MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL

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

Moved by Councillor Steernberg, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT the minutes of the regular meeting of City Council held on December 18, 2000 be approved.

CARRIED.

HEARINGS

2a) Saskatoon Planning District Development Plan Amendment - Modular Homes (File No. CK. 4110-3)

REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK

“Attached is a copy of Clause 4, Report No. 17-2000 of the Municipal Planning Commission which was adopted by City Council at its meeting held on November 6, 2000.

A copy of the Notice which appeared in the local press under dates of December 9 and December 16, 2000 is attached.

Council, at this meeting, is to hear and determine any submission with respect to the proposed amendments prior to its consideration of Bylaw No. 7991, copy attached.”
His Worship Mayor Maddin opened the hearing.

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

Councillor Waygood, Member, Municipal Planning Commission, expressed the Municipal Planning Commission’s support of the recommendation.

His Worship Mayor Maddin ascertained whether there was anyone present in gallery who wished to address Council with respect to the matter.

Mr. Terry Boucher, 4 - 1910 Main Street, spoke in favour of the proposed amendment.

Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

THAT the hearing be closed.

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,

THAT Council consider Bylaw No. 7991.

CARRIED.

COMMUNICATIONS TO COUNCIL

The following communications were submitted and dealt with as stated:

AA. ITEMS WHICH REQUIRE THE DIRECTION OF CITY COUNCIL

1) Byron Horachek, Chairman
The Partnership Board of Management, dated December 15

Requesting Council to approve the appointments and reappointments to the Board of Management of the Downtown Business Improvement District for the 2001 - 2003 term. (File No. CK. 175-48).
RECOMMENDATION: that the following be appointed and reappointed to the Board of Management of the Downtown Business Improvement District for the 2001-2003 term:

Byron Horachek  
Cathy Allen  
Greg Broadbent  
George Tennent  
Andrew Butler  
Bill Campbell  
Darcy Lukenchuk  
Chris Beavis  
Gord McKay

Moved by Councillor Atchison, Seconded by Councillor Roe,

that the following be appointed and reappointed to the Board of Management of the Downtown Business Improvement District for the 2001-2003 term:

Byron Horachek  
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Gord McKay

CARRIED.

2) His Worship the Mayor, dated December 29

Submitting a letter regarding appointments and Chairmanship to the two Standing Committees of Council to the end of the Council term.
RECOMMENDATION:

that the following be appointed to the Planning and Operations Committee and Administration and Finance Committee for the terms indicated:

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CARRIED.
3) R. Hudon
50 Porteous Crescent, dated December 15

Submitting comments with respect to red light cameras. (File No. CK. 5300-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Atchison, Seconded by Councillor Swystun,

THAT the information be received

CARRIED.

4) Seyed H. Hejazi
1311 McCormack Road, dated December 29

Submitting comments with respect to transit bus advertising. (File No. CK. 1402-3)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

5) Joseph Kuchta
402 Avenue Q North, dated January 2

Submitting comments with respect to the Special Needs Transportation Audit. (Also attached is a copy of the City Clerk’s response to Mr. Kuchta.) (File No. CK. 7305-1)
RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Atchison, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT the information be received and referred to the Audit Committee.

CARRIED.

6) Ray G. Sorsdahl
1805 - 315 - 5th Avenue North, dated December 23

Submitting comments with respect to various concerns. (File No. CK. 1930-1).

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Atchison, Seconded by Councillor Fortosky,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.

7) Ron Luciuk, Chair
Board of Revision, dated December 19

Submitting the Saskatoon Board of Revision 2000 Annual Report. (File No. CK. 430-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Moved by Councillor Paulsen, Seconded by Councillor Penner,

THAT the information be received.

CARRIED.
8) Joanne Sproule, Secretary
Saskatoon Development Appeals Board, dated December 14

Submitting Notice of Development Appeals Board Hearing regarding property at 632 - 7th Avenue North. (File No. CK. 4352-1)

9) Joanne Sproule, Secretary
Saskatoon Development Appeals Board, dated December 14

Submitting Notice of Development Appeals Board Hearing regarding property at 440 Avenue J South. (File No. CK. 4352-1)

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

_Moved by Councillor Heidt, Seconded by Councillor Waygood,

THAT the information be received.

_CARRIED._

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

1) Anne Marie Stohl, Director of Administration
Tourism Saskatoon, dated December 22

Submitting the Tourism Saskatoon 2001 Financial Plan and Budget. (File No. CK. 1711-1) Referred to the Budget Committee.

2) Mike Badham, President
Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association, dated December 18

Submitting comments with respect to Infrastructure Project Financing. (File No. CK. 155-3) Referred to the Administration.
3) Brian Klenk, Facilities Supervisor  
Canadian Blood Services, dated December 26

Requesting that Canadian Blood Services be granted a property tax exemption for the year 2001.  
(File No. CK. 1965-1) Referred to the Administration and Finance Committee.

4) Terry Scaddan, Executive Director  
The Partnership, dated December 14

Submitting the Saskatoon Downtown Business Improvement District 2001 Budget.  (File No. CK. 1711-13) Referred to the Administration and Finance Committee.

5) Janice Shoquist, Treasurer  
Broadway Business Improvement District, dated December 20

Submitting the Broadway Business Improvement District 2001 Budget.  (File No. CK. 1711-12) Referred to the Administration and Finance Committee.

6) Wes Williams  
3128 Caen Street, dated December 15

Submitting comments with respect to proposed changes to roadways around Montgomery Place due to the 22nd Street Overpass and proposed south bridge.  (File No. CK. 6001-1) Referred to the Administration.

7) Wayne S.P. Lee  
International Investments Inc., dated December 10

Submitting comments with respect to property taxes on bus mall property. (File No. CK. 1915-1) Referred to the Administration.
8) Drew Byers, President and Scott Byers  
Butler Byers Insurance Ltd., dated December 14

Submitting comments and letters from the staff of Butler Byers Insurance Ltd., with respect to the Chief of Police contract. (File No. CK. 4510-1) Referred to the Board of Police Commissioners.

9) Bruce Acton, Manager of Marketing and Fund Raising  
Saskatchewan Abilities Council, dated December 28

Submitting a request to display Animal Art works on Saskatoon downtown streets. (File No. CK. 4040-1) Referred to the Visual Arts Placement Jury.

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

Moved by Councillor Roe, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,

*THAT the information be received.*

CARRIED.

