REPORT OF THE

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON

PROTECTION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

DATED NOVEMBER 29, 1999

On motion of Councillor Vandal, Clause 1 of the Report of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services, dated November 29, 1999, was considered.

Provision of Emergency Response Service
Outside The City of Winnipeg
File GF-1 (Vol. 17)

440 - 1. The Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services has been advised that the number of calls for emergency medical services is increasing within the City of Winnipeg. This places constrains within the department's ability to provide timely responses to the municipalities of Ritchot and Headingley and to the Stony Mountain Institution. At the same time, calls for service to these areas are lengthy in duration due to the distances involved, which further impacts negatively on ambulance response times within the City of Winnipeg.

Similarly, the number of calls due to emergency fire services is increasing within the City of Winnipeg. Earning only modest revenue from providing fire services to the University of Manitoba (Glenlea Experimental Station) and Imperial Oil Depot, calls to these areas are lengthy which impacts negatively on fire response times within the City of Winnipeg.

Prior to 1985, ambulance services were known as The City of Winnipeg Ambulance Department. Services were indiscriminately provided upon request to all areas surrounding the City to a radius of many miles, without any contracts being in place with adjoining municipalities. The then Commissioner of Finance, Mr. Malcolm Anderson stopped this practice in 1985. Lengthy negotiations followed with surrounding municipalities and with the Provincial Government, the result was that the City entered into contracts with the following:

The Stony Mountain Institution (1986);
The Province of Manitoba, through the Manitoba Health Services Commission, to provide ambulance services to the area outside the boundaries of the City up to and including the Perimeter Highway (1987);
The Rural Municipality of Ritchot (1987); and
The Rural Municipality of Headingley, when it seceded from the City in 1994.

These account for approximately $53,000 in annual revenue.

Fire services are provided however, no formal agreement exists for the following:

CPR north Transcona yards – east on Cordite Road to CPR road (south side of yard);
Imperial Oil Depot – 2915 Henderson Highway;
University of Manitoba Glenlea Experimental Station – 12 km south of city on Highway 75; and
Border Chemical – 595 Gunn Road

City owned properties outside the boundaries that fire services respond to include the following:

Little Mountain Park
La Barrier Park
Camp Amisk
Ritchot Park
John Blumberg Golf Course
Roland Farms R.M. of Springfield
Boat launch riverbank parcel of land West St. Paul
Landfill site West St. Paul
Deacon Reservoir R.M. of Springfield
Transcona Cemetery R.M. of Springfield

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Lyncrest Airport and adjoining land of R.M. of Springfield
Quarry and gravel pit sites:
Plant 1 – Stony Mountain Quarry
Plant 6 – Pine Ridge Gravel Pit

When the ambulance system in Winnipeg had excess capacity in comparison to demand, it made good economic sense to enter into these contracts as they generated revenue for the City, especially in light of the fact that the City once provided theses services at no cost to the surrounding municipalities.

Now that there is a clearly defined and documented resource deficiency with respect to ambulance service within the City, it is no longer viable to provide this service to areas outside the City at the expense of increased response times to the citizens of Winnipeg. From a risk management perspective, it is also not desirable to continue with these contracts in that the level of service provided to the municipalities is not consistent with their expectations, based upon past performance when the call volume within the City was lower. Furthermore, as the Fire service now delivers automobile extrication both inside and outside the City, these contracts impact on the resource utilization of both the Fire and Ambulance Branches of the Emergency Response Service Department.

The only contract that should remain in place is for service up to the Perimeter Highway. This contract was implemented at the request of the Provincial Government, as a result of complaints received from members of the public involved in medical emergencies that resulted in an ambulance response from some distance away, and usually by on-call, volunteer staff. As a great number of persons requiring this service were residents of Winnipeg who were traveling on the Perimeter Highway, it made political as well as economic sense to enter into this contract. The same rationale still exists today. In addition, there is little impact on the Fire branch as the distances involved in providing extrication service are minimal in comparison to Ritchot, for example, where a response 30 kilometers south of the City for a motor vehicle accident is not unusual.

