

# CITY OF PRINCE ALBERT

## MODEL YOUTH COUNCIL

### AGENDA



**MONDAY,**  
**DECEMBER 10 , 2007**

**7:00 P.M.**

**COUNCIL CHAMBER**  
**CITY HALL**

1. **CALL TO ORDER:**

Acting Mayor S. Turner will call the meeting to Order.

2. **PRAYER:**

The City Clerk will offer the prayer.

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

That the Agenda for this meeting be approved.

**Approval of Agenda & Supplemental Package:**

***"That the Agenda for this meeting be approved as presented and that the presentations, delegations and speakers listed on the Agenda be heard when called forward by the Mayor."***

#### 4. **PRESENTATIONS, DELEGATIONS & RELATED REPORTS:**

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4.1 Correspondence from Veromi Arsiradam dated December 2, 2007, <b>requesting that Jordan Bolay be permitted to address the Model Youth Council to request that certain schools around the City be open at night to provide youth with a safe place to stay.</b>	1

#### 5. **COMMUNICATIONS/PETITIONS PACKAGE:**

5.1 Correspondence from Erin Dunn dated November 15, 2007, <b>requesting installation of pedestrian crosswalk lights on 15<sup>th</sup> Street West and Bishop Pascal Place.</b>	2
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5.7 Correspondence from Steven Heidel dated December 4, 2007, <b>requesting that The City construct a sidewalk on the south side of 28<sup>th</sup> Street East from Terry Simpson Lane to Sherman Drive.</b>	8

5.8	Correspondence from Sam Turner received December 4, 2007, <b>requesting that Bylaw No. 29 of 2002 – Taxicab Bylaw and Bylaw No. 42 of 2004 – Business License Bylaw, be repealed.</b>	<b>9</b>
5.9	Correspondence from Councillor Greg Dionne dated December 4, 2007, along with the following Correspondence, <b>both requesting that a Curfew Bylaw be put in place in The City for Youth 16 and younger.</b>	<b>10</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sharon Faul, on behalf of Councillor G. Dionne, dated December 4, 2007.</li> </ul>	<b>11</b>
5.10	Correspondence from the Students of St. Mary High School received December 5, 2007, <b>requesting that:</b>	<b>12</b>
	<p><b>(a) The City make a concerted effort to ensure that the streets are cleaned as quickly as possible after a heavy snow fall.</b></p> <p><b>(b) That the bridge be cleaned immediately after the first snowfall so that it does not get an icy snow pack that makes driving dangerous for the rest of the winter.</b></p>	
5.11	Correspondence from Students of St. Mary High School received December 5, 2007, <b>requesting that The City expand the Recycle programs.</b>	<b>13</b>
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5.13	Correspondence from Riley Simonite received December 6, 2007, <b>requesting that speed bumps be installed in all school zones in the City to reduce speed and make the streets safer for students.</b>	<b>15</b>
5.14	Correspondence from Riley Simonite received December 6, 2007, <b>requesting idle-free zones within a one block radius of all schools within the City.</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>6.</b>	<b><u>REPORTS OF ADMINISTRATION &amp; COMMITTEES:</u></b>	
<b>7.</b>	<b><u>UNFINISHED BUSINESS:</u></b>	

**8. MAYOR & COUNCILLORS FORUM:**

This portion of the Agenda allows Model Youth Council members to make a comment about an event in The City.

**9. INQUIRIES:**

This portion of the Agenda allows Model Youth Council members to inquire about an issue in The City.

**10. GIVING NOTICE:**

**11. MOTIONS:**

**12. PUBLIC FORUM:**

**13. ADJOURNMENT:**

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1084 Central Avenue  
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Dear Mr. Skauge:

Re: Model Youth Council Agenda Additions

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*Model Youth Council*  


I would like to make two (2) additions to the Model Youth Council agenda for December 10<sup>th</sup>

- 2) A major problem that we see regarding our youth in Prince Albert is the late night loitering around the city. Many youth do not have a stable environment in which to spend their evenings and, as a result, get into a lot of drug and lifestyle related problems. As a community, we can arrange a system where a few schools around the city are open at night. Activities could be set up, food could be provided, and the youth who would normally be on the streets could have a place to stay for the night. An addictions counselor and another adult educator could be available for them to talk to and provide homework/upgrading assistance. This would greatly benefit our youth by providing them with a safe environment in which to stay during a dangerously vulnerable time of their day and provide purpose and conditions for improvement in their personal lives. Speaking on this issue will be Jordan Bolay, a grade 12 student of Carlton Comp. High School.