C. **PROCLAMATIONS**

1) Anne E. Campbell, Executive Director  
YWCA of Saskatoon, dated December 1

Requesting City Council to proclaim the week of April 22 to 28, 2001 as YWCA Week in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 205-5)

2) Dean Bradley, Director, Member Affairs  
Representative Board of Saskatchewan Pharmacists, dated December 13

Requesting City Council to proclaim the week of March 5 to 11, 2001 as Pharmacy Awareness Week in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 205-5)
3) Wayne Briant, VP Marketing/Communications
Saskatoon Ringette Association, dated January 2

Requesting City Council to proclaim the week of January 22 to 28, 2001 as Ringette Week in Saskatoon. (File No. CK. 205-5)

RECOMMENDATION:

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

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

Moved by Councillor Penner, Seconded by Councillor McCann,

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

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

CARRIED.

REPORTS

Councillor Waygood, Member, presented Report No. 1-2001 of the Municipal Planning Commission;

General Manager Community Services Gauthier presented Section A, Administrative Report No. 1-2001;

General Manager Corporate Services Veltkamp presented Section B, Addendum to Administrative Report No. 1-2001;

General Manager Fire and Protective Services Department Hewitt presented Section C, Administrative Report No. 1-2001;

General Manager Infrastructure Services Uzelman presented Section D, Administrative Report No. 1-2001;
General Manager Utility Services Munch presented Section E, Administrative Report No. 1-2001;

City Clerk Mann presented Section A, Legislative Report No. 1-2001; and

His Worship Mayor Maddin presented Report No. 1-2001 of the Safer City Committee.

Moved by Councillor Steernberg, Seconded by Councillor Atchison,

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

a) Report No. 1-2001 of the Municipal Planning Commission;

b) Administrative Report No 1-2001;

c) Addendum to Administrative Report No. 1-2001;

d) Legislative Report No. 1-2001; and


CARRIED.

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

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

Committee arose.

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

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

Mr. Gregory Kitz, Chair
Ms. Georgia Bell Woodard, Vice-Chair
Mr. Dieter André
Ms. Leslie Belloe-Pinder
Mr. Paul Kawcuniak
Mr. Don Lloyd
Mr. Ron Mantyka
Ms. Ann March
Ms. Tamara Ross
Mr. Nelson Wagner
Councillor K. Waygood
Ms. Colleen Yates

1. City of Saskatoon Development Plan Amendment - Phasing Map - Silverwood Industrial Area
   Applicant: City of Saskatoon Land Branch
   (File No. CK. 4110-3)

   **RECOMMENDATION:**
   1) that City Council approve the advertising respecting the proposal to amend the City of Saskatoon Development Plan Bylaw No. 7799 - Phasing Map to re-designate the land, as shown on Attachment 1 of the December 6, 2000 report of the Community Services Department, from Phase II to Phase I;

   2) that the General Manager, Community Services Department be requested to prepare the required notice for advertising the proposed amendment;

   3) that the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the required Bylaw; and

   4) that at the time of the public hearing, City Council consider the Municipal Planning Commission’s recommendation that the amendment be approved.

   *ADOPTED.*
Your Commission has reviewed and supports the recommendations outlined in the attached report of the Community Services Department dated December 6, 2000, regarding the above Development Plan Amendment.

2. City of Saskatoon Development Plan Amendment
   - Phasing Map - Marquis Industrial Area
   AND
   Proposed Rezoning from IH (H) to IH District
   800 Block - 60th Street - Marquis Industrial Area
   Applicant: City of Saskatoon Land Branch
   (Files CK. 4110-3 and 4351-1)

RECOMMENDATION: 1) that City Council approve the advertising respecting the proposal to amend the City of Saskatoon Development Plan Bylaw No. 7799 - Phasing Map to re-designate the following land from Phase II to Phase I:

   a) All that portion of SE 21-37-5-3 lying to the south of the Easterly projection of the north limit of Registered Plan No. 00SA24992 a perpendicular distance terminating at the east Boundary of SE 21-37-5-3; and

   b) Lots 1 to 3 inclusive, Block 242 of Registered Plan No. 83S46282 and Lot 1, Block 241 of Registered Plan No. 83S46282;

2) that City Council approve the advertising respecting the proposal to rezone the following land from an IH(H) District to an IH District:

   a) All that portion of SE 21-37-5-3 lying to the south of the Easterly projection of the north limit of Registered Plan No. 00SA24992 a perpendicular distance terminating at the east Boundary of SE 21-37-5-3; and

   b) Lots 1 to 3 inclusive, Block 242 of Registered Plan No. 83S46282 and Lot 1, Block 241 of Registered Plan No. 83S46282;
3) that the General Manager, Community Services Department be requested to prepare the required notices for advertising the proposed amendments;

4) that the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the required Bylaws; and

5) that at the time of the Public Hearing, City Council consider the Municipal Planning Commission's recommendation that the amendments be approved.

ADOPTED.

Your Commission has reviewed and supports the recommendations outlined in the attached report of the Community Services Department dated December 7, 2000, regarding the above proposed Development Plan Amendment and proposed Rezoning.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT NO. 1-2001

Section A - COMMUNITY SERVICES

A1) Land-Use Applications Received by the Community Services Department
For the Period Between December 7 to December 27, 2000
(For Information Only)
(Files CK. 4300-1, 4132-1 & 311-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the following report be received as information.

ADOPTED.

The following applications have been received and are being processed:

Condominium
- Application No. 17/00: 141 - 105th Street West
  Applicant: Webb Surveys
  Legal Description: Parcel C, Plan 60S14391
  Current Zoning: RM2
  Neighbourhood: Sutherland
  Date Received: December 12, 2000
Liquor Permit Endorsement Application

- Applicant: Schanks International Inc.
  Address: 347 - 2nd Avenue South
  Legal Description: Lots 1 to 41, Block 146, Plan C195 (Q2)
  Current Zoning: DCD1
  Neighbourhood: Central Business District
  Date Received: December 7, 2000

Subdivision

- Application No. 78/00: Brand Road (no civic address)
  Applicant: Peters Surveys
  Legal Description: Lots 6 and 8, Block 428, Plan 00SA12065
  Current Zoning: AM
  Neighbourhood: C.N. Industrial
  Date Received: December 5, 2000

- Application No. 79/00: 530/532 Russell Road
  Applicant: Kenneth Dust and Joan Kripki
  Legal Description: Lot 86, Block 155, Plan 80S26858
  Current Zoning: R2
  Neighbourhood: Silverwood Heights
  Date Received: December 8, 2000

- Application No. 80/00: 711 Temperance Street
  Applicant: Webster Surveys
  Legal Description: Lots 32 and 33, Block 117, Plan (Q) B1856
  Current Zoning: R2
  Neighbourhood: Nutana
  Date Received: December 8, 2000

