REPORT OF THE

STANDING COMMITTEE ON FISCAL ISSUES

DATED JUNE 13, 2000

On motion of Councillor Clement, the Report of the Standing Committee on Fiscal Issues, dated June 13, 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.

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786 - 1. On March 8, 2000, the Executive Policy Committee referred to the Standing Committee on Fiscal Issues the recommendations of the Winnipeg Arts Advisory Council dated February 3, 2000, as concurred in by the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services, and amended as follows:

I. That the City of Winnipeg increase the cultural allocation administered by the Winnipeg Arts Advisory Council by $250,000.00 in year one, $500,000.00 in year two and $750,000.00 in year three and that the additional funding begin in 2000, with the following guiding principles, namely:-

A) Year one would be devoted entirely to new investment in arts and cultural festivals, emphasizing the following priorities:

i) Encourage the creation of new festivals from mature arts and cultural organizations, and from other organizations proposing new festivals with the potential for tourism, Downtown revitalization, and wide community participation;

ii) Development and enhancement of new and creative aspects of existing festivals, maximizing the fullest potential for tourism, Downtown revitalization and revenues; and

iii) That special consideration be given to free festivals in the Downtown area.

II. That the Downtown Winnipeg Arts and Festivals Initiative be re-evaluated after year three.

On April 4, 2000, the Standing Committee on Fiscal Issues considered this matter and stated its opinion that the motion passed by the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services should be filed, and that subsequent to its review of the Periodic Financial Report for the first quarter of 2000, the Standing Committee would review the funding of the cultural allocation administered by the Winnipeg Arts Advisory Council.

Following its approval of the first quarter financial report, on May 30, 2000, Committee directed that the matter of increased funding for the cultural allocation be held in abeyance pending its review of the Periodic Financial Report for the second quarter of 2000.

At its special meeting held on June 13, 2000, the Standing Committee on Fiscal Issues reconsidered this matter and approved an additional appropriation in the amount of $200,000.00 for festival initiatives in the Downtown area, and pursuant thereto recommended:

I. That authority to approve requests for funding for specific festivals in the Downtown area be delegated to the Standing Committee on Fiscal Issues.

II. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the foregoing, including any necessary policy or By-law amendments.

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As requested by the Executive Policy Committee at its meeting held on June 14, 2000, the Standing Committee on Fiscal Issues reconsidered this matter on June 27, 2000, and pursuant thereto, rescinds its recommendation of June 13, 2000, thereby confirming that authority to approve requests for specific festivals in the Downtown area remain with the Winnipeg Arts Advisory Council, under the jurisdiction of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services.

The Standing Committee on Fiscal Issues further notes that the approved funds in the amount of $200.000.00 not be viewed as an increase to the cultural allocation but is additional funding to determine if more financial support will create a positive change to festival activity in the Downtown area.

This clause has been submitted for the information of Council.

Moved by Councillor Clement,
Adoption of the clause.

Carried.