Fire services assumes a liability when going outside the city's boundaries earning only modest revenue. It is not in the interest of Emergency Response Service to continue to provide fire services outside the city boundaries except in two areas; these include where the immediately adjoining City of Winnipeg's safety could be impacted (Border Chemical) and where boundaries become difficult to establish (Transcona CPR yards).

One of the terms of the contract where the ambulance contracts are concerned, is that ninety days written notice is required to discontinue the contract. In the case of the Rural Municipality of Ritchot, a longer period may be required.

Financial Impact:

The ambulance service contracts to be discontinued generate annual revenue of $60,149 broken down as follows:

Stony Mountain Penitentiary	$5,525
R. M of Ritchot	$41,752
R. M. of Headingley	$12,872

The fire service contracts generate revenue calculated on a formula based on fire service costs as a percentage of assessed property value. In 1999, the amount billed to the contracts to be discontinued amounted to $50,452 broken down as follows:

Imperial Oil Depot	$47,413
University of Manitoba, Glenlea Station	$3,039

The financial impact statement, as outlined on Schedule "A", shows the effect of the discontinuance of the contracts over the next five-year period.

The following is the financial impact to Emergency Response Service if it divests itself of the ambulance and fire services outside the city's boundaries:

	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004
Revenue reductions	$110,601	$111,610	$112,639	$113,689	$114,760

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The Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services recommends:

I. That the City of Winnipeg provide ambulance service outside the City only up to and including the Perimeter Highway and divest itself of its contracts with the Rural Municipality of Headingley, the Rural Municipality of Ritchot and the Stony Mountain Institution as of 90 days from Council approval.

II. That the City of Winnipeg provide fire service outside the City only up to and including the Perimeter Highway except for the CPR north Transcona yards and Border Chemical, (595 Gunn Road) and divest itself of its contracts with the University of Manitoba (Glenlea Experimental Station) and the Imperial Oil Depot at 2915 Henderson Highway as of 90 days from Council approval.

III. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to effect the intent of the foregoing.

The Executive Policy Committee concurs in the recommendations of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services with an amendment to Recommendations I. and II. by deleting the following words: "as of 90 days from Council approval" and substituting therefore the following: "effective June 30, 2000".

Moved by Councillor Vandal,
Adoption of the clause.

In amendment,

Moved by Councillor Eadie,
That the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee be adopted.

The amendment proposed by the Executive Policy Committee was put and declared carried.

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

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STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON

PROTECTION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

DATED FEBRUARY 7, 2000

On motion of Councillor Vandal, Clause 1 of the Report of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services, dated February 7, 2000, was considered.

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

441 - Councillor Golden asked to be recorded as having voted against Clause 1, in accordance with Rule 50.7 of the Procedure By-law.

The motion to adopt the Consent Agenda, Clause 1, was put and declared carried.

Establishment of a Volunteer Committee for the Monitoring, Supervision and Regulation of the Sex Trade/Prostitution in Winnipeg File GF-2 (Vol. 52)

442 - 1. On December 16, 1999, Council ruled automatic referral of the following motion to the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services, under Rule 16.1 of the Procedure By-law No. 5400/90, namely:

Moved by Councillor Lazarenko,
Seconded by Councillor Smith,

WHEREAS on November 29, 1999, the Provincial Court of Manitoba issued a ruling which called into question the ability of the City of Winnipeg, through the License By-law, to protect its citizens by regulating prostitution;

AND WHEREAS the sex trade in Winnipeg is clearly in need of monitoring and supervision in order to protect the health and safety of its participants and citizens at large and to prevent the exploitation of children;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council establish a volunteer committee consisting of a retired judge and individuals with social and medical expertise to examine the City's ability to regulate the sex trade and to make recommendations to Council on appropriate methods and means, including consideration of the establishment of a red-light district.