- Application No. 81/00: 2202 McEown Avenue
  Applicant: Webb Surveys
  Legal Description: Parcel A, Plan 64S19148
  Current Zoning: M3
  Neighbourhood: Nutana Suburban Centre
  Date Received: December 18, 2000

- Application No. 82/00: Gropper Crescent
  Applicant: Webster Surveys
  Legal Description: Lots 8 and 9, Block 203, Plan 82S35266
ATTACHMENTS

1. Plan of Proposed Condominium No. 17/00
2. Plan of Proposed Subdivision No. 78/00
3. Plan of Proposed Severance No. 79/00
4. Plan of Proposed Severance No. 80/00
5. Plan of Proposed Subdivision No. 81/00
6. Plan of Proposed Subdivision No. 82/00
7. Plan of Proposed Subdivision No. 83/00

A2) Enquiry Councillor Harding (October 16, 2000)
Strategic Plan For Changes on 8th Street
(Following Relocation of Auto Dealerships)
(File No. CK. 6000-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

The following enquiry was made by Councillor Harding at the meeting of City Council held on October 16, 2000:

“With the recently announced relocation of two automobile dealerships from 8th Street East to the new Auto Mall south of Circle Drive, and with the expectation that others will follow, would the Administration please report on what might be called a strategic plan to take advantage of these changes to enhance the pedestrian friendliness of 8th Street, and also to consider possible incentives to adjacent
businesses, at the same time recognizing those businesses that have already made similar improvements.”

REPORT

There is no formal strategic plan for the redevelopment of 8th Street to enhance its pedestrian environment. 8th Street is a major arterial street designed to move large volumes of automobile traffic and serves as the main access for arterial retail uses which cater to customers in automobiles. As such, it is not considered to be a pedestrian street. However, the pending relocation of four automobile dealerships (Jubilee Ford, Dodge City, Mainway Mazda, Sherwood Chev) from 8th Street to the new Auto Mall on Brand Road has created the potential redevelopment of over 58,000 square meters (14 acres) of site area along 8th Street. Assuming these properties are redeveloped, the opportunity to enhance the pedestrian friendliness of 8th Street may present itself.

Since 1992, the Infrastructure Services Department has spent an estimated $1.68 million on improvements to centre medians and sidewalks. Table 1 outlines this work at current value.

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This work included irrigation, top soil, trees, grass, sidewalk widening, and plantings that, in effect, make 8th Street a more aesthetically pleasing environment for the pedestrian and motorists alike. At a current value of approximately $863 per lineal metre, it would cost the City an estimated additional $1.7 million to rehabilitate the 2,011 metres of linear median length from Circle Drive to Boychuk Drive in the same manner as Cumberland Avenue to Circle Drive.

Landscaping regulations for private property in the B4 Zoning District will also enhance the overall pedestrian environment. The applicable zoning for each of the above dealership properties is B4. The B4 District requires that the front 3 metres of each site be landscaped with grass, trees, and shrubs. The landscaping provisions in the Zoning Bylaw outline standards pertaining to irrigation, plant materials, and pre-cast curbing. (Please refer to Attachment No. 1.) At a depth of 3 meters, redevelopment of the four dealership sites could result in an additional 1,390 square metres of improved landscaping along 8th Street.
Creating a Business Improvement District (BID) on 8th Street is another option being explored that could further enhance 8th Street’s pedestrian environment. Governed by The Urban Municipality Act 1984, BID’s are established by City Council and allow the appointed Board of Management for the district to improve, beautify, and maintain publicly-owned lands. Funds for these improvements are acquired through levies on businesses throughout the district. In June, 1999, an information meeting and informal discussions were held between the Manager of City Planning and the Eighth Street Business Association regarding the creation of a BID and the processes involved. The driving force behind the creation of a BID must be the 8th Street property owners themselves. However, as of the date of this report, no new meetings have been scheduled. (Please refer to Attachment No. 2 for information on forming BID’s.)

ATTACHMENTS

1. Landscaping Provisions- B4 Arterial
2. Business Improvement Districts (BID)

IT WAS RESOLVED: that the information be received and referred to the Planning and Operations Committee.

Section C - FIRE AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES

C1) Emergency Measures Organization
Annual Report
(File No. CK. 430-3)

RECOMMENDATION:

1) that the following report be received as information;
2) that the EMO Control Committee be disbanded; and,
3) that Administration provide an annual report to City council on EMO activities.

ADOPTED.
REPORT

The Emergency Measures Organization implemented a number of initiatives in the year 2000 aimed at improving the level of emergency preparedness in the City of Saskatoon.

An emphasis has been placed on:

- improving mutual understanding between organizations that may be required to mitigate major incidents
- identification and resolution of areas of incongruity in emergency plans developed by stakeholder organizations
- cooperative effort in the identification of risks and hazards
- cooperative approach to identification of resources available to mitigate major incidents.

Planning Integration:

Steps have been taken to improve and expand communication between civic departments and external organizations to provide for smooth integration in the event of major emergencies.

The Emergency Planning Committee, which has traditionally included representation from all civic departments, provincial utilities, Saskatoon District Health, and the University of Saskatchewan, has been expanded to include the Saskatoon Airport Authority, Saskatoon Board of Education, Saskatoon Catholic School Board, SIAST, private industry, and Saskatchewan Emergency Planning. In addition, the role of the Committee has been better defined with the implementation of new Terms of Reference. (ATTACHMENT 1)

Additionally, discussions have been initiated with General Managers of the City of Saskatoon to clarify the role their respective departments would be expected to play in the event of a major emergency. The Y2K project resulted in an increased level of emergency preparedness in all departments, providing an important foundation upon which to build future plans. Discussions with departmental General Managers have resulted in a broader-based approach to emergency preparedness:

- Corporate Services has developed the Emergency Financial Tracking system, the Emergency Human Resources Plan, and the Emergency Purchasing Policy.

- Community Services is taking the lead role in planning for the provision of Emergency Social Services (ESS) which involves the provision of emergency food, shelter, clothing and personal services. Paul Gauthier, General Manager, Community Services Department, is now the Chair of the ESS Committee and is establishing an ESS Plan in cooperation with volunteer agencies including the Red Cross, St. John Ambulance, and
Salvation Army. To date, the City of Saskatoon has lacked an effective strategy to provide services to residents who may be displaced during major emergency situations.

