Meeting No. 14

Council Chamber
Winnipeg, June 21, 2000

Council met this day at 9:36 a.m.

The Speaker called the meeting to order.

Opening Prayer read by Councillor Gerbasi.

The Clerk called the roll.

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

Councillor Steek entered the meeting after roll call.

In attendance: Mrs. D. Browton, City Clerk, Mr. R. Kachur, Deputy City Clerk and Ms B. Greschuk, Committee Clerk.

INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME OF GUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

637 - The Speaker introduced the Pages for the Council meeting as follows: Susan Collins of Miles Macdonell Collegiate and Tara Maltman of Transcona Collegiate.

638 - The Speaker recognized in attendance in the gallery, Connie Scerbo and the Grade 6 Students from Strathcona School.

MINUTES

Councillor Lazarenko moved that the minutes of the meetings held on May 11 and May 24, 2000, be taken as read and confirmed, which motion was carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

From the Director of Corporate Finance,

639 - Submitting communication dated May 16, 2000, advising that as required under Section 51(1)(h) of The City of Winnipeg Act, he is pleased to submit for Council's information the 1999 Detailed Financial Statements report, which includes the Consolidated Financial Statements of The City of Winnipeg for the year ended December 31, 1999 and related Auditor's Report, which was reviewed at the April 25, 2000 Audit Committee meeting, as well as the individual 1999 financial statements for each of the City's general tax-supported funds, reserve and service funds, City-owned utilities, and wholly-owned corporations. The Detailed Financial Statements report also includes financial statements for the City-sponsored Pension Plans, The Sinking Fund Trustees of the City of Winnipeg as well as various financial statistics and debenture debt information.

Further advising that he is pleased to report that due to the accrual of certain employee benefits and environmental liabilities, The city's 1999 Financial Statements for the first time in history, were prepared "in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles", which resulted in a clean audit opinion from Deloitte and Touche, the City's external auditors. File F-1

Communications (continued)

From the City Auditor,
640 - Submitting communication dated June 15, 2000, advising that she is submitting the following audit reports for Council's consideration:

The Real Estate Management Audit

Advising that the audit examined two aspects of real estate management: the leasing of facilities for City use and the acquisition, sale and external leasing of City-owned real estate. The focus was on accountability and integrity in decision making and the efficiency and effectiveness of key processes in real estate management. Also advising that they concluded that fundamental changes are needed in the way the City manages its business to protect the public interest, promote accountability and transparency and to ensure fair market value for real estate investment.

Audit Department Business Plan and Progress Report

Advising that the Audit Department has developed a long-term business plan that maps out the Audit Department's vision, mission and strategic directions, as well as defining specific service goals and resource requirements. Also advising that to continue to meet the expectations of their clients, they have had to review their products and services and find the right balance between risk and opportunity, innovation and accountability. In addition, they have prepared a progress report on department achievements from May 1998, when the City Auditor assumed the office, until the end of the 1999 fiscal year. The Audit Department is proud of their accomplishments to date and believe that the department has created a strong foundation to build on to support Council and Administration in achieving their corporate objectives for the benefit of the citizens of Winnipeg. File FA-2

From the Clerk of the Executive Policy Committee,
641 - Submitting communication dated May 30, 2000 advising that on May 29, 2000, the Audit Committee considered the Draft Final Report of the Real Estate Management Audit 2000.

Advising that the Audit Committee concurred with the report and has also recommended that the report be referred to the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development for their review and report back to the Audit Committee.

Further advising for the information of Council, the Audit Committee also referred the report to the Chief Administrative Officer in order for the Administration to review it and report back to the Audit Committee on any policy changes required in order to implement the recommendations contained within the report. File FA-2

From the Honourable Greg Selinger, Minister of Finance,
642 - Submitting communication dated June 13, 2000 advising that By-law No. 7641/2000, 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 of Winnipeg in the aggregate principal amount of $80,946,219.10, which will receive first reading by City Council on June 21, 2000, is hereby approved. Also advising that it is hereby ordered that the maximum term of the debentures to be issued pursuant to this authorization be limited to thirty (30) years.
File FC-2 (Vol. 18)

