which resulted in a total of 48.2 mm of rainfall.

The two storms totalled 107.6 mm of rainfall over 36 hours as recorded at the rain gauge located on the Diefenbaker Fire Hall roof. After a preliminary review of historical storms, the Administration believes that this event sets a new 48 hour record for Saskatoon. The 24 hour record occurred on June 17, 2007, with 99 mm of rain.

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To date, the City has been notified of approximately 110 basement flooding occurrences caused by this rain event, almost all of which are in the neighbourhoods located west of Circle Drive West. In addition, flooding occurred at Westridge Village and at Dundonald Village, with 35 of 108 residences flooding at Westridge Village, while 33 of 94 residences at Dundonald Village reported flooding.

The Friday storm resulted in surface flooding at a small number of locations due to high intensity periods of rainfall, while the Saturday night event yielded most of the basement flooding reports. At this time it is believed that the damage from Saturday's storm is related primarily to sanitary sewer backup induced by the rain conditions and the already wet ground conditions caused by the first storm event.

The City has completed extensive evaluations of the sewer system in this area since the June 2005 flooding. Smoke testing of the systems west of Circle Drive did not identify any major problems. All main lines were televised in 2005 and 2006. Some minor problems were detected and repaired, but no problems were discovered that would significantly influence flooding.

The sanitary sewer system in this area was cleaned two weeks prior to the June 17, 2007 storm.

Real-time electronic monitors were in place in the sewer system to provide advance warning of flood events. Although the monitors did provide early warning and crews responded to the August 17 and 19 events, the magnitude of the surcharging in the sanitary system was significant enough that crews could not protect all homes from flooding.

Following the August 17 and 19 flooding events, Infrastructure Services allocated additional resources to identify and design infrastructure retrofit options to reduce the risk of flooding, with a priority focus on the neighbourhoods west of Circle Drive West. It remains the Administration's intent to continue assessing and designing city-wide improvements to the City's sewer systems once this Confederation Drive review is complete.

Storm Sewer System Retrofits

Preliminary analysis indicates that the most effective course of action to reduce the potential for surface flooding occurring in this system is to construct off line storage of storm water at a location in the vicinity of Laurier Drive/Confederation Drive. A survey of the area completed the week of August 20 will provide the necessary data on which to base the design of a storm water retention pond in this vicinity. This pond may be a normally dry pond or a normally wet pond, similar to those found in new neighbourhoods in the City which help protect homes from surface flooding during major and minor storm events. The use of ponds was not common practice at the time these areas were developed.

By the end of early September, the Administration will have completed a preliminary design for one or more storm water retention pond alternatives. At that time, Infrastructure Services will be in a position to report on the estimated cost and relative benefit of this pond.

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In addition to a pond in the vicinity of the Laurier Drive/Confederation Drive intersection, storm water storage may be desirable at other locations along the Confederation Drive trunk. The proposed depressed Circle Drive configuration at 11th Street may rely on this additional storage being in place. Identification and design of subsequent storm water storage areas will be performed following design of the storage facility in the vicinity of the Laurier Drive/Confederation Drive intersection.

Sanitary Sewer System Retrofits

The primary cause of flooded basements in this area, and throughout the City, is surcharging of the sanitary sewer system. This surcharging is caused by storm water finding its way into the sanitary sewer system through a number of avenues. The three most likely ways storm water gets into the sanitary systems is through weeping tiles connected to the sanitary system through leakage between the storm and sanitary system pipe joints, and through overland flow of storm water into sanitary system manholes. Most homes in this area, and in other areas of the city, are not equipped with backflow prevention systems.

Previous inspections of the Confederation Drive system did not yield any obvious system deficiencies. Additional inspections and testing will be completed, but at this time the Administration is beginning the process of designing off-line storage retention tanks which will be used to relieve surcharged lines. It is believed that a number of tank sites may be required throughout the neighbourhoods west of Circle Drive. This solution is not commonly used in sanitary systems.

A consultant has been retained to prepare cost estimates and detailed design of these storage facilities. The consultant will search North America for present best practices for similar retention systems.

Once designs are complete, the Administration will submit options for consideration by City Council.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT the recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED.

REPORT NO. 14-2007 OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Composition of Committee

His Worship Mayor D. Atchison, Chair
Councillor C. Clark
Councillor B. Dubois
Councillor M. Heidt
Councillor D. Hill
Councillor P. Lorje
Councillor M. Neault
Councillor T. Paulsen
Councillor G. Penner
Councillor B. Pringle
Councillor G. Wyant

**1. Appointment – Traffic Safety Committee
(File No. CK. 225-8)**

RECOMMENDATION: that Kevin Sturgeon be appointed to the Traffic Safety Committee to December 31, 2009 to replace Derek McWilliam.