- Saskatoon Fire and Protective Services, Utility Services, Infrastructure Services, and the Saskatoon Police Service have traditionally been actively involved in emergency planning and continue to play an integral role. These departments are in the process of updating emergency plans and resource listings.

- Additionally, the Fire Chief and the Police Chief, along with their departments’ senior managers, took part in a joint EMO orientation session to discuss roles and expectations of each department in major emergencies. In November, an orientation was also held for City of Saskatoon General Managers and key staff members.

EMO has established a new line of communication with public and private sector organizations involved in the dangerous goods sector, with the formation of the Saskatoon Industrial Mutual Assistance Committee (S-IMAC). This Committee includes representation from organizations involved in the manufacture, transportation, and storage of dangerous goods and provides an important forum for information and resource sharing. The Committee is part of the EMO structure but is chaired by an industry representative. Percy Wright, Technical Manager, Sterling Chemicals, will serve as Chair in 2001. Mr. Wright will also represent S-IMAC on the EMO Planning Committee. The S-IMAC Terms of Reference are attached. (ATTACHMENT 2).

**Revised Emergency Measures Plan:**
Significant revisions were made to the Emergency Measures Plan in February 2000.

One of the most notable changes is the implementation of the Incident Command System (ICS) which replaced the Emergency Site Management System (ESM). ICS is designed to allow for expansion of services to the extent required to effectively mitigate the incident. It categorizes emergencies in three phases:

- **Phase I**
  Typical emergency situation.

- **Phase II**
  Situation escalates beyond normal civic emergency response capabilities requiring integrated response from a number of agencies.

- **Phase III**
  Further escalation of situation with potential to exceed normal civic emergency response capabilities. EMO is involved in Phase III incidents.

ICS is used by Fire and Protective Services, Saskatoon District Health, and the University of Saskatchewan. It is also compatible with the command structure implemented by the Police Service.
Unlike ESM, ICS ensures emergency services personnel responding to major emergencies operate in the same command and control environment they do during day-to-day emergencies. In other words, it consistently builds the emergency management system from the bottom up to avoid confusion. This also allows for everyday implementation of the basic system components.

The revised plan has been placed in a tabbed binder format to allow for ongoing updating. In addition, the activation and notification processes have been streamlined.

**Emergency Operations Center (EOC):**
The EOC provides facilities for centralized direction and control of major emergencies. For the past number of years, the EOC was located on Second Avenue South in the Davies Electric building. The building was demolished to make way for the South Downtown redevelopment necessitating a relocation of the EOC.

Given that the EOC has not been activated in the 35-year history of EMO, it was decided that development of a dual-purpose facility was more economically reasonable than establishing another stand-alone EOC.

City Hall was initially the site of choice, however, it was eventually ruled out because it is not equipped with back-up power. Police Headquarters was chosen as the new site because it has sufficient space, emergency power supplies, and would serve as a natural focal point for citizens during a major emergency.

The new EOC has been established on the third floor of Police Headquarters utilizing space that is ordinarily used as a classroom, library and staff cafeteria. These areas are equipped with back-up power, lighting, and twelve telephone lines designated specifically to EMO.

The University of Saskatchewan has established a similar facility in the Maintenance Building on campus. This facility will be made available to the City of Saskatoon should the emergency render Police Headquarters inoperable.

**UPCOMING PRIORITIES**

**Emergency Planning Bylaw No. 7269 Revisions:**
Revisions are required to reflect structural changes to the EMO stemming from the corporate reorganization of April 1999.
In addition, revisions will be required to reflect the decision to disband the EMO Control Committee. The Control Committee is comprised of the Mayor, one member of City Council, City Manager, Fire Chief, and Police Chief.

At its December 13, 2000, meeting, Control Committee members noted that they do not play a significant role in the EMO. It was agreed that an annual EMO report, submitted by Administration to City Council, would be more effective. The establishment of the Control Committee is contained in Bylaw 7269, however, it is not required under The Saskatchewan Emergency Planning Act.

Emergency Measures Plan:
Efforts will continue to update specific components including:
   a) Emergency Transportation Plan
   b) Emergency Evacuation Plan
   c) Emergency Social Services Plan
   d) Hazard Analysis
   e) Resource Inventory
   f) Public education Plan
      * updated Home Preparedness Guide for all households
      * production of emergency preparedness video regarding Shelter-In-Place

ATTACHMENTS
1. Emergency Measures Planning Committee - Terms of Reference.
2. Saskatoon Industrial Mutual Assistance Committee - Terms of Reference.

C2) 2001 Capital Budget - 2002-2005 Capital Plan
Project 1902 - New Fire Station - Erindale
(File No. CK. 630-1)

RECOMMENDATION: 1) that City Council adopt Alternative #4 for the construction and financing of the Erindale Fire Station; and,

2) that the Infrastructure Services Department be directed to arrange for the preparation of design and tender documents for the construction of the Erindale Fire Station to begin in September 2001.
BACKGROUND

In December 1999, City Council approved an amount of $220,000 for the development of plans and specifications for the design and future construction of a new fire station in the Erindale area. The capital project submitted to Council in 1999 outlined a design cost of $220,000 and a construction cost of $2.7 million. The intent was to design the building in 2000 and construct it in 2001.

During 2000, the Infrastructure Services and Fire and Protective Services Departments undertook a space allocation study for the new fire station and reviewed possible design and construction alternatives.

Administration presented the 2001 Capital Budget to the Budget Committee on December 11, 2000. The construction cost of the Erindale fire station was reduced to $1.7 million. Your Administration decreased the capital cost proposal based on the review that has taken place over the past months and the potential for utilizing non-traditional construction systems. The new design will provide for a fire station with a 35-year life rather than a 100-year life. This is deemed acceptable by Administration. Changing demographics and the physical make-up of the City typically indicate that fire stations may better serve the population if they were in a different location beyond that period of time.

Although the 2001 Capital Budget document contained the Erindale fire station, it was below the black line and therefore not funded from the Reserve for Capital Expenditures for the 2001 fiscal year. The Budget Committee and City Council, at its meeting held on December 18, 2000, when considering the 2001 Capital Budget resolved:

“that the Administration submit a report in February 2001 regarding potential alternative building structures, as well as the possibility of leasing a building.”

REPORT

The planned location of the new fire station is at the corner of Attridge Drive and Kenderdine Road. The legal description is Parcel H, Plan 99SA37155. The site is one acre in size and has a market value of $200,000. The land value has not been calculated into the construction cost of the station.

