REPORT OF THE

STANDING COMMITTEE ON FISCAL ISSUES

DATED FEBRUARY 15, 2001

On motion of Councillor Clement, the Report of the Standing Committee on Fiscal Issues, dated February 15, 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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297 - 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.

Pursuant to its review, the Standing Committee on Fiscal Issues concurred in the administrative recommendation and determined that the following amusements and/or places of amusement, which **do not** meet the criteria set forth in Schedule "B" of The Entertainment Funding By-law, be denied listing in Schedule "A", for the reason(s) outlined below.

Name of Organization	Name of Event	Criteria Not Satisfied
Groundswell	Fund Raisers	Individuals performing in the event may receive an honorarium more than $50.00 [Schedule B, Section 3(a)]
The King's Players	Fund Raisers	Individuals performing in the event may be paid more than $50.00 [Schedule B, Section 3 (a)]
The King's Players	Production of the ENDGAME by Samuel Beckett	Net revenue from this event will not be used to further the organization's undertaking or purpose [Schedule B, Section 2 (e)]

The Standing Committee on Fiscal Issues further concurred in the administrative recommendation that the amusements and/or places of amusement, which meet the criteria set forth in Schedule "B" be listed, as set out below.

The financial impact of approving (and denying) 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.

The Standing Committee on Fiscal Issues therefore 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:

La chorale des Intrepides Inc.
Rozmai Ukrainian Dance Ensemble
Jazz Winnipeg Inc.
Royal Winnipeg Ballet
Incarnate Theatre Collective
Groundswell (excluding fund raising events)
Manitoba Runners' Association
The Winnipeg Singers

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S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A. Barbershop Quartet
Dry Cold Productions
The King's Players (excluding fund raising events and ENDGAME Production)
Winnipeg Philharmonic Choir
University of Manitoba Student Union
Cross Country Ski Association
Ukrainian National Federation
CAA Manitoba (World Adventure Tours)

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.

Adopted by consent.

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CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

298 - On motion of Councillor Clement, By-law No. 7758/2001, 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

299 - Councillor Steek requested the status of a report addressing the issue of reducing business taxes. Councillor Clement took the question under advisement.