On January 10, 2000, the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services considered the matter and heard Councillor Lazarenko, Mr. Wayne Helgason, Social Planning Council of Winnipeg, Mr. Ken McGhie and Mr. R. Simmons with respect to this matter.

On January 26, 2000, Council approved an extension of time of 30 days in which to consider proposed Terms of Reference for this matter.

On February 7, 2000, the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services considered the matter and heard Councillor Lazarenko, Mr. Wayne Helgason, Executive Director, Social Planning Council of Winnipeg and Mrs. Mary Richard, North Main Task Force and Neeginan Development Corporation, with respect to this matter.

The Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services concurred in the draft Terms of Reference and Membership submitted by Councillor Lazarenko, dated January 31, 2000, namely: -

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Terms of Reference

Purpose:

To examine the City's ability to regulate the sex trade and to make recommendations to Council on appropriate methods and means, including consideration of the establishment of a red-light district.

The sex trade in Winnipeg is clearly in need of monitoring and supervision in order to protect the health and safety of its participants and citizens at large and to prevent the exploitation of children.

Mandate:

The mandate of the Committee shall be as follows:

1. To review the City of Winnipeg's current and past involvement under the City of Winnipeg Act and under by-laws, including consideration of relevant provincial and federal jurisdiction;

2. To examine work done and recommendations made by the various task forces and committees already involved in this issue in Manitoba and across Canada in so far as may be applicable to the City of Winnipeg;

3. To research and examine programs in other jurisdictions to determine their application to the City of Winnipeg;

4. To hold public meetings and to consider submissions;

5. Within 6 months of its appointment, to present its recommendations to Council on action which may be taken under the existing City of Winnipeg Act, including consideration of associated costs and implications.

Membership:

Councillors Lazarenko and Smith shall be delegated jointly the responsibility for submitting recommendations for Committee appointees to the Selection Committee of the Executive Policy Committee. The Executive Policy Committee, in turn, shall submit the names of suitable appointees for ratification by Council, not later than the March 22, 2000, scheduled meeting of Council.

Members of the Committee, once appointed, shall serve on a volunteer basis and shall include persons with expertise in the following areas:

- A retired judge
- A member of the academic community with expertise in the social services
- A prominent lawyer who is a recognized authority
- A professional social worker
- A doctor or professional health worker
- A citizen at large as a community representative.

The Committee shall have the ability to recommend to Council the appointment of additional members, as required.

For the information of Council, the Committee did not concur with the provision of Support for financial and human resources and assistance from the offices of the Civic Administration including the Winnipeg Police Service, the City Clerk's Department, the Legal Services Department and such other offices or officers as the Committee may deem appropriate.

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In amendment,

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That the automatic referral motion by Council to the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services on December 16, 1999 be filed;

II. That the recommendations of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services be concurred in with the following amendment to the first sentence of the "Purpose" outlined in the Terms of Reference above to read as follows:

"To examine the City's ability to regulate the sex trade and to make recommendations to Council."

On February 23, 2000, Council referred back to the Executive Policy Committee, Clause 1 of the Report of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services, dated February 7, 2000, in the above connection, along with the following motion, namely:-

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Item 1 under Mandate be amended to include the words "in regulation of the sex trade" between the words "involvement" and "under".

The Executive Policy Committee has reconsidered the matter and recommends:

I. That the automatic referral motion by Council to the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services on December 16, 1999 be filed;

II. That the recommendations of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services be concurred in and that the "Purpose" outlined in the Terms of Reference be amended to read as follows:

To examine the City's regulation pertaining to the sex trade and make recommendations to Council.

Adopted by consent.

(See Minute No. 441 for opposition recorded by Councillor Golden)

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STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON

PROTECTION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

DATED MARCH 6, 2000

On motion of Councillor Vandal, the Report of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services, dated March 6, 2000, was considered clause by clause.

Moved by Councillor Vandal,
That the Consent Agenda, Clauses 1,2,3,4,5,6 and 7, be adopted.