Your Administration has reviewed various methods of constructing the Erindale Fire Station. Essentially there are three alternatives:
1. Traditional non-combustible concrete construction - This type of construction is similar to other fire stations within the City. The cost of this type of construction is estimated at approximately $2.7 million. The total cost of the facility including design, land, and the building is estimated at $2.9 million.

2. A conventional wood frame construction - This type of construction will serve the life expectancy of the facility and would provide for additions in the future if required. The cost of this type of construction is estimated at approximately $1.7 million.

3. A pre-engineered metal structure - This type of construction would also provide flexibility in design, allow for future additions, and could be constructed at a cost of approximately $1.7 million.

Infrastructure Services is continuing their research around Alternatives #2 and #3 and the best design for this project. They will ensure the construction of the new fire station meets Fire and Protective Services Program needs using economical and less traditional methods of meeting those needs.

The total project costs for Alternative #2 and #3 are as follows:

1. Design $ 205,000
2. Construction $1,689,925
3. Land $ 200,000

Total Cost $2,094,925

Currently there is $220,000 committed to this project. Therefore, there is an additional funding requirement of approximately $1,874,925 to complete the project utilizing Alternative #2 or #3.

Each of the above station configurations is expected to take approximately eight months to construct.

**Financing Alternatives:**

There are essentially four different financing alternatives that Council can consider for the construction of the new fire station:

1. Enter into an agreement with a leasing company to construct and lease the fire station to the City.
2. Internally borrow the funds over a 10-year term to construct the Erindale fire station.

3. Consider the construction of the fire station during the 2002 Capital Budget deliberations. This means the fire station would be considered along with the other capital budget projects in December 2001 and construction would begin in the spring of 2002.

4. Approve the construction of the new fire station with a start date in September 2001 with short-term interim borrowing (October through December). This would make the fire station the first priority for the 2002 Capital Budget and would allow the fire station to begin construction in September 2001 with occupancy in the spring of 2002.

Option 1 would allow the project to proceed once design and tendering has been completed. If the anticipated life of the final construction method is 35 years, Option 1 would require entering into a lease arrangement with a third party. Our understanding is that the capitalization rate for such a lease would be between 10% to 12%. If the structure is unique (i.e. it could only be used as a fire hall), the lessor would need to take into consideration the capital loss at the end of the lease period in constructing the lease, which would add to the final lease cost. Such leases are normally for terms no longer than 10 years, and would have renewal clauses which would extend them beyond that period.

Option 2 would also allow the project to proceed once design and tendering has been completed. Because the City has the capacity to borrow, there is no financial incentive to enter into a leasing arrangement. Based on the revised estimate of $2,100,000, an unfunded amount of $1,880,000 remains. Our borrowing policy would require that $188,000 of that be included in the 2001 budget as a down payment, and an incremental amount of $47,000 be included in the 2002 operating budget to ensure an appropriate base for the annual $235,000 debt charge. While this debt charge is similar to the estimated lease payment (assuming 10% to 12% capitalization rates), the debt payments would come off the mill rate after ten years, while lease costs would continue until the City abandoned the site.

Options 3 and 4 would not require any addition to the 2001 or subsequent mill rates as the project would be financed from existing reserves in the 2002 Capital Budget. Both these options are basically the same except that Option 4 commits City Council to the project in 2001 (and, consequently, reduces the 2002 options for expenditures from the Reserve for Capital Expenditures). While this is not the recommended practice, City Council might consider this to be an exception that is appropriate under the circumstances. Interim financing costs would be minimal and would be capitalized as part of the project costs.

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**IT WAS RESOLVED:** 1) that City Council adopt Alternative #4 for the construction and financing of the Erindale Fire Station;
2) that the Infrastructure Services Department be directed to arrange for the preparation of design and tender documents for the construction of the Erindale Fire Station to begin in September 2001; and

3) that the Administration report on the impact on the Sutherland Fire Hall.

Section D - INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES

D1) Enquiry - Councillor Waygood (October 2, 2000)
Cost of Constructing a Model for Circle Drive/22nd Street Interchange (File No. CK 6001-10)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received.

Following the enquiry, the Administration requested the consultant to review the request and provide an estimated cost of building a physical model of the interchange as described in part a) of the enquiry.

To provide an estimate, a model with a horizontal and vertical scale of 1:1000 was considered. At that scale, the resulting model would have overall dimensions of 1.2m x 2.0m. The construction material associated with this estimate is high-density urethane foam. Paint would be used to differentiate areas representing roadways, boulevards, and commercial and residential areas. The construction details would be in such a way that the model would convey the overall appearance of the area without exaggeration. The entire model would be encased in a clear dust-free plastic cover. The estimated cost to construct a model described above is $25,000, and can be constructed and delivered within eight weeks of placing an order. The current budget did not contemplate an expenditure of this nature, but if City Council wishes to proceed with the proposal, Infrastructure Services would attempt to absorb the additional cost within the existing project budget.

As for part b) of the enquiry, past experiences have shown that computer simulation models are generally not very useful tools for conveying information to the general public. Primarily, this is because the models require an operator/expertise to be located on site to run and explain model features and images at all times. It would not be cost effective to provide an operator/expertise for an extended period of time, which would be required for this particular project. For this reason, this option was not explored further.
Given the rather significant cost of model construction and the current project schedule, Infrastructure Services is of the opinion that the dollars involved could be better spent elsewhere on the project. All public consultation on this project is complete, and the usefulness of such a model during the public input process has been lost. At best, the model would be a static display in perhaps City Hall lobby or the Confederation Park Mall. Infrastructure Services does not require the model for any design needs, as the final design will be complete by the end of January. It is, therefore, the recommendation of Infrastructure Services that construction of a scale model of the Circle Drive/22nd Street Interchange not be undertaken.

Moved by Councillor Swystun,

1) that the information be received; and

2) that Administration be requested to report on the cost and feasibility of a model based on the future growth study.

CARRIED.

D2) Proposed Lease of City Boulevard
410 Idylwyld Drive North
(File No. CK. 4070-2)

RECOMMENDATION:

1) that the City of Saskatoon enter into a Boulevard Lease Agreement with 624091 Saskatchewan Ltd., for the lease of 2589.08 square metres of boulevard;

2) that the City Solicitor prepare a bylaw and lease agreement for the proposed Boulevard Lease at 410 Idylwyld Drive North; and,

3) that the yearly Boulevard Lease fee be waived for the first ten years of the agreement.

ADOPTED.

