Meeting No. 8 Council Chamber
Winnipeg, February 28, 2001

Council met this day at 9:34 a.m.

The Speaker called the meeting to order.

Opening Prayer read by Councillor Eadie.

Present: The Speaker Councillor O'Shaughnessy, Councillors Lazarenko, Angus, Clement, De Smedt, Gerbasi, Smith, Steeves, Deputy Mayor Thomas, Timm-Rudolph, Vandal, Eadie and His Worship Mayor Murray.

Councillors Lubosch, Prystanski and Steek entered the meeting after roll call.

In attendance: Mr. R. Kachur, City Clerk, Mr. R. MacCallum, Clerk of the Executive Policy Committee and Mrs. J. Park, Committee Clerk.

INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME OF GUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

274 - The Speaker introduced the Pages for the Council meeting as follows: Ryan Debiuk of Tec Voc High School and Cory Lysy of Windsor Park Collegiate.

MINUTES

Councillor Lazarenko moved that the minutes of the meetings held on January 31 and February 12, 2001, be taken as read and confirmed, which motion was carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

From the City Solicitor/Manager of Legal Services,
275 - Submitting as instructed by Council on January 31, 2001, draft by-law being an initial borrowing by-law of The City of Winnipeg to authorize the borrowing of money by the issue and sale of debentures of the City in the principal amount of $22,679,820.00 to make expenditures for the purpose of the City in connection with its 2000 Supplementary Capital Estimates and to cancel certain unused borrowing authority by previous initial borrowing by-laws, which by-law may receive first reading only.
File FC-2 (Vol. 18) (By-law No. 7751/2001)

From the City Solicitor/Manager of Legal Services,
276 - Submitting as instructed by Council on January 31, 2001, draft by-law to widen part of Fermor Avenue, west of St. Mary’s Road, which by-law may receive all three readings.
File DAO 6/2000 (By-law No. 7792/2001)

From the City Solicitor/Manager of Legal Services,
277 - Submitting as instructed by Council on January 31, 2001, draft by-law to open and close the public lane east of Battery Street and south of Boyd Avenue, which by-law may receive all three readings.
File DAOC 2/2000 (By-law No. 7793/2001)

From the City Solicitor/Manager of Legal Services,
278 - Submitting as instructed by Council on January 31, 2001, draft by-law to amend By-law No. 6546/95, to regulate the construction, maintenance and removal of private approaches and private walks, which by-law may receive all three readings. File SC-1(32) (Vol. 2) (By-law No. 7795/2001)

Communications (continued)

From the City Solicitor/Manager of Legal Services,
279 - Submitting memorandum dated February 14, 2001, advising that in August 2000, Bill 16 came into force, amending various provisions of The City of Winnipeg Act relating to building standards. Upon reviewing the various by-laws affected by Bill 16 and their accompanying procedures, the Legal Services Division noted two housekeeping amendments which should be made to s. 2.19(4) of the Maintenance and Occupancy By-law:-

1. The section refers to the exercise of powers by "Council", whereas elsewhere, the by-law refers to the exercise of powers by "the city" and, in turn, delegates administration of the by-law to an Inspector;

2. The word "having" is missing from line 2.

Also advising that in order to avoid any possible argument that Council is obliged to consider matters under this provision, it is desirable that the section be amended.

Submitting the necessary amending draft by-law which may receive all three readings. File EB-1 (M&O) (Vol. 4) (By-law No. 7796/2001)

From the City Solicitor/Manager of Legal Services,
280 - Council at its January 31, 2001 meeting, passed the following motion, namely:

WHEREAS the Home Renovation Tax Assistance Program encourages and assists in the renovation of residential premises in The City of Winnipeg by way of property tax credit incentives;

AND WHEREAS the program has been renewed annually, with modifications over the years;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the program be renewed for 2001 utilizing the 2000 Home Renovation Tax Assistance Eligibility criteria;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Standing Committee on Fiscal Issues be requested to identify additional funding up to a maximum amount of $325,000 in the years 2002, 2003 and 2004;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to effect the intent of the foregoing.

Submitting as instructed by Council, draft by-law to establish a program of property tax assistance credits in the year 2001 to encourage and assist in the renovation of residential premises in the City of Winnipeg, which by-law may receive all three readings. File FL (Vol. 8) (By-law No. 7798/2001)

From the City Solicitor/Manager of Legal Services,
281 - Submitting as instructed by Council on August 20, 1986, draft by-law to approve a Plan of Subdivision and to amend Zoning By-law No. 6400/94 for the enactment of a zoning change on land located on the south side of John Forsyth Road west of Ashworth Street in the Riel Community, which by-law may receive all three readings. File DASZ 31/84 (By-law No. 7799/2001)

DELEGATIONS

282 - Greg Mandzuk, National Staff Representative and Jim Husiak, Accountant, Canadian Union of Public Employees, appeared before Council in support of Clause 1 of the Report of the Alternate Service Delivery Committee dated February 23, 2001 regarding Selection Report – Glacial Sand and Gravel Special Operating Agency (SOA). Files GL-5.6.1 (Vol. 5), S-8 (Vol. 1)

Chris Lorenc, President, Manitoba Heavy Construction, appeared before Council in opposition to Clause 1 of the Report of the Alternate Service Delivery Committee dated February 23, 2001, regarding the Selection Report – Glacial Sand and Gravel Special Operating Agency (SOA).

Delegations (continued)

Dave Angus, President, Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce, also appeared before Council in opposition to Clause 1 of the Report of the Alternate Service Committee dated February 23, 2001, regarding the Selection Report – Glacial Sand and Gravel Special Operating Agency (SOA).

Moved by Councillor Timm-Rudolph,

That the rule be suspended to allow Council to consider the order of business - the Report of the Alternate Service Delivery Committee dated January 12, 2001 and the Report of the Alternate Service Delivery Committee dated February 23, 2001, at this time.

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