Carried.

Award of Tender No. 1617-99, the Lease of Police Service Motorcycles
File GL-9 (Vol. 14) [c/r GF-2 (Vol. 52)]

443 - 1. The Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services has been advised that the tender is for the lease of nine Police Service Motorcycles with a buy out of one dollar at the end of the lease. The motorcycles are to replace part of the existing fleet of Police Service Units.

Four suppliers submitted bids, one of which the Manager of Materials Management has deemed non-responsive. The non-responsive bidder namely Headingley Sport Shop, failed to submit sufficient bid security.

The award is based upon three criteria:

- a fully responsive bid meeting the requirements of specification 99042
- qualification of the Bidder
- price

The Tender closed on February 3, 2000. In accordance with the City purchasing procedures for the supply and delivery of a lease of Police Service Motorcycles, Bid Securities and Written Undertakings to provide performance Security were required. The Manager of the Materials Management Division has advised that the tender submission was accompanied by a Bid Bond and an Agreement to Bond. Legal Services has certified the bid deposit.

The acceptable bid submissions are outlined on Appendix “A”, which lists bid prices based upon 9 units. The Bids are open for acceptance until April 3, 2000.

The Equipment and Material Services Division has conducted a Tender Review with Bob’s Bike Works Incorporated, and is of the opinion that they have the necessary resources and experience to supply the equipment and perform the work required in accordance with the requirements of the specifications.

Budget funds have been allocated from account # 01-552703-22403002 and Council must approve the award of this Contract, as the funds are committed from future budgets.

Financial Impact:

The cost of this contract is estimated to be $79,164.00 per year. This expenditure is within the proposed current budget funds available for the 2000, 2001 and 2002 fiscal years. The contract documents stipulate that the award of this work is subject to the annual approval of funds by City Council.

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The Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services recommends:

I. That a contract be awarded for the lease of Police Service Motorcycles, from the date of delivery (no later than July 7, 2000) for a period of 36 months, to Bob's Bike Works Incorporated, the lowest bidder meeting the requirements of the specifications in the amount of $237,492.00 plus M.R.S.T. and G.S.T.

II. As the total conditional contract amount does not exceed $1,000,000.00, that the Manager of Materials be authorized to issue the purchase order.

III. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to effect the intent of the foregoing.

Adopted by consent.

(See Minute No. 475 for attachment)

Emergency Response Service request for permission to authorize time extensions and an appeal process for compliance with the Smoke Alarm By-law No. 1322/76
File GF-1 (Vol. 18)

444 - 2. Council enacted amendments to the Fire Prevention By-law No. 1322/76 on March 24, 1999. The amendment provides for additional smoke alarm requirements in residential rental properties. This amendment is to come into force on March 24, 2000, for hard-wired installations.

On January 26, 2000, By-law No. 1322/76, was amended by By-law No. 7556/2000, which extended the compliance date for the installation of 10-year lithium powered smoke alarms from March 24, 2000 to September 30, 2000.

On January 4, 2000, the Manitoba Housing Authority submitted a request to the Standing Committee on Protection and Community Services for an extension of time to comply with Section 7 of By-law No. 1322/76.

On January 10, 2000, the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services referred the request from The Manitoba Housing Authority to the Chief Operating Officer, Emergency Response Service, for report back to the Committee for its meeting scheduled for February 7, 2000.

On February 7, 2000, the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services laid the matter over to the meeting of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services scheduled for March 6, 2000, in order for the Emergency Response Service to consult with Legal Services on compliance issues relative to By-law No. 1322/76.

Emergency Response Services consulted with the Legal Services Division to consider solutions in light of numerous requests for extensions of time to comply with Section 7 of By-law No. 1322/76. Legal Services advised Emergency Response Services that they did not have authority to consider such requests. It was determined that the most appropriate vehicle would be to utilize the Winnipeg Building Commission to hear, consider and possibly grant approval for extensions of time and technical requirements under the by-law.