Attached is a copy of a communication from Derek McWilliam forwarding his resignation from the Traffic Safety Committee. This communication has been considered by your Committee along with the remaining 2007 applications from members of the public for a position on the Traffic Safety Committee. Your Committee wishes to have Kevin Sturgeon appointed for the upcoming 2-year term.

Moved by Councillor Lorje, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT the recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED.

**2. Morris T. Cherneskey Multi-district Park
Accessible Destination Playground
Naming and Promotional Benefits Agreement
(File No. CK. 4110-32)**

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) that the Naming and Promotional Benefits Agreement between the City of Saskatoon and Nordic Industries Ltd. be approved as outlined in Attachment No. 1; and
- 2) that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute the Agreement under the Corporate Seal.

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At its meeting held on April 2, 2007, your Committee reviewed a proposal regarding an agreement with Nordic Industries Ltd. for the naming rights to the accessible playground in Morris T. Cherneskey Multi-district Park. Your Committee authorized the Administration to negotiate with Nordic Industries Ltd. for a cost of \$175,000 for the naming rights and a term that is payable over 15 years.

Attached is a copy of the report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated July 30, 2007 in response to the negotiations that took place. Your Committee supports the terms of the Agreement, as attached to the report.

Moved by Councillor Lorje, Seconded by Councillor Penner,

THAT the recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED.

**3. Shaw Centre (formerly Blairmore Civic Recreation Centre) – Sponsorship
(File No. CK. 4110-32)**

- RECOMMENDATION:**
- 1) that the Naming and Promotional Benefits Agreement between the City of Saskatoon and Hamm Construction be approved as outlined in Attachment No. 1; and
 - 2) that His Worship the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to execute the Agreement under the Corporate Seal.

At its meeting held on March 19, 2007, your Committee considered a proposal regarding an Agreement with Hamm Construction for the naming rights to the fitness centre and walking track in the Blairmore Civic Recreation Centre and the sports fields in the multi-district park.

Your Committee authorized the Administration to continue negotiations for a cost of \$500,000 and a term that is payable over 15 years.

Attached is a copy of the report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated July 6, 2007 in response to the negotiations that took place. Your Committee supports the terms of the Agreement, as attached to the report.

Moved by Councillor Lorje, Seconded by Councillor Neault,

THAT the recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED.

**4. Coalition for Municipalities Against Racism and Discrimination – Declaration
(File No. CK. 100-10)**

RECOMMENDATION: that the model declaration for the Coalition of Municipalities Against Racism and Discrimination be approved for execution on behalf of the City of Saskatoon.

Attached is a copy of the report of the General Manager, Community Services Department dated June 20, 2007 regarding a set of principles and a general action plan which the Coalition for Municipalities Against Racism and Discrimination developed for member cities. The commitment to this set of principles has been put forward in the form of a model Declaration. The City of Saskatoon became a member of the Canadian Coalition of Municipalities Against Racism and Discrimination on May 30, 2005.

Your Committee supports the execution of the model Declaration, in that the City of Saskatoon has taken a leadership role by example and the majority of the model Declaration fits well with the City's Cultural Diversity and Race Relations Policy and action plan. For areas of responsibility outside of the City's mandate, the City's current commitment is in playing a "support" role, and this fits the involvement outlined in the model Declaration.

Moved by Councillor Lorje, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT the recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED.

**5. New Impound Lot
(File No. CK. 6120-1)**

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) that \$65,000 in funding from Capital Project No. 2047 – Nicholson Yards Expansion be returned to the Parking Reserve;
- 2) that a post-budget adjustment be approved for a new capital project to construct a new impound lot at a total cost of \$630,000, to be funded from the Parking Reserve (\$65,000), the Reserve for Capital Expenditures (\$165,000) and a Productivity Improvement Loan (\$400,000);

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- 3) that the \$400,000 Productivity Improvement Loan in 2) above be amortized over a period of 10 years at an interest rate of 5.25%;
- 4) that the Canadian Corps of Commissionaires (Northern Saskatchewan Inc.) continue to operate the City's Impound Lot, under the existing contract terms, at an estimated annual cost of \$75,000;
- 5) that the purchase of the iLot – Impound Lot Management System software be sole sourced from MTS Allstream Inc. in the amount of \$70,000; and
- 6) that the Impound Fees be reviewed by the Administration in association with the necessary amendments to Bylaw 7859, *The Impounding Bylaw, 1999*.

