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# City considering taking company to court

By Clyde Graham  
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The City of Regina is considering legal action to recover \$15,000 in clean-up costs from a company that dumped about 500 gallons of oil into the city's storm sewer system in December.

The oil flowed into Wascana Creek during a warm spell. Many waterbirds became coated with oil and froze to death.

A report from the city manager's office said the name of the company that spilled the oil is being withheld until the case reaches the courts.

It would be the first test of an amendment to the Provincial Environment Act that can force companies which spill petroleum products to pay for cleanup. The amendment was passed by the Saskatchewan legislature last year.

The city is also considering charging the company under a city bylaw which prohibits dumping of oil into sewers. The maximum fine is \$500.

Meanwhile, city officials are concerned that a trend for car owners to change their own oil will lead to even more contamination of the storm sewer system.

Dave Schnell, director of Regina's public works and engineering department, said car owners changing their own oil should take the used oil to a garage that has a recycling program.

"It's not good enough to run your car over a catch basin," he said following Monday's council meeting.

Schnell said there's no way to measure how much petroleum waste and other contaminants are being dumped into the storm sewer system, a combina-

tion of underground pipes and open channels that carries runoff into Wascana Creek.

Schnell said although used oil is not extremely explosive, there is always that danger.

And the other concern is for fish and waterfowl in the Qu'Appelle system which Wascana Creek is part of.

Schnell said provincial legislation requires hazardous wastes to be disposed of safely.

The city's landfill site will accept small quantities of oil but doesn't encourage it, he said. Businesses must meet provincial standards for disposal. Many companies are using recycling to get rid of waste oil.

Schnell said discovering the source of the December spill was a painstaking detective job.

City crews opened sewer catch basins around the spill site, looking for traces of oil, slowly tracing it back to the source.

Although the source of big spills can be located, small-scale dumping of oil products is impossible to police, Schnell said.

Roger McDonald, director of the provincial water pollution control branch, said the spill occurred before a new provincial regulation was passed, forcing companies to report spills.

He said there have been other similar spills in Regina but they haven't been that frequent.

## Men charged

SASKATOON (Staff) — Two Saskatoon men appeared in Provincial Court here Monday charged with murder in connection with a shooting and stabbing incident in this city early Saturday morning.

James Blizzard, 28, and Gerald Smith, 26, were remanded in custody until July 22 for a preliminary hearing in Provincial Court.

Both chose trial by judge and jury. Thomas Russel Genereaux, 22, of no fixed address was killed and seven others wounded on the city's west side at 3:50 a.m.

Saskatoon city police said one person was stabbed in a house in the 300 block Avenue K North.

This was followed a few minutes later by a shooting outside.

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# Immersion programs to expand

By Matt Bellan  
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French immersion programs will expand in the Regina public school system over the next seven years.

The board of education Monday approved in principle a long-range plan that calls for eventual expansion of the program to 10 schools from Massey, Connaught and Sherwood, the three currently offering it.

The program will expand according to the following timetable:

- Massey School will add one year to its present French immersion program, offering Kindergarten through Grade 6, next fall. In 1982, the school will offer Grade 7 as well, using space at Campbell Collegiate.

- Students currently attending the Kindergarten through Grade 3 program at Connaught School will go to Lakeview School for Grades 4 through 6 or 7, starting next fall.

### To add Grade 1

- Sherwood School, which presently offers Kindergarten, will add Grade 1 next fall and expand year by year through Grade 3 if space is available. Students completing the Sherwood program will attend Coronation Park School for Grades 4 through 7 or 8, starting in 1984.

- Argyle School, will offer Kindergarten through Grade 2, starting with Kindergarten next fall.

- Gardiner Park School, planned for east Regina, will offer Kindergarten through Grade 1 or 2, as required, in 1983-84. The program will eventually expand to Grade 7 or 8. The education de-

partment has not yet approved funds for building the school. If it does so this year, the board hopes to open it in the fall of 1983.

- Campbell Collegiate will offer Grades 8 through 12, starting with Grade 8 in the fall of 1983, and

- Thom Collegiate will offer Grade 8 or 9 through 12, starting in the fall of 1988.

- Sherwood Estates (West) School, scheduled to open in September, 1982, will offer Kindergarten to Grade 8 or 9, starting with Kindergarten to Grade 1 or 2, as required, in 1983.

Alex Robb, the board's superintendent of programming, said in an interview Monday that 250 students are currently enrolled in French immersion classes and there will be another 60 to 70 students next fall.

Administrators first presented the board with a plan for expanding French immersion last fall, but changed it following protests by parents at Massey School, he said. The original plan called for offering French immersion from Kindergarten through Grade 3 at Massey and Grades 4 through 7 at nearby Marion McVeety School. Parents prefer the new plan for Massey, outlined above, because it avoids splitting up the program between two elementary schools.

Mary Hicks was the only trustee recorded as voting against the plan which administrators presented Monday for expanding the program.

Among other things, she questioned offering French immersion at Gardiner Park School.

"I can't even comprehend starting up a French immersion program in a brand new school."

Hicks said board administrators should instead consider offering the program at Douglas Park School, another east Regina school with extra classroom space.

Trustee Susan Currie questioned offering Grade 7 French immersion for Massey School students at Campbell Collegiate.

### Better off

She said students that age are better off attending an elementary school than being exposed to the "activities" of some high school students — "necking in cars, use of drugs and so on."

Currie also asked whether board administrators looked into providing programs for Ukrainian, German and native students in their own languages.

Robb said the board currently offers a Ukrainian-language program at Athabasca School and parents seem satisfied with it. "None of the other language groups have presented requests."

Currie also said she was concerned about the expanding French immersion program at Massey School crowding out its regular English program.

Robb said the school's home and school association has expressed concern about that, but he expects enrolment in French immersion there to peak at manageable levels in 1984-85.

## Wants it cleared

Regina Ald. Joe McKeown (Div. 7) wants his driveway cleared.

McKeown presented a motion to city council Monday evening asking the city manager to prepare a report on his driveway, which has been a controversial item at city council twice since July.

Last week, Ald. Erwin Strass (Div. 8) wanted to know why McKeown was allowed to build the driveway when it doesn't meet the requirements of a city bylaw.

The city administration said the driveway was put in during confusion over whether council would allow driveways that don't have sufficient space between adjoining houses. Council later voted against relaxing the bylaw.

McKeown also wanted the manager to report on enforcement of the bylaw.

Both motions were passed by council. McKeown said he wants "confusion" about the status of his driveway cleared up once and for all.

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