Representatives from Emergency Response Services and Legal Services met with representatives from the Winnipeg Building Commission on February 17, 2000, to seek the Commission's agreement. The Commission agreed this was consistent with their current responsibilities, which include considering and hearing appeals under other Building and Fire Safety By-laws, such as the Winnipeg Building By-law No. 4555/87, and the Existing Residential Occupancies By-law No. 4304/86. Approval of this recommendation would provide a reasonable mechanism for appeal by property owners deemed to be aggrieved as a result of By-law No. 1322/76 requirements.

The Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services recommends:

I. That the Fire Prevention By-law No. 1322/76, be amended to authorize the Winnipeg Building Commission to hear and consider appeals concerning compliance with the by-law.

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II. That the City Solicitor/Manager of Legal Services be requested to prepare the necessary amending by-laws.

III. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to effect the intent of the foregoing.

Adopted by consent.

Recommendations for Amusement Tax Exemption File FL-6 (Vol. 21)

445 - 3. The Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services has considered recommendations received from the Winnipeg Arts Advisory Council for exemption to the Amusement Tax By-law.

The Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services submits draft by-law and recommends:

I. That the following list of exemptions be added to Schedule "E" of the Amusement Tax By-law No. 3107/81, namely:

Gilbert and Sullivan Society of Winnipeg for:
Patience at the Pantages Playhouse Theatre on April 6 to 9, 2000

Manitoba Registered Music Teacher's Association for:
MRMTA Scholarship Series at the Eva Clare Hall, University of Manitoba, on April 9, 2000 and April 29, 2000

Rainbow Harmony Project for:
Spring Concert at the Walker Theatre on May 20, 2000

Rozmai Ukrainian Dance Ensemble for:
Annual Recital at the Pantages Playhouse Theatre on May 10, 2000

Selkirk and District Ukrainian Dancers for:
Annual Recital at the Pantages Playhouse Theatre on May 16, 2000

Ruth Cansfield Dance Company for:
Untitled at the Gas Station Theatre on April 13 to 15, 2000

Winnipeg Youth Orchestra for:
Sounds of Spring at the Manitoba Centennial Concert Hall on May 1, 2000

II. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to effect the intent of the foregoing.

Adopted by consent.

Community Incentive Grant Application - West Kildonan Curling Club File PR-2.6(34) (Vol. 8)

446 - 4. The Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services has been advised that the Lord Selkirk-West Kildonan Community Committee, at its meeting on February 8, 2000, considered an application from the West Kildonan Curling Club for a Community Incentive Grant in the amount of $13,110.00, to assist with the West Kildonan Rock project, located at 210 Enniskillen Avenue.

The application does not meet the eligibility criteria contained in the Community Incentive Grant Program.

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The Lord Selkirk-West Kildonan Community Committee recommended approval of a Community Incentive Grant to the West Kildonan Curling Club in the amount of $13,110.00, for the purpose requested.

The Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services concurred in the recommendation of the Lord Selkirk-West Kildonan Community Committee, and recommends:

I. That the following eligibility criteria for the Community Incentive Grant Program, be waived in this instance, namely: -

a) The project is to make a significant contribution to the long-term benefit of the community-at-large in terms of improved facilities;

b) The project is not to compete with or duplicate other community facilities;

c) The project is to benefit the community-at-large and remain accessible to all members of the community, and

d) The project is to clearly articulate a plan of activities including projected work schedules, material, labour, equipment and other project requirements and lead to the completion of a substantial physical product.

II. That a Community Incentive Grant in the amount of $13,110.00, not to exceed a maximum of fifty percent (50%) of the total project cost, be approved to the West Kildonan Curling Club for the purpose requested, subject to the following conditions:

a) Confirmation of other funding sources;

b) Approval of final plans and specifications for the project by the Director; and

c) The applicant entering into a formal agreement with the City of Winnipeg.

III. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the foregoing.

Adopted by consent.