Attached is a copy of the report of the General Manager, Infrastructure Services Department dated August 8, 2007 regarding the intended changes that need to be made to establish a new Impound Lot.

Your Committee has reviewed this report with the Administration and supports the changes as put forward. The Committee has asked for a further review of the Impound Fees which have not changed since *The Impounding Bylaw, 1999* was first instituted.

Moved by Councillor Lorje, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT the recommendation be adopted.

CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL – CONTINUED

B. ITEMS WHICH REQUIRE THE DIRECTION OF CITY COUNCIL

1) Brian Bentley, Fire Chief/General Manager, dated August 20

Requesting that the week of October 7 to 13, 2007 be proclaimed as Fire Prevention Week, and that the southbound lanes of Diefenbaker Drive, between 22nd Street and Laurier Drive, be temporarily closed on Wednesday, October 10, 2007, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. for related activities.

RECOMMENDATION: 1) that City Council approve the proclamation as set out above, and the City Clerk be authorized to sign the proclamation on behalf of City Council; and

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- 2) that the request for the temporary Street closure of Diefenbaker Drive, between 22nd Street and Laurier Drive, on Wednesday, October 10, 2007, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. be granted, subject to any administrative conditions.

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Neault,

- 1) *that City Council approve the proclamation as set out above, and the City Clerk be authorized to sign the proclamation on behalf of City Council; and*
- 2) *that the request for the temporary Street closure of Diefenbaker Drive, between 22nd Street and Laurier Drive, on Wednesday, October 10, 2007, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. be granted, subject to any administrative conditions.*

CARRIED.

2) Art Randall, dated August 21

Commenting on issues with respect to the parking lot at the weir. (File Nos. CK. 5000-1 & 6320-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the direction of Council issue.

Moved by Councillor Wyant, Seconded by Councillor Neault,

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

CARRIED.

3) Dylan Clarke, South East Regional Economic Development Authority, dated August 22

Providing information with respect to proposed highway #6/39 twinning. (File No. CK. 1870-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the direction of Council issue.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Penner,

THAT the matter be referred to the Administration for appropriate action.

CARRIED.

4) Nicki Ferguson, dated August 27

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Expressing concerns with respect to City-owned property at 802 Avenue P North. (File No. CK. 4400-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the matter be referred to the Administration for appropriate action.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Neault,

THAT the matter be referred to the Administration for appropriate action.

CARRIED.

5) Blair Enright, dated August 19

Commenting on recent flooding issues. (File No. CK. 7820-2)

6) Christina Rudd, dated August 19

Commenting on recent flooding issues. (File No. CK. 7820-2)

7) Lisa Hamp, dated August 20

Commenting on recent flooding issues. (File No. CK. 7820-2)

8) Elizabeth Beckhusen, dated August 21

Commenting on recent flooding issues. (File No. CK. 7820-2)

RECOMMENDATION: that the letters be referred to the Administration to join to the file and that the writers be advised of Provincial program for flooding assistance.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Pringle,

THAT the letters be referred to the Administration to join to the file and that the writers be advised of Provincial program for flooding assistance.

CARRIED.

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9) Joyce Glasel, dated August 29

Commenting on bus service to Lakeview neighbourhood from Walter Murray Collegiate.
(File No. CK. 7300-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the direction of Council issue.

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Pringle,

THAT the matter be referred to Administration for a report.

CARRIED.

C. INFORMATION ITEMS

1) The Hon. Harry Van Mulligen, Minister Responsible for SGI, dated July 26

Responding to a letter from Council with respect to the use of hand-held cell phones while driving.
(File No. CK. 5300-1)

2) Irene Boychuk, Chair, Credit Union Centre, dated July 27

Submitting the semi-annual update on operations of Credit Union Centre for the first half of 2007.
(File No. CK. 175-31)

3) Tony Haynes, dated August 8

Submitting appreciation for His Worship the Mayor becoming a member of Mayors for Peace.
(File No. CK. 277-1)

4) James V. Penna, dated August 8

Submitting appreciation for His Worship the Mayor becoming a member of Mayors for Peace.
(File No. CK. 277-1)

5) Melva Armstrong, dated August 8

Submitting appreciation for His Worship the Mayor becoming a member of Mayors for Peace.
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6) Mayors for Peace Secretariat, dated August 10

Submitting appreciation for His Worship the Mayor becoming a member of Mayors for Peace. (File No. CK. 277-1)

7) Phyllis Cameron, The Broadway Theatre, dated August 10

Submitting appreciation for His Worship the Mayor becoming a member of Mayors for Peace. (File No. CK. 277-1)

8) Tadatoshi Akiba, President, Mayors for Peace, dated August 7

Providing information and Certification of Membership in Mayors for Peace.