Infrastructure Services has received an application from 624091 Saskatchewan Ltd. to request use of City Boulevard at 410 Idylwyld Drive North. The applicant proposes to use the leased area for a Go-Cart racing track. The applicants have currently installed a fence and racetrack on the city boulevard.
Canadian Pacific Railway Company owns the property surrounding and including 410 Idylwyld Drive North. CPR has subdivided the land and is in the process of selling the portion of the land known as 410 Idylwyld Drive North to 624091 Saskatchewan Ltd. During the subdivision process, the City of Saskatoon has taken a portion of land for future road widening. Infrastructure Services is proposing to lease back to 624091 Saskatchewan Ltd. this road widening as shown on Plan No. 241-0068-001r001 (Attachment 1). The proposed leased area is east of Idylwyld Drive and north of 25th Street, and is zoned IL 1.

Considering that the area to be leased has been taken with no compensation to the applicant, it is proposed that the yearly fee be waived for a period of ten years as requested by the applicant (Attachment 2). An annual lease fee of $654.31 plus GST would be the lease rate, were it not to be waived.

It is proposed to lease 2589.08 square metres to 624091 Saskatchewan Ltd. with the following conditions to be undertaken by the applicant:

1) that a barrier fence be installed to prevent driving onto the leased portion of the city boulevard from Idylwyld Drive;
2) that the term of the lease be ten years with no fees being required during that term; and,
3) that upon termination of the lease or expiration of the term, a new lease rate will be determined or the boulevard will be restored to landscaping.

The applicant has agreed that these conditions are acceptable.

**ATTACHMENTS**

1. Plan No. 241-0068-001r001
2. Applicant Request dated November 17, 2000

**D3) Proposed Parking Restriction**

*East side of Northridge Drive*

*(File No. CK. 6120-2)*

**RECOMMENDATION:**
that a “Two Hour, 09:00 – 18:00, Monday to Saturday” parking restriction be installed on the east side of Northridge Drive from Circle Drive to a point 35 metres north of the entrance to 302 Northridge Drive.

*ADOPTED.*
Infrastructure Services has received a request from the occupants of 206 Circle Drive East, to install a “Two Hour, 09:00 – 1800, Monday to Saturday” parking restriction across from their strip mall.

Presently there is a 24 hour parking restriction on the west side of Northridge Drive and, as a result, employees and patrons of surrounding businesses are parking long term along the east side of Northridge Drive. This all day parking is negatively impacting the business operation at 206 Circle Drive East.

The Infrastructure Services Department has reviewed this request and is proposing that a “Two Hour, 09:00 – 18:00, Monday to Saturday” parking restriction be installed, as shown on Plan No. 210-0004-006r002 (Attachment 1).

**ATTACHMENT**

1. Plan No. 210-0004-006r002

D4) Enquiry – Councillor O. Fortosky (November 20, 2000)

Traffic on Elevator Road
(File No. CK. 6320-1)

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

*ADOPTED.*

The following enquiry was made by Councillor Fortosky at the meeting of City Council held on November 20, 2000:

“The residents on Elevator Road have expressed grave concern regarding the speed of traffic up and down Elevator Road.

Would the Administration please consider different ways of slowing down the traffic and report back.”

Infrastructure Services has initiated a review of the traffic conditions on Elevator Road. The collection of vehicle speed and volume data will be undertaken early next summer when warmer weather will again permit the use of temperature-sensitive traffic counters. A report of the analysed data will then be forwarded to City Council including any proposals being considered.
D5) School Signing Revisions
(File No. CK. 6280-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the proposed school signing revisions, as set out in the following report, be approved.

ADOPTED.

Infrastructure Services has received requests to review the signing at the following school. Consultations with the Principal/Vice-Principal of the school, a representative of the School Board, and a member of Infrastructure Services have resulted in the preparation of a new school signing plan (using the School Signing Guidelines) to address the particular needs of this facility. The following changes have been reviewed and approved by Infrastructure Services, the School Board, and the Principal:

- Holy Cross High School: The recommended signing changes along the east side of McEown Avenue are described below and shown on attached Plan No. 212-0023-001r003 (Attachment 1):
  - Replace the existing ‘PARKING, 5 MINUTES, 08:00-17:00, MONDAY-FRIDAY’ zone (RB-53B) adjacent to the visitors’ parking lot with a ‘DISABLED PERSONS LOADING ZONE’ (RB-58G).
  - Replace the existing ‘DISABLED PERSONS LOADING ZONE’ (RB-58G) and ‘NO PARKING, 08:00-17:00, MONDAY-FRIDAY’ zone (RB-52A) with a ‘PARKING, 5 MINUTES, 08:00-17:00, MONDAY-FRIDAY’ (RB-53B) zone.

ATTACHMENT

1. Plan No. 212-0023-001r003

D6) Proposed Street Closure
Portion of Argyle Avenue and Lane
Plan No. 242-0021-001
(File No. CK. 6295-1)

RECOMMENDATION: 1) that City Council give notice of its intention to consider the street closing described in Closing Plan No. 242-0021-001;
2) that the City Solicitor be instructed to:

   a) take all necessary steps to bring the intended closing forward;
   b) complete the closing and obtain title in the name of the City of Saskatoon, should formal Council assent issue; and,

3) that, upon the City of Saskatoon obtaining title to the portion of Argyle Avenue and the lane intended to be closed, it be sold to DCA Holdings Ltd. for $195,401.50 plus all legal costs for closing, including Solicitor’s fees and disbursements.

ADOPTED.

A letter of request, dated February 7, 2000, has been received, along with the required deposit, from ICR Ashford Commercial Property Services (Attachment 1), on behalf of their client, DCA Holdings Ltd., to close and purchase a portion of Argyle Avenue and a portion of the lane, as shown on Plan No. 242-0021-001 (Attachment 2). DCA Holdings Ltd. intends to consolidate the adjacent lots and develop a retail complex on the site, currently occupied by Dodge City.

Infrastructure Services has reviewed the closure in detail, and is satisfied that this portion of public right-of-way can be closed and sold to DCA Holdings Ltd. Utilities in the portion of Argyle Avenue and lane being closed are to be maintained through easements.

Various civic departments, as well as SaskTel, SaskPower, and SaskEnergy, have approved of this closing proposal.

ICR Ashford, on behalf of their client, have agreed to the terms and conditions of the closure, as set out in Infrastructure Services letter of May 17, 2000 (Attachment 3), and have returned their letter of agreement (Attachment 4) to Infrastructure Services. The price quoted in the May 17 letter to ICR Ashford was incorrect due to a calculation error of total land area. The accepted price of $195,401.50 is correct.

