REPORTS NOT RELATED TO THE JURISDICTION OF ANY COMMITTEE

REPORT OF THE

SECRETARIAT COMMITTEE

DATED MAY 23, 2000

Moved by Councillor O'Shaughnessy,

That the rule be suspended to consider the Report of the Secretariat Committee, dated May 23, 2000.

The motion to suspend the rule was put.

His Worship Mayor Murray called for the yeas and nays, which were as follows:-

Yea: Councillors O'Shaughnessy, Gerbasi, Golden, Lubosch, Prystanski, Smith, Steek, Thomas, Timm-Rudolph, Vandal, Eadie and Lazarenko. 12

Nay: Councillors Clement, De Smedt and His Worship Mayor Murray. 3

and the motion for the suspension of the rule was declared carried, and the Report of the Secretariat Committee, dated May 23, 2000, was considered.

Ward Communication Allowance Policy
Amendment - Executive Assistants
File GC-2

630 - 1. The Secretariat Committee at its meeting held May 23, 2000, passed the following motion and submits same to Council:-

WHEREAS Council at its meeting of April 28, 1993, adopted Clause 2 of the Report of the Secretariat Committee dated April 23, 1993 establishing the Ward Communication Allowance;

AND WHEREAS the Ward Communication Allowance is utilized for meeting the communication requirements for Councillors and their constituents, which include office and ward expenditures and the engagement of Councillors' Assistants;

AND WHEREAS these assistants are employees of the Ward Councillor under a contract for services;

AND WHEREAS as contract employees these assistants should receive entitlements similar to that provided to City of Winnipeg contract employees;

AND WHEREAS each Councillor serves a constituency of up to 60,000 persons;

AND WHEREAS the current allocation is insufficient to provide for benefits for assistant services and all communication requirements;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Councillors' Assistants be provided entitlements as identified in Appendix "A", costs of which are to be identified and budgeted for in a new account centre, effective July 1, 2000;

2. The Ward Communication Allowance Budget be increased to $70,000 per ward, effective July 1, 2000 (pro-rated for 2000);

3. And that the Ward Communication Allowance Policy be amended to reflect the above.

Report of the Secretariat Committee dated May 23, 2000

Moved by Councillor O'Shaughnessy,
That the clause be adopted.

In amendment,

Moved by Councillor De Smedt,
Seconded by Councillor Eadie,

WHEREAS Council is dedicated to fiscal prudence being exercised by every level of Civic Government;

AND WHEREAS the Ward Communication Allowance Policy is designed to provide Councillors with a budget to offset all costs of goods and services required in the executive of office;

AND WHEREAS the Ward Communication Allowance Policy provides for a transparent process which is audited at year end;

AND WHEREAS it is being recommended that Councillors' Executive Assistants receive additional benefits, which are to be budgeted for in a new account;

AND WHEREAS Councillors have been faced with rising costs of goods and services in the execution of their duties;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the clause be amended to reflect the following:

1. Payment for Executive Assistants additional benefits be made from the individual Councillor Ward Communication Allowance;

2. Each individual Ward Communication Allowance be increased to $66,000 to reflect these benefits and the increased cost of the provision of goods and services in the ward.

The Deputy Speaker called Councillor Eadie to the Chair in order to participate in the debate.

In amendment to the amendment,

Moved by Councillor Angus,
Seconded by Councillor O'Shaughnessy,

That the motion proposed by Councillors De Smedt and Eadie be amended by changing Recommendation No. 2 from $60,000 to $70,000.

The amendment to the amendment was put.

Report of the Secretariat Committee dated May 23, 2000

Councillor Clement called for the yeas and nays, which were as follows:-

Yea: Councillors O'Shaughnessy, Lazarenko, Angus, Gerbasi, Lubosch, Smith, Steek, Thomas, Timm-Rudolph and Vandal. 10

Nay: Councillors Clement, De Smedt, Golden, Prystanski, Eadie and His Worship Mayor Murray. 6

and the amendment to the amendment was declared carried.

The amendment, as amended, was put.

Councillor Clement called for the yeas and nays, which were as follows:-

Yea: Councillors O'Shaughnessy, Lazarenko, Angus, Gerbasi, Lubosch, Smith, Steek, Thomas, Timm-Rudolph, Vandal and Eadie. 11

Nay: Councillors Clement, De Smedt, Golden, Prystanski and His Worship Mayor Murray. 5

and the amendment, as amended, was declared carried.

The motion for the adoption of the clause, as amended, was put.

Councillor Clement called for the yeas and nays, which were as follows:-

Yea: Councillors O'Shaughnessy, Lazarenko, Angus, Gerbasi, Lubosch, Prystanski, Smith, Steek, Thomas, Timm-Rudolph, Vandal and Eadie. 12

Nay: Councillors Clement, De Smedt, Golden and His Worship Mayor Murray. 4

and the motion for the adoption of the clause, as amended, was declared carried.