Report of the Committee on Works and Operations dated December 6, 1983

Policy regarding location of Monuments within the City Hall Complex. File FB

271 - 8. Council, at its meeting on September 14th, 1983, accepted the donation of a monument by the Ukrainian Canadian Committee and instructed the administration to investigate and recommend for the decision of the Committee on Works and Operations, a suitable site within the City Hall Complex for the location of this monument.

City halls, legislative buildings and capital buildings are designed with impressive interior spaces and exterior grounds to enhance the dignity and importance of the government bodies located therein. These central public spaces and grounds are seen as natural locations for monuments and plaques commemorating historic events and achievements.

The Winnipeg City Hall, as an element in the Civic Centre Complex, does not have an abundance of spaces or areas surrounding the buildings into which plaques and memorials may suitably be placed. There is a small park on the west side of King Street to the north of the Public Safety Building, which has a number of locations and exterior wall surfaces, and which area has been recommended for consideration in which to locate commemorative plaques and monuments. There is already located in this park, a former lintel stone from the former Rupert Avenue Police Station, as well as examples of the discontinued Police and Fire call box units. The small park is approximately one-half acre in size. It is understood that the planning for the Chinese Centre to the north side of James Avenue contemplates the visual extension of this park area into the site immediately across James Avenue.

The six planting beds flanking the Council Building of the Civic Centre Complex, three on the Main Street side and three on the King Street side, are potential locations that may be considered for the display of complimentary monuments accepted by the City. In this instance, the choice of the Ukrainian Canadian Committee and the sculptor is the centre planting bed on Main Street side of the Council Building in front of the trees, centred in the north-south direction on the Council Building structure.

Pursuant to Council's instructions, your Committee on Works and Operations has authorized that the monument which has been donated by the Ukrainian Canadian Committee commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Great Famine in the Ukraine be located in the centre planting bed flanking the Council Building of the Civic Centre on the Main Street side.

After considering all aspects of the matter, your Committee on Works and Operations recommends adoption of the following policy for dealing with any future requests for erection of monuments within the City Hall Complex, namely, that the other planting beds flanking the Council Building on both Main Street and King Street, as well as the

small park on the west side of King Street to the north of the Public Safety Building, be designated areas in which commemorative monuments may be located; the specific locations to be subject to approval of the Committee on Works and Operations.

Moved by Councillor Eadie,
Adoption of the clause.

Carried