9) Albert Couillard, dated August 10

Commenting on civic issues. (File No. CK. 4110-1)

10) Connie Gutwin, dated August 13

Conveying thanks and appreciation for the pots of flowers distributed throughout the City. (File No. CK. 4139-1)

11) Lori Kindrachuk, dated August 13

Commenting on construction on Circle Drive Bridge. (File No. CK. 6000-1)

12) K. Kuemper, dated August 13

Commenting on Council's recent decision regarding residential snow removal. (File No. CK. 6290-1)

13) Shelly Wolf, dated August 14

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Commenting on Council's recent decision regarding residential snow removal. (File No. CK. 6290-1)

14) Steven Angel, dated August 14

Commenting on Council's recent decision regarding residential snow removal. (File No. CK. 6290-1)

15) Neil Miller, dated August 15

Commenting on Council's recent decision regarding residential snow removal. (File No. CK. 6290-1)

16) Rio Ryon, dated August 22

Commenting on Council's recent decision regarding residential snow removal. (File No. CK. 6290-1)

17) G. Petersen, dated August 27

Commenting on Council's recent decision regarding residential snow removal. (File No. CK. 6290-1)

18) V. Romancia, dated August 28

Commenting on Council's recent decision regarding residential snow removal. (File No. CK. 6290-1)

19) Elaine Broughton, dated August 15

Commenting on street naming. (File No. CK. 6310-1)

20) Lana Doke, SaskTel, dated August 20

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Thanking Council for installing traffic signals at 2nd Avenue North and 26th Street East. (File No. CK. 6250-1)

21) Nicole Anderson, dated August 21

Commenting on issues with respect to panhandlers.

22) Frank and Diane Winter, dated August 25

Commenting on the importance of having an innovative public library. (File No. CK. 650-1)

23) Carol Stone, dated August 27

Commenting on newly placed bus stops. (File No. CK. 7311-1)

24) Terri Lohela, dated August 9

Commenting on affordable housing in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 4132-1)

25) Valerie Dawson, dated August 9

Commenting on affordable housing in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 4132-1)

26) Ambrose and Mavis Reschny, dated August 10

Commenting on the conversion of existing apartment buildings into condominiums. (File No. 4132-1)

27) Hamdi Elmoselhi, dated August 13

Commenting on affordable housing in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 4132-1)

28) Jim Zhao, dated August 13

Commenting on affordable housing in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 4132-1)

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29) Mitya Khanal, dated August 13

Commenting on affordable housing in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 4132-1)

30) Carrie Wiebe, dated August 13

Commenting on affordable housing in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 4132-1)

31) Bernice Stefanuik, undated

Commenting on the conversion of existing apartment buildings into condominiums. (File No. 4132-1)

32) Nityananda Khanal, dated August 25

Commenting on affordable housing in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 4132-1)

33) Joanne Sproule, Deputy Assistant City Clerk, dated August 28

Submitting Notice of Hearing of the Development Appeals Board regarding the property located at 3401 Harrington Street. (File No. CK. 4352-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Dubois, Seconded by Councillor Wyant,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

D. ITEMS WHICH HAVE BEEN REFERRED FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION

1) Janette Gariepy, dated August 21

Commenting on issues with respect to a new bus stop placed on 33rd Street West. (File No. CK. 7311-1) **(Referred to Administration and Finance Committee for further handling.)**

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2) John and Karen Bosker and Wendy and Jim Rosen, dated August 8

Commenting on boulevards in Montgomery Place. (File No. CK. 4139-1) **(Referred to Administration to respond to the writers.)**

3) Joe Bodie, dated August 9

Enquiring whether free parking for veterans will be extended to 2008 and beyond. (File No. CK. 6120-1) **(Referred to Administration and Finance Committee for further handling.)**

4) Kent Walters, dated August 9

Requesting assistance for "Preservation Society of Longboarding." (File No. CK. 150-1) **(Referred to Administration to respond to the writer.)**

5) Jean Mahon, dated August 15

Suggesting angle parking on 20th Street between 1st Avenue and Idylwyld Drive. (File No. CK. 6120-1) **(Referred to Administration to respond to the writer.)**

6) Gerry McCallum, dated August 15

Commenting on the housing concerns in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 750-1) **(Referred to Administration for further handling.)**

7) Janice Braden, dated August 20

Commenting on the payment of parking tickets. (File No. CK. 6120-1) **(Referred to Administration to respond to the writer.)**