**RESOLVE:** Certain schools around Prince Albert be open during the night to provide youth with a safe place to stay; promote reduced problems for the youth of our city.

Yours sincerely,



Veromi Arsiradam  
Acting Deputy Mayor and Ward 5 Representative

1405 Bishop Pascal Place  
Prince Albert, SK  
S6V 5J1

November 15, 2007

City of Prince Albert  
1084 Central Avenue  
Prince Albert, SK  
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Attention: Mayor James Scarrow

Dear Sir or Madam:

Re: Crosswalk Lights

The students of Rivier Academy need your help. I am writing to inform you of a need that exists in Prince Albert. There is a crosswalk on 15<sup>th</sup> Street West and Bishop Pascal Place in Prince Albert that needs a set of pedestrian traffic lights. This crosswalk is located across from Rivier Academy. These lights would not only benefit the students of Rivier Academy but the general public as well.

Students of Rivier Academy use the crosswalk both before and after school. The students cross the street to catch the bus and also to be picked up by their parents. Some St. Mary's students also use this crosswalk as they walk home from school. Residents of the area also use the crosswalk as they go for walks or catch the bus. Presently, most vehicles do not stop for pedestrians waiting to cross the road at the crosswalk, although they are supposed to. This causes long wait times, sometimes reaching up to five minutes before the traffic slows down enough for one to run across the road without being hit. With the new set of lights, it would allow people to cross the street safely and not have to wait as long to do so.

There have also been accidents caused by a vehicle rear ending another vehicle, which was stopped to let a pedestrian cross at the crosswalk. If there was a set of lights put up, drivers would be more aware of the crosswalk and fewer accidents would occur due to pedestrians in the crosswalk.

Thank you for considering our request. If there is any further information we can provide to you, please let us know. We look forward to receiving your reply.

Yours truly,

  
Erin Dunn

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- 1) Intravenous drug use is so prevalent in our society, harming and destroying the lives of many of our citizens. However, there is a lack of receptacles around the city in order to dispose of potentially-infected needles. This poses a threat to our citizens, as the needles are left on playgrounds, in streets, etc. where they are not always visible. We need to address this problem. Receptacles need to be made accessible in all area of the city so that these needles can be properly disposed of in a responsible manner, thus preventing any chance of the spread of disease or infection. If this is implemented, then it is a major step in protecting our youth from the risk of needle-related harm, and substance abuse.

Speaking on this issue will be myself, Veromi Arsiradam.

**Resolve: Needle waste receptacles be set up around the city of Prince Albert to promote a cleaner and safer living environment for our citizens.**

Yours sincerely,



Veromi Arsiradam

Acting Deputy Mayor and Ward 5 Representative

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December 4, 2007

Dear Mr. Skauge,

Here are my issues, in order of importance, that I hope will be appended to the model youth council agenda. I would like to speak on all the issues that get accepted into the agenda.

**Issue 1: Smoking**

Saskatchewan issued a smoking ban to protect its citizens from the unhealthy effects of second-hand smoke. This was originally thought to reduce business to casinos and bars, but this is not the case. Instead, with every business going to no smoke, it creates an equal playing field. However, in Prince Albert, the Northern Lights Casino does not have to adhere to these regulations due to the fact that it was built on reserve land. This creates an unfair advantage as compared to other law-abiding businesses. Everyone should be equal under the law.

*Solution: Implement a municipal smoking ban, which has jurisdiction on all reserve land in the city. In this way, all businesses will have an equal chance at success.*

Sincerely,



Steven Heidel  
Model Youth Council Backup

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**Issue 2: Snow Removal**


For several years, the municipal government of Prince Albert has gone over budget on the snow removal expenses. The problem is, snow is of a random force, it is impossible to schedule workers in a perfect rotation such that all snow is removed with no overtime paid. However, this is not the case. After a snowfall, City workers work for long hours of single then double pay to get the snow removed. This is an extreme waste of money, when the problem could be avoided by better laws and organization.

