REPORT OF THE

STANDING COMMITTEE ON FISCAL ISSUES

DATED JANUARY 16, 2001

On motion of Councillor Clement, the Report of the Standing Committee on Fiscal Issues, dated January 16, 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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246 - 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
Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra	Fund Raisers	Individuals performing in the event may be paid more than $50.00
Mennonite Literary Society	Fund Raisers	Individuals performing in the event may be paid more than $50.00
Manitoba Special Olympics, Inc.	Fund Raisers	Individuals performing in the event may be paid more than $50.00
St. Norbert Arts Centre	Fund Raisers	Individuals performing in the event may be paid more than $50.00
Prairie Theatre Exchange	Fund Raisers	Individuals performing in the event may be paid more than $50.00
The Musical Offering	Entire Season	The organization annually engages in significant financial transactions (more than 20% of organization's total transactions) with an individual that is "related" to the organization and its Board of Directors
West End Cultural Centre	All non-local content events	Limited local content

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:

1. North Kildonan Community Players
2. Ruth Cansfield Dance Company Inc.

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3. Manitoba Theatre Centre
4. Manitoba Theatre for Young People
5. Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra (excluding fund raising events)
6. Westminster Concert Organ Series
1. Chai Folk Arts Council Inc.
2. O. Koshetz Choir Inc.
3. Racquetball Manitoba
4. Mennonite Literary Society (excluding fund raising events)
5. Manitoba Registered Music Teachers Association
6. Alliance Choral Manitoba Inc.
7. Rossdale Ukrainian Dance School Inc.
8. Manitoba Special Olympics, Inc. (excluding fund raising events)
9. Manitoba Sports Hall of Fame and Museum Inc.
10. Manitoba Amateur Bodybuilding Association
11. The Women's Musical Club of Winnipeg
12. Rainbow Stage (1993) Inc.
13. Western Canada Aviation Museum
14. St. Norbert Arts Centre (excluding fund raising events)
15. Adhere and Deny
16. Prairie Theatre Exchange (excluding fund raising events)
17. Little Opera Company
18. Kali-Shiva Aids Services
19. West End Cultural Centre (excluding all non-local content events)

II. That the following amusement and/or place of amusement, which meets the criteria set forth in Schedule "B" of The Entertainment Funding By-law 7710/2000, except for the "local content" clause, be given a conditional listing in Schedule "A", until such time as the local content of each event is formally confirmed:

A. Walker Theatre Performing Arts Group Inc., Spring Season [four (4) events – "Late Nite Catechism", "The Vagina Monologues", "Male Intellect an Oxymoron", and "Father Son and Holy Coach"]

III. 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.

IV. 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

247 - On motion of Councillor Clement, By-law No. 7773/2001, 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. 23)