8) Donna Reader, dated August 16

Commenting on the condition of boulevards in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 4200-2) **(Referred to Administration to respond to the writer.)**

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9) Dr. Usha, dated August 12

Commenting on damaged bus shelters. (File No. CK. 7311-1) **(Referred to Administration to respond to the writer.)**

10) Nancy Baltzan, dated August 20

Suggesting the name Baltzan be added to the list of names being considered by the Naming Committee. (File No. CK. 6310-1) **(Referred to Administration for further handling.)**

11) Patty Kalytuk, dated August 21

Commenting on the condition of the sidewalk on 8th Street and Lansdowne Avenue. (File No. CK. 281-1) **(Referred to Administration for further handling.)**

12) Brenda Baker, dated August 20

Commenting on the fire pit at River Landing. (File No. CK. 4125-5) **(Referred to Executive Committee)**

13) Debbie Wallace, dated August 20

Re-requesting handicap parking spots at the Galaxy Theatre. (File Nos. CK. 6145-1 & 6220-1) **(Referred to Administration to respond to the writer.)**

14) Gord Denniss, Saskatoon Transit Operator, dated August 22

Expressing concern about the condition of roads on Campus. (File No. CK. 6315-1) **(Referred to Administration to respond to the writer.)**

15) Steve Orłowski, dated August 23

Commenting on accidents at the intersection of 51st Street and Warman Road. (File No. CK. 6320-1) **(Referred to Administration to respond to the writer.)**

16) Jeanine Loran, dated August 24

Suggesting a bike path be constructed on 33rd Street from Spadina to Kelsey Campus. (File No. CK. 6220-1) (**Referred to Administration for further handling.**)

17) Julieta Uribe, dated August 25

Commenting on the need for sidewalks on 103rd Street. (File No. CK. 6220-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Pringle,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

E. PROCLAMATIONS

**1) Deneille Tocher, Saskatchewan Association of
Veterinary Technologists Inc., dated August 13**

Requesting that City Council proclaim the week of October 14 – 20, 2007 as National Veterinary Technician Week. (File No. CK. 205-5)

2) Mohammed Omar, Ethiopian Community Association, dated August 20

Requesting that City Council proclaim September 12, 2007 as Ethiopian Millennium Day in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 205-5)

**3) R. Gary Dickson, on behalf of Saskatchewan
Right to Know Committee, dated August 17**

Requesting that City Council proclaim the week of October 1 to 5, 2007 as Right to Know Week. (File No. CK. 205-5)

4) Graham Matsalla, in motion, dated August 27

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Requesting that City Council proclaim October as *in motion* month in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 205-5)

5) Sydney Bell, Saskatoon Anti-Poverty Coalition, dated August 27

Requesting that City Council proclaim the week of October 14 to 20, 2007 as Poverty Awareness Week in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 205-5)

6) Heather Anderson, Canadian Association of Family Enterprise (CAFE), dated August 28

Requesting that City Council proclaim Thursday, October 18, 2007 as Family Business Day in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 205-5)

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

Moved by Councillor Dubois, Seconded by Councillor Neault,

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

CARRIED.

INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF BYLAWS

Bylaw 8622

Moved by Councillor Lorje, seconded by Councillor Penner,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 8622, being “The Zoning Amendment Bylaw, 2007 (No. 15)” and to give same its first reading.

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CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Lorje, seconded by Councillor Pringle,

THAT Bylaw No. 8622 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Lorje, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 8622.

CARRIED.

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

Committee arose.

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

That while in Committee of the Whole, Bylaw No. 8622 was considered clause by clause and approved.

Moved by Councillor Lorje, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

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

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Lorje, Seconded by Councillor Clark,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 8622 read a third time at this meeting.

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CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor Lorje, Seconded by Councillor Wyant,

THAT Bylaw No. 8622 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.

Bylaw 8625

Moved by Councillor Lorje, seconded by Councillor Penner,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 8625, being “The Zoning Amendment Bylaw, 2007 (No. 17)” and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Lorje, seconded by Councillor Pringle,

THAT Bylaw No. 8625 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Lorje, Seconded by Councillor Dubois,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 8625.

CARRIED.

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

Committee arose.

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

That while in Committee of the Whole, Bylaw No. 8625 was considered clause by clause and approved.

Moved by Councillor Lorje, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

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

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Lorje, Seconded by Councillor Clark,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 8625 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor Lorje, Seconded by Councillor Wyant,

THAT Bylaw No. 8625 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.

Moved by Councillor Lorje,

THAT the meeting stand adjourned.

CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

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Mayor

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