

Board recognizes Connaught group

The Connaught Community School Association received official recognition from the Regina board of education Monday.

But it took almost an hour of discussion and two amendments before public school trustees approved the group's constitution.

The trustees struck out a clause that would have given the association the opportunity to participate in the selection of staff for the community school, substituting a provision that the group make "suggestions" on procedures relating to staff selection and placement.

Liz Nicholls, representing a delegation from the community school, told the trustees that committee members had decided to include the reference to participation in staff selection because they felt there was a lot to be gained from direct community involvement in hiring

staff. She noted that individuals from the community were invited to participate in the selection of a co-ordinator and aides for the program.

Jim Burnett, the board's education di-

rector, said involving local school advisory associations and community school groups in the appointment of school principals and in the selection of teachers "has not been the board's policy."

BID to get \$120,000 from city

Regina's new business improvement district (BID) will receive more than \$120,000 from the City of Regina for its first budget.

Regina city council voted Monday evening to supply about 50 per cent of the group's eligible costs and organize a \$35,000 strategy action plan for the downtown area.

Harry Van Mulligen (Div. 6) said the plan was "absolutely vital" in order to

identify downtown problems.

Council also voted to spend \$53,000 on street enhancement for the 1700 block Smith Street.

BID has officially replaced the Core Management Improvement committee as the group that concentrates on improving the downtown area of Regina.

The rest of the BID budget will be raised from a direct tax on downtown businesses.



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\$30,000 review ons department

has bestowed on Regina's 100th anniversary. Canada Post will also issue a commemorative stamp. Blais made the announcement Monday to city council, which has been less enthusiastic about the anniversary. So far, council hasn't agreed to spend one dollar on any celebrations, despite urging by Mayor Larry Schneider, who set up his own ad hoc committee to promote the anniversary. Regina spent almost a million dollars in 1978 celebrating the 75th anniversary of Regina becoming a city.

former alderman Jack Walker has been under an internal City Hall review since the beginning of October.

Ald. Joe McKeown (Div. 7) said the review was encouraged by criticism from the Regina Chamber of Commerce. He said the chamber feels the city should be doing more to promote the city in the shadow of fierce competition for business investment.

employees on their opinions of the department and polling businesses and organizations that use the department.

McKeown said the terms of reference for the study imply there is something wrong which isn't necessarily the case.

He said that for the last two years, council has accepted cuts in the public relations budget while waiting for the