Millennium Library Project
File L-1 (Vol. 16)

447 - 5. On December 16, 1999, Council ruled automatic referral of the following motion to the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services, under Rule 16.1 of the Procedure By-law No. 5400/90, namely:

Moved by Councillor Vandal,
Seconded by Councillor Thomas,

WHEREAS the Millennium Library Project is a project with tremendous potential for the entire City of Winnipeg;

AND WHEREAS, there is no capital dollars in the year 2000 for the Millennium Library;

BE IT RESOLVED, that $1,000,000.00 be taken from the Library Reserve for the Millennium Library, subject to:

I. Other funding being in place from the Provincial and Federal Governments;

II. Adequate dollars remaining in the reserves.

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On January 26, 2000, Council adopted Clause 9 of the Report of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services, requesting an extension of time of 60 days inasmuch as the matter was referred to the Administration for report back including an analysis of the Millennium Library Project and the Manitoba Centre of Knowledge Business Plans as well as an update with respect to the status of funding requests from other levels of government.

On March 6, 2000, the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services reconsidered the issue and further requested that Council grant an extension of time of 30 days in which to consider the matter.

Adopted by consent.

Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation donations to the Winnipeg Public Library File L-1 (Vol. 16)

448 - 6. The Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services has been advised that the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation was created to support initiatives in health and learning that will improve people's lives on a global basis. The Local Library Gates Library initiative is dedicated to closing the gap between those who have access to the Internet and those who do not by equipping North American libraries with Internet access, hardware, software, technical training and assistance. As of November 1999, thirty five million dollars has been distributed to 2,200 libraries in North America. The Gates Foundation chose public libraries as their major learning initiative because public libraries are leading the way in providing access to technology and literacy to people of all ages and walks of life. The goal of the Gates Foundation is to reach 11,400 libraries in North America including 1,400 in Canada. The Gates Foundation hopes that it will be the catalyst to encourage other partners in both the private and public sector to help support libraries.

In October 1998, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation announced plans for a Canadian public library initiative to increase access to the Internet.

In 1999, the Province of Manitoba was contacted by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation regarding a Gates Library Initiative Grant. An agreement between the Province and the Gates Foundation was finalized on December 1, 1999, for $1,109,445. Public Library Services for the Province is coordinating the Gates agreement and working with the Library Services Division on the City's application. In October of 1999, staff from Public Library Services and the City of Winnipeg, Library Services Division, travelled to Seattle to learn more about the grant initiative and the application process.

In December 1993, City Council approved a Library Fundraising policy. This policy allows the Library Services Division to seek funding to supplement the Library's budget. The Library is focusing on a number of fundraising initiatives, including the Gates Foundation Grant to enhance technology in libraries.

The Gates Foundation Grant will provide the Community Services Department, Library Services Division, with funding to purchase public Internet access computers, software, laser printers, connection hardware and high-speed access to thirteen city library branches. The Centennial, Cornish, Munroe, St. Johns, West End and West Kildonan libraries will all receive 6 PCS, while Henderson, Osborne, Pembina Trail, Sir William Stephenson, St. Boniface, St. Vital, and St. James libraries will all receive 4 PCS. The grant will also purchase 1 printer per branch. The Gates Foundation provided the province with a set of parameters for library eligibility. Statistics Canada determined the eligibility based on communities where 17.6% of the population lives in poverty. The Gates Foundation determined the number of PCS per branch based on user population.

The Gates Foundation has also offered the Library 10 PCS for a training room for both public and staff use. The Library is investigating potential space in various branches to accommodate this training room initiative.
The total grant for the Library Services Division is valued at $412,000. The Library anticipates receiving the Gates Foundation grant by the summer of 2000 and to complete the installation by the end of 2000.

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As a condition of the grant, the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation requires that the Mayor of Winnipeg, through Council authority, sign a document which states that the Gates Foundation grant,

> "will augment the City's current and anticipated funding and will not replace it.... and that the City intends that the current and anticipated Library funding will be used by the Library to keep all computers, printers, and networking components provided by this grant fully operational."