From the City Solicitor/Manager of Legal Services,
643 - Submitting as instructed by Council on December 17, 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 east side of Scurfield Boulevard opposite Knightswood Court, in the Assiniboia Community, which by-law may receive all three readings. File DASZ 58/85 (Phase 34 A) (By-law No. 7642/2000)

From the City Solicitor/Manager of Legal Services,
644 - Submitting as instructed by Council on May 24, 2000, draft by-law to change the names of certain highways in The City of Winnipeg (from Queenston Street to Queenston Bay), in the City Centre Community, which by-law may receive all three readings. File SC-3.14 (32)(Vol. 2) (By-law No. 7643/2000)

From the City Solicitor/Manager of Legal Services,
645 - Submitting as instructed by Council on November 25, 1998, 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 Corbett Drive, west of Goswell Road in the Assiniboia Community, which by-law may receive all three readings. File DASZ 15/98 (By-law No. 7644/2000)

Communications (continued)

From the City Solicitor/Manager of Legal Services,
646 - Submitting as instructed by Council on March 24, 1999, 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 at 1401 and 1411 Regent Avenue in the East Kildonan-Transcona Community, which by-law may receive all three readings. File DASZ 27/98 (By-law No. 7645/2000)

From the City Solicitor/Manager of Legal Services,
647 - Submitting as instructed by Council on May 24, 2000, 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 at 2595 McPhillips Street in the Lord Selkirk-West Kildonan Community, which by-law may receive all three readings. File DASZ 24/99 (By-law No. 7646/2000)

From the City Solicitor/Manager of Legal Services,
648 - Submitting as instructed by Council on March 22, 2000, draft by-law to amend By-law No. 6123/93, being a by-law to prescribe the fee payable to The City of Winnipeg by taxicab license applicants, which by-law may receive all three readings. File ST-1 (Vol. 4) (By-law No. 7650/2000)

Moved by Councillor Lazarenko,
That the following communications which were received too late to be placed on the regular agenda, be received as information.

Carried.

From the City Solicitor/Manager of Legal Services,
649 - Submitting as instructed by Council on May 24, 2000, draft by-law to amend By-law No. 1481/77, being the City of Winnipeg Streets By-law, which by-law may receive all three readings.

Advising that amendments to the Traffic By-law will follow for the July 21, 2000 meeting of Council. The effect of this amendment to the Streets By-law is to remove the restriction of skateboards on sidewalks. In the interim period, it will only be unlawful to skateboard on roadways pursuant to Section 6 of the Traffic By-law.
File ST-7.2 (Vol. 14) (By-law No. 7656/2000)

From the City Solicitor/Manager of Legal Services,
650 - Submitting as instructed by Council on May 24, 2000, draft by-law to amend By-law No. 6546/95, being a by-law of the said City to regulate the construction, maintenance and removal of private approaches and private walks, which by-law may receive all three readings.
File SC-1(31) (Vol. 3) (By-law No. 7657/2000)

DELEGATIONS

651 - Julia Segal and Harold Millitaire, Flora Place Tenants Association, appeared before Council in opposition to Clause 10 of the Report of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, dated May 30, 2000, regarding Flora Place Housing Development - Lord Selkirk-West Kildonan Community, and filed a brief with the City Clerk. File FI-2.4.4.1 (Vol. 6)

Tom Simms, on behalf of the Community Education Development Association, also appeared in opposition to Clause 10 of the Report of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, dated May 30, 2000, regarding Flora Place Housing Development - Lord Selkirk-West Kildonan Community, and filed a brief with the City Clerk. File FI-2.4.4.1 (Vol. 6)

652 - Harold Buchwald appeared before Council in support of Clause 1 of the Report of the Standing Committee on Fiscal Issues dated April 4, 2000, regarding the Arts and Cultural Funding By-law.
Files FL-6 (Vol. 21) and FG-3 (Vol. 40)

Delegations (continued)

Moved by Councillor Gerbasi,

That Rule 54.1 of the Procedure By-law No. 5400/90, be suspended to allow Gloria Mendelson to address Council.

Carried.

653 - Gloria Mendelson, on behalf of "Forks for People - Non Profit", appeared in support of Clause 6 of the Report of the Executive Policy Committee, dated June 7, 2000, regarding a Request for Housing Proposal at The Forks from Pointe of View Developments. FR-4.1 (Vol. 5)