Closing Plan No. 242-0021-001 sets forth a detailed description of the closing described in general terms above. This description complies with the recommendations of the Chief Surveyor, Land Titles Office, Regina.
Councillor McCann made the following enquiry at the meeting of Council on December 4, 2000:

“Will the Administration please report on the predicted impact of financing water and sewer capital works on the total water and sewer bill for residential and commercial/industrial customers over the period of the next 5 years.”

Historically, with the exception of the secondary sewage treatment plant project, the timing of capital spending has been such that the capital reserves provided the necessary funding. However, as described in the November 17, 2000 report of the General Manager, Utility Services to the Administration and Finance Committee on the 2001-2005 Capital Budget Impact, borrowing will be necessary commencing in 2001 and over the next number of years. The planned capital spending is considered necessary, and the majority of the projects were already in the long term plans and only the timing has been altered. Therefore only the interest cost of the borrowing is isolated and highlighted in this report.

Attached is a table entitled Water and Sewer Capital Financing ($000) - Impact on Water and Sewer Bill. The table summarizes the Water and Sewer Capital project estimates and funding sources based on the 2001 Capital Budget. The project estimates are categorized by:

- regulatory requirements
- water quality
- capacity for growth and increased demand
- reliability
The down payment/borrowing financing requirements are shown. The operating costs are summarized for both utilities highlighting the interest on new borrowing based on the capital debt financing requirements. Note that the table covers a ten year period in order to show some major capital work and its operating impact beyond the current five year window.

The impact on the Water and Sewer bill is shown as an estimated percentage increase over the previous year. The amount of the increase is also expressed in cents/100 cubic feet of water consumption on the average rate (for residential and commercial/industrial customers combined). Since the rate increases are applied as equally as possible among customer classes (residential, commercial, industrial) the average rate was chosen to identify the impact on the water and sewer bill.

The table indicates that the annual projected increases, including the interest impact of the new borrowing, should be below anticipated inflation. The annual cost of interest on borrowing for the 10 year period ranges between 0.75 to 2.50 percent of the total bill. This analysis assumes no increase in the infrastructure levy component of the total bill, and while the projected operating costs include an inflationary component, the capital costs are in 2001 dollars. The capital costs and the actual cash flow requirements are, however, subject to change and probably reflect worse case scenarios. Increased utility profits, value engineering processes that reduce estimated costs, current projects coming in under budget, status investigations and feasibility studies that support temporary deferrals, etc., all can help reduce the borrowing required in any one year.

ATTACHMENT

1. Table: Water and Sewer Capital Financing ($000) - Impact on Water and Sewer Bill

ADDENDUM TO ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT NO. 1-2001

Section B - CORPORATE SERVICES

B1) Assessment Overview
   (File No. CK. 1615-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that the information be received and referred to the February 12, 2001, Special Council meeting.

ADOPTED.
On February 12, 2001, a Special Council meeting will be held at the Saskatoon Centennial Auditorium. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the tax policies which City Council wishes to adopt for the current reassessment.

Your Administration has prepared a detailed report (copy attached) which provides a general overview of the 2001 Reassessment and, more specifically, the process used to arrive at the results. Also included, are summaries of the actual results of the reassessment. While City Council does not play a role in the reassessment process, the results of that reassessment are an integral part of the tax policy decision-making process. To assist in that process, your Administration has included nine recommendations in the report for Council’s consideration.

As part of creating an awareness of the 2001 Reassessment, four public information meetings have been scheduled:

- January 16th, Lawson Civic Centre, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- January 17th, St. Joseph High School, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- January 19th, Cosmo Civic Centre, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- January 24th, Francis Morrison Library, 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Much of the information included in the attached report will be shared with the public at the above meetings. For this reason, it seemed appropriate to provide City Council with copies of the report in advance of receiving it with the February 12, 2001, Council agenda.

ATTACHMENT


LEGISLATIVE REPORT NO. 1-2001

Section A - OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

A1) Graffiti Reduction Task Force
(File No. CK. 280-1)

RECOMMENDATION: that Mr. Jim Powers be invited to make a presentation to the Planning and Operations Committee on March 27, 2001 regarding the anti-graffiti program in Rockford, Illinois.

ADOPTED.
Attached is a letter dated November 27, 2000 from Sgt. Wally Romanuck, Saskatoon Police Service. Sgt. Romanuck advises that the Graffiti Reduction Task Force has invited Mr. Jim Powers from Rockford, Illinois, to Saskatoon from March 24 to 28, 2001 to speak to groups regarding anti-graffiti programs.

Since City Council will not be holding a meeting during the time when Mr. Powers will be in Saskatoon, it is recommended that Mr. Powers be invited to make a presentation to the Planning and Operations Committee on March 27, 2001.

**REPORT NO. 1-2001 OF THE SAFER CITY COMMITTEE**

Composition of Committee

- His Worship the Mayor, Chair
- City Manager
- Chief Dave Scott, Saskatoon Police Service
- General Manager, Fire and Protective Services
- General Manager, Community Services Department
- Ms. G. Cooney
- Ms. L. Hill
- Mr. A. Reichert
- Ms. D. McKenney
- Ms. Brenda Zalenchuk

1. **Defining Youth Crime: “Youth Crime” Focus Group Test**
   (File No. CK. 5000-1)

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

A telephone survey, as part of the Fear/Perception of Crime Community Survey Action Plan, was conducted in the City of Saskatoon from December 9 to 21, 1999. A total of 1,500 telephone interviews were conducted city wide, with 250 surveys in each of six geographical areas (Lakewood, University Heights, Nutana, Confederation, Lawson Heights, and the Core Neighborhoods) to ensure representation. This sample size yields a public opinion measurement within a statistical level of confidence of 95 percent, within an overall margin of error for the point estimates contained in the survey report, of plus or minus 2.5 percentage points.
The results of the survey showed that City of Saskatoon residents are more likely to mention issues related to crimes against property as the greatest safety-related concerns for the city of Saskatoon overall, rather than crimes against people. The top five safety-related concerns on a neighborhood level were:

- break and enter of homes;
- graffiti;
- youth crime;
- vandalism; and
- property theft.

Your committee directed the Safer City Coordinator to conduct a further analysis on each of these issues and as a result; at its May 5, 2000 meeting, resolved that the Safer City Committee allocate $5,000 towards further defining the issue of ‘youth crime’ and who is affected by it.

Further to this resolution, at the September 29, 2000 meeting, your committee received, as information, the Draft Action Plan - Defining Youth Crime report. The Safer City Coordinator was directed to carry out, through a consultant, a project encompassing a number of focus groups that would aid the Committee in further defining the issue of “youth crime”.