*Solution: Implement the following policy – "No snow removal worker shall be paid overtime to clean the streets unless the citizens of Prince Albert are completely restricted by an excess of snow buildup on the streets. Under smaller snowfalls, clean high traffic streets for a full work day, then wait until the next work day before continuing on to lesser traffic streets." In this way, the city will remain within budget.*

Sincerely,



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**Issue 3: Animal Control Bylaw**

In Prince Albert, current regulations require that all dogs within city limits must be leashed, licensed, and tagged with a few exceptions. Licensing is expensive, a hassle, and most dog owners do not license their dogs due to the fact that the fines are almost lower than the price of licensing the dogs. Another problem is the amount of dog bites that are present within the city, which can cause rabies to transfer from the dog to the good people of Prince Albert. Currently, a great amount of taxpayer's money is going to the bylaw officers and nurses who have to deal with these constant dog bites.

*Solution: Give the control to the experts, who are the veterinarians around the city. This could be done by allowing only these vets to give out official dog tags. Once a year, the owner of a dog must take it to the veterinarian for a rabies shot, at which point a tag is issued to them identifying the dog as safe, and as to who the owner is. This is all done at the owner's expense. Then, if the dog is found anywhere around the city other than the owner's property and the designated off-leash area without a leash and tag, the dog is considered to be unsafe and is therefore impounded at the owner's expense as currently described in the bylaw. In this way, we will increase the safety of all citizens.*

Sincerely,



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**Issue 4: Clean Sidewalk Bylaw**

Currently, Prince Albert laws require that all citizens any obstructions on the sidewalk which is directly in front of the building in which they reside. The bylaw however fails to consider elderly citizens, businesses, apartment buildings, and most of Prince Albert itself. I find this bylaw to be one of the worst ever written.

*Solution: Completely abolish the bylaw. Almost everyone in Prince Albert will still clean the sidewalks in front of their home or business because of the proceeding reasoning. Business owners will obviously clear any obstructions as to allow for customers to enter the business without being blocked. The owners of apartments or condominiums will clear the sidewalks and even the roads within and around their location due to increasing property value, and maintaining tenant satisfaction. Most homeowners will clear the area in front of their property if capable due to ease of entering for the residents of the house, and common courtesy for any of those who use the sidewalks. On high traffic sidewalks where the obstruction is not otherwise cleaned, the city should be responsible for quickly removing said obstructions. In this way, we will reduce taxes while maintaining the cleanness of our sidewalks.*

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**Issue 5: Sidewalk on 28<sup>th</sup> St E**

Many Carlton high school students walk home easterly on 28<sup>th</sup> St E to get home. However, currently only the north side of this street has a sidewalk. The south side of this street does not have a sidewalk from Terry Simpson Lane to Sherman Drive. The amount of students that walk on the south side of the street is astounding, as many prefer not to stop traffic twice to cross the street and then go back again. Every year, there is a deep dirt-trodden path which is a result from these students walking on is section of the street. This is of great inconvenience, and the absence of a sidewalk does not allow for snow to melt quickly during the winter.

*Solution: Construct a sidewalk on the south side of 28<sup>th</sup> St E from Terry Simpson Lane to Sherman Drive. In this way, Carlton students will have greater convenience when walking home.*

Sincerely,



Steven Heidel  
Model Youth Council Backup

**Name:** Sam Turner  
**Address:** 2906 15<sup>th</sup> Ave E  
**Phone:** (306)-763-5027  
**Age:** 16

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Dear City Council,

After lots research and careful thought, I have finally decided on the issues which I hope to address at the model Youth Council meeting. Most of the other youth councillors will most likely introduce ideas that will call for increase of city spending and bigger government. However, I have taken the opposite approach. I am sticking to my philosophy of minimizing the size and scope of government and maximizing individual liberty. Therefore, I am calling for a repeal of the following bylaws:

1. Bylaw No. 29 - 2002 - Taxicab Bylaw
2. Bylaw No. 42 - 2004 - Business License Bylaw

In addition, I would also like five minutes to explain why I feel that these bylaws are unnecessary and actually do more harm than good. Thank-you for your time, and I look forward to the meeting on December 6.

