REPORT OF THE

STANDING COMMITTEE ON FISCAL ISSUES

DATED MAY 2, 2000

On motion of Councillor Clement, the Report of the Standing Committee on Fiscal Issues, dated May 2, 2000, was considered.

Moved by Councillor Clement,
That the Consent Agenda, Clause 1, be adopted.

Councillor Timm-Rudolph requested that Clause 1 be pulled from the Consent Agenda.

Form of the Tax and Assessment Rolls
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601 - 1. On May 6, 1992, Council adopted By-law No. 5949/92 providing for the realty tax roll to be in a form consisting of electronic entries in a computerized data storage system. At the time of passing this by-law, only the realty tax roll was maintained and available to the public in an electronic form, whereas the official business tax, business assessment and realty assessment rolls were paper documents. With the implementation of a new automated system for both the tax and assessment rolls, these official rolls are now contained in an electronic database.

The Corporate Finance and Property Assessment Departments jointly developed an automated system for the maintenance and delivery of their respective tax and assessment rolls. This new system, entitled "MANTA", was introduced to modernize and streamline the collection and management of shared tax and assessment data, and to be year 2000 compliant.

MANTA has been the production system for both the tax and assessment rolls since September 1999. The system will be used for the first time to produce the 2000 business tax and business assessment rolls, the 2000 realty tax roll and the 2001 realty assessment roll. The system will also be available for public viewing of the rolls via public access terminals at both the Tax Branch and the Property Assessment Department.

Section 181(2) of The City of Winnipeg Act provides that the business tax and assessment rolls may be in any form, including an electronic form. Similarly, Section 206(5) provides for the realty tax and assessment rolls to be in an electronic form. Council approval is required in order to pass a by-law to provide for the form and manner of storage of its tax rolls.

The Standing Committee on Fiscal Issues therefore recommends:

I. That By-law No. 5949/92 of the City of Winnipeg be amended as follows:

A. To include an electronic form of the business tax and business assessment rolls and the realty assessment roll.

B. To remove the requirement of causing a copy of the roll to be photographed on microfilm for the purpose of public inspection.

II. 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.

Moved by Councillor Clement,
Adoption of the clause.

Carried.

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CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

602 - On motion of Councillor Clement, the rule was suspended and By-law No. 7638/2000, a by-law of the City of Winnipeg to amend By-law No. 5949/92, being a by-law to provide for the form and manner of storage of its realty tax roll, was read 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-2 (Vol. 15)