REPORT OF THE

STANDING COMMITTEE ON FISCAL ISSUES

DATED APRIL 10, 2001

On motion of Councillor Clement, the Report of the Standing Committee on Fiscal Issues, dated April 10, 2001, was considered.

Moved by Councillor Clement,

That the Consent Agenda, Clause 1, be adopted.

Carried.

Recommendations for Entertainment Funding By-law Exemptions
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480 - 1. The Standing Committee on Fiscal Issues has been advised that in accordance with due process, the Corporate Finance Department has conducted a consistent and thorough review of all applications received for exemption from The Entertainment Funding By-law in accordance with the criteria set forth in the By-law and Schedule "B" thereto.

Of note, the Administration has advised that The Walker Theatre event Vagina Monologues listed below meets the criteria as outlined in The Entertainment Funding By-law No. 7710/200 in regard to local content with four local musicians playing during the run of the play.

The financial impact of approving these applications for exemption from the entertainment funding tax is unknown. The tax revenue that could be generated from events hosted by these organizations cannot be quantified as the events have not yet occurred.

Pursuant to its review, the Standing Committee on Fiscal Issues concurred in the administrative recommendation and recommends:

I. That the following amusements and/or places of amusement, which meet the criteria set forth in Schedule "B" of The Entertainment Funding By-law No. 7710/2000, be listed in Schedule "A" thereto, namely:

1. Dance Manitoba Inc.
2. Shakespeare in the Ruins
3. Manitoba Historical Society – Dalnavert Museum
4. Manitoba Chamber Orchestra
5. Canadian Mennonite University
6. Laubach Literacy Manitoba Inc.
7. Winnipeg Mennonite Theatre (WMT)
8. Mennonite Community Orchestra, Inc.
9. Canzona Inc.
10. Manitoba Opera Association
11. St. Vital United Church
12. Tara Players Theatre Group
13. Association of United Ukrainian Canadians, Winnipeg Council
14. The Walker Theatre (Vagina Monologues)

II. That the City Solicitor/Manager of Legal Services be directed to prepare the necessary amending by-law in accordance with the foregoing for submission directly to Council for approval.

III. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the foregoing, including the execution of any documents related thereto.

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In amendment,

The Executive Policy Committee recommends that Recommendation No. I. be amended by deleting Item No. 14. The Walker Theatre (Vagina Monologues).

The Executive Policy Committee further recommends that Clauses 47 and 48 of Schedule "A" of By-law No. 7710/2000 be deleted and replaced with the following, namely:

47. "Late Night Catechism" at the Walker Theatre on May 8 to 13, 2001 by the Walker Theatre Performing Arts Group Inc. on the condition that at least 60% of the actors reside in Winnipeg.

48. "Father, Son and Holy Coach" at the Walker Theatre on June 5 to 10, 2001, by the Walker Theatre Performing Arts Group Inc. on condition that at least 60% of the actors reside within Winnipeg.

Adopted by consent.

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CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

481 - On motion of Councillor Clement, the rule was suspended and By-law No. 7823/2001, a by-law of The City of Winnipeg to amend the Entertainment Funding By-law No. 7710/2000, was read a first, second and third time, the rule being suspended for the third reading, and was passed and ordered to be signed and sealed. File FL-6 (Vol. 24)

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QUESTION PERIOD

482 - Councillor Timm-Rudolph requested the status of negotiations with the Province of Manitoba for taking over full responsibility of the City's Ombudsman's Office.

Councillor Eadie responded that he hoped to be meeting with the Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs within 30 days and that this would be one of the items to be discussed.

Councillor Timm-Rudolph requested that Council be kept apprised of the negotiations with the Province, to which Councillor Eadie replied in the affirmative.

Councillor Angus requested that the Standing Committee on Fiscal Issues report annually to Council on the targets within its financial management plan, to which Councillor Clement replied in the affirmative.

Councillor Angus noted that sometime ago, Council passed a motion to review the reserves and questioned when the report might be available for Council's consideration, to which Councillor Clement responded that the report would be considered at the next meeting of the Standing Committee on Fiscal Issues.