In this regard, attached is a copy of the “Youth Crime” Focus Group Test results dated November 28, 2000.

Doug Fast and Associates were contracted to carry out the Defining Youth Crime Project in October, 2000. The three focus groups were conducted on November 16th and 20th, 2000 to gather opinions and perceptions from a cross-section of Saskatoon residents about youth crime. The objectives of the focus group discussions were to explore:

- what is youth crime;
- who does it affect;
- why are residents of Saskatoon so afraid of youth; and
- why do residents perceive that youth are involved in a high level of criminal behaviour.

Focus group discussions were conducted with teenagers (age 14 to 17), the general public (age 18 to 64) and seniors (over the age of 65). Participants for the focus groups were randomly recruited from Saskatoon telephone directories. To ensure representation from all areas of Saskatoon the city was divided into six regions, the five Suburban Development Areas and the core area for a total of 12 respondents recruited for each group. Two respondents from each area were recruited for each
group. There was proportionate representation from both male and female residents in each group. The focus groups were held in a professional two-way viewing facility.

The focus groups, in total, included 39 citizens of Saskatoon. Although this gives an idea of what some citizens of Saskatoon are thinking it is in no way statistically significant and should not be assumed that these small groups are truly representative of the population at large. What your Committee did learn, was more detailed information about citizen’s perceptions around the issue of youth crime issue and a glimpse of the differences of opinions between various groups. The results of these focus groups is very preliminary and is only the first step in the further analysis of this issue in Saskatoon. The summary is that:

- Saskatoon residents think the city is relatively safe compared to other cities. They agree that there are certain areas of the city that are less safe, but overall they feel safe.
- The majority of Saskatoon residents think the greatest safety-related issue in Saskatoon today is the break and enter of homes.
- Seniors and the general public do not think there are more youth committing crimes today compared to five years ago. They do think, however, that crimes committed by youth are shifting to become more violent.
- Saskatoon residents think crimes committed by youth include theft, vandalism, break and enter, drug and alcohol abuse and violence.
- Saskatoon residents think myths or stereotypes regarding youth crime are that all young people get into trouble.
- Reasons Saskatoon seniors and general public give as to why young people in Saskatoon commit crimes are family breakdown, lack of parental involvement, a lack of appropriate activities and a lack of punishment. Youth think young people commit crimes because they are bored.
- Overall, Saskatoon residents do not think graffiti vandalism is as serious a problem in Saskatoon as other crimes committed by youth, but do think it is getting worse.
- Saskatoon residents think the punishment for young people who commit crimes should fit the crime and think those who commit crimes should be responsible for their actions.
- Residents think all segments of society – youth, parents and the community – play a role in responsibility for crimes committed by young people.
- The best way to reduce the number of people involved in or at risk of being involved in criminal activity, according Saskatoon residents, is by creating more activities that interest young people. Young people want a place to hang out that is comfortable, inexpensive and unorganized.
Your committee will be distributing these results to the members of the Safer City Community Network, and the youth serving agencies and Civic Departments in Saskatoon for their information. Your committee has also directed the Safer City Coordinator to develop an action plan around the issue of youth crime in the community using this information along with other information that has been recently developed at the local level.

There have been a number of new and innovative initiatives involving young people in Saskatoon in the past six months. They are:

1. **Future Search Conference: Community Solutions For Children Not In School** was held in September and involved young people and adults around the issue of children not in school. Your committee’s plan on youth crime will need to be consistent with the recommendations and community action plan developed from this conference.

2. **Community Youth Leadership Project** was a symposium planned and carried out by young people in Saskatoon in November around what young people felt was important or missing with regards to their quality of life in Saskatoon. This was a joint effort by the Saskatoon Foundation and E.D. Feehan High School. The official results are expected shortly.

3. **Mind the Gap Conference** was a province wide youth leadership conference held in Saskatoon in November. It focused on identifying obstacles to young people involvement, creating support networks for young people, and allowing for meaningful dialogue between young people and adults.

The information from these conferences, the results from the “Youth Crime” Focus Group Test, input from other youth serving agencies, and actual crime statistics collected from various organizations will be the basis for the action plan on youth crime.

**ATTACHMENTS**

A. City of Saskatoon Safer City Committee - “Youth Crime” Focus Group Test Report, November 2000.
ENQUIRIES

Councillor Fortosky
Tax Title Property
(File No. CK. 1930-1)

The City of Saskatoon periodically takes over property due to non-payment of taxes. Would the Administration please report back on the process that occurs from the point of seizure to the point of re-sale and give feedback as to various ways the city can deal with that property.

MOTIONS

REPORT OF THE CITY CLERK:

Councillor Steernberg gave the following Notice of Motion at the meeting of City Council held on December 18, 2000:

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

“WHEREAS the Provincial Regulations regarding the mailing of traffic tickets has changed;

AND whereas the public has had little or no opportunity to respond prior to the issue of red light cameras;

AND whereas there maybe further information available from the Administration in regard to the possibility of a different deal with the red light camera supplier;

I hereby move that at the first meeting in January 2001, Council reconsider the question of red light cameras.”

Moved by Councillor Steernberg, Seconded by Councillor Fortosky;

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Councillor Steernberg withdrew the motion.

INTRODUCTION AND CONSIDERATION OF BYLAWS

Bylaw No. 7991

Moved by Councillor Steernberg, Seconded by Councillor Heidt,

THAT permission be granted to introduce Bylaw No. 7991, being “The Saskatoon District Development Plan Amendment Bylaw, 2001” and to give same its first reading.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a first time.

Moved by Councillor Steernberg, Seconded by Councillor Swystun,

THAT Bylaw No. 7991 be now read a second time.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a second time.

Moved by Councillor Steernberg, Seconded by Councillor Waygood,

THAT Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Bylaw No. 7991.

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

Committee arose.

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

That while in Committee of the Whole, Bylaw No. 7991 was considered clause by clause and approved.

Moved by Councillor Steernberg, Seconded by Councillor Paulsen,

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

CARRIED.

Moved by Councillor Steernberg, Seconded by Councillor McCann,

THAT permission be granted to have Bylaw No. 7991 read a third time at this meeting.

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Moved by Councillor Steernberg, Seconded by Councillor Penner,

THAT Bylaw No. 7991 be now read a third time, that the bylaw be passed and the Mayor and the City Clerk be authorized to sign same and attach the corporate seal thereto.

CARRIED.

The bylaw was then read a third time and passed.”

Moved by Councillor Steernberg,

THAT the meeting stand adjourned.

CARRIED.
The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Mayor

City Clerk