Sincerely,

*Sam Turner*

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Acting Mayor

Greg Dionne  
1403 Central Avenue  
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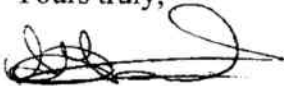
Youth City Council  
1084 Central Avenue  
Prince Albert, SK  
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Dear Youth Council:

Media coverage has recently covered the implementation of a youth curfew in our city. There are a number of reasons that this would be beneficial to the residents of Prince Albert. By stopping youth under the age of 16 from congregating in public parks many residents would feel much safer. It is very intimidating to see or come in contact with large groups of youth, especially late at night. By implementing a bylaw from, for example 11 pm to 7 am the youth crime rate would certainly decrease. A prime example includes recent incidents in our city involving youth crime which have occurred during these hours. And both the youth and their parents need to be accountable. Consideration should be given to a fine in relation to breaking this curfew.

To ensure that our city is a safe place to live and work, we need to start the process of addressing this issue.

Yours truly,




*per*-Greg Dionne



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**Sharon Faul**  
Assistant Property Manager  
922-0656

December 4, 2007

Youth Council  
City Hall  
1084 Central Avenue  
Prince Albert, SK  
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Dear Youth Council:

I am writing to you in regards to the implementation of a youth curfew in our city. I believe a bylaw such as this would be beneficial in the control of youth crime rates in our city. As discussed recently in the media, I agree with the proposal of youth under the age of 16 being banned from congregating in public parks between the hours of 11 pm and 5 or 6 am and later followed by a city wide curfew during the same hours. By having such a bylaw in place youths aged 16 and younger would be better protected from the elements of crime tending to occur during these hours. The implementation of a fine associated with this breach should also be considered as both the child and the parent(s) of the child need to be accountable for their actions.

I understand that many factors need to be considered in addition to the curfew itself, including the Charter of Rights and Freedoms and enforcement costs. Additionally there will be those youth who feel they are safer on the street then in their residence. However, when a need arises, ultimately a solution must be found. There was a time when our city did not have a facility such as Children's Haven. Maybe it is time to develop some type of facility in our city where our youth will be able to find a safe haven from the unfortunate events they may be experiencing.

Yours truly,



Sharon Faul, Assistant Property Manager  
Gateway Mall



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Dear Cliff:

I apologize for not getting this information to you sooner. I was under the impression that we brought this information with us to the 'practice' on Thursday, Dec. 6. I hope these few items will be helpful.

Sincerely,

Mari T. Nattress  
St. Mary High School

**St. Mary High School students would like to present the following at the Model Youth Council on Dec. 10, 2007:**

- 1) a) We feel that the City of Prince Albert should make a concerted effort to ensure that the city streets are cleaned as quickly as possible after a heavy snowfall.
- b) We feel that the bridge is a priority and that it should be cleaned immediately after the first snowfall so that it does not get an icy snow-pack that makes driving dangerous for the rest of the winter.



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Mari T. Nattress  
St. Mary High School

**St. Mary High School students would like to present the following at the Model Youth Council on Dec. 10. 2007:**

- 2) We, the students of St. Mary High School, would like to see the City of Prince Albert expand the recycle programs in the city.



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- 3) We would like to suggest that citizens be informed of the city's intention regarding the berm (hill) behind seventh street east.

It is proposed by councillor Riley Simonite that the City of Prince Albert place speed bumps in front of all school zones to reduce speeding and make the streets safer for students. Too often people speed in school zones as they disregard the signs telling them to slow down because of children in the area. It is my firm belief that if we erect speed bumps in these key areas, we will protect our children from speeding vehicles and we'll be able to focus our municipal bylaw enforcement elsewhere.

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It is proposed by councillor Riley Simonite that the city of Prince Albert make idle-free zones within a one-block radius of all schools within Prince Albert city limits.

This proposition puts a goal to limit carbon emissions that have an effect on green-house gases in the city. There are too many parents that arrive at schools to drive their students to and from school. The problem being that they sit in their vehicles with the engines on and idling for much too long and this is harmful to students and the environment. We suggest that parents take advantage of school buses provided by the schools or encourage the students to walk. This will also have an effect on childhood obesity and their overall general health.

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