City Council has indicated its ongoing commitment and support of Library automation initiatives by investing capital funding in the Library's technology infrastructure through the Library's Community Computer Access Program (CCAP). The CCAP funding is enabling the Library to provide high-speed public Internet access at all branches.

The Library recognizes that there will be additional costs generated by the Gates grant for staff time, furniture and equipment. The Library will be able to deal with these costs through its operating budget.

In addition, the Gates Foundation encourages both expanding partnership opportunities and leveraging existing Library dollars to further enhance access to the Internet and digital information. The Library has recently received a $60,000 grant from Human Resource Development Canada to place PC's in various branches to enhance career and job searches.

City Council is the only authority that can approve the funding commitments required by the Gates Foundation.

On February 7, 2000, the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services heard Mrs. Helen Kolomaya in delegation in connection hereto and requested that the Administration provide an update for the March 6, 2000, meeting of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services, on the status of the City of Winnipeg's application for funding from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, as well as the type of requests that have been made to date.

Financial Impact:

The Library will be able to fund all costs not covered by the grant through its operating budget and is outlined on Appendix "A".

The Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services recommends:

I. That City Council approve the terms of the Gates Foundation agreement.

II. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to effect the intent of the foregoing.

Adopted by consent.

(See Minute No. 476 for attachment)

Proposal for a new fee to be added to the Fees and Charges Schedule - Sale of "A Guide to a Healthy Child Care Environment" Manual
File GL-5.8.1 (Vol. 1)

449 - 7. The Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services has been advised that since the early 1980's, Environmental Health Services has been inspecting licensed daycare facilities on an annual basis. The purpose of these inspections is to ensure that a healthy, safe and sanitary environment is provided in the areas of food preparation, heating and ventilation, plumbing and sanitary facilities, lighting, and space requirements, and that the spread of communicable disease is prevented. In order to facilitate a more proactive inspection process, the Environmental Health Services Branch had developed an instructional/reference guide for day care operators. The reference material has now become dated with regards to current hygiene and safety practices/standards and the layout of the current manual required improvement.

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Therefore, the Environmental Health Services Branch has now rewritten the Manual. The final rewritten document is of such professional quality that the Department feels that there is potential to market the document to various childcare agencies, educational institutions, libraries, and public health agencies within the province and nation wide. Manitoba Family Services Child Day Care has committed to purchasing a minimum of six hundred of these documents, and anticipates using these guidelines as a companion document to their licensing checklist. The marketing of this manual for sale throughout Canada allows the City of Winnipeg to recover costs related to the production of the manual that otherwise would have been produced and distributed to Winnipeg day cares at full cost to the City of Winnipeg.

The manual provides a comprehensive health promotion approach aimed at preventing and reducing the spread of communicable disease in childcare facilities. It is intended to help child care providers maintain a clean, safe and healthy environment within their food service, washroom, play and sleeping areas.

The decision to market the manual is based on the following considerations:

Cost:
In its current format, the guide can be printed for approximately $6.00 per copy. Price varies depending on the number of copies produced. Shipping and handling costs would be variable; depending on the number of copies shipped. Other costs associated with the production of the manual include administrative, development, and Marketing costs.

Market Conditions:
To the best of our knowledge, this is the only document of its kind available in Canada. We feel there is a market for this type of document among agencies that provide childcare services and/or educational training and material related to childcare. These would include, but are not restricted to: childcare agencies, childcare associations, residential childcare homes and agencies, municipal recreation departments, community recreation centres, school divisions, colleges or technical schools, universities, municipal, provincial and federal health and childcare authorities, and libraries (school, municipal, college, and university).

This manual should continue to be marketable for several years as new daycares become licensed and since the material does not date quickly. Wide distribution of this well developed product also promotes the image of Winnipeg as a child-friendly centre with high health standards.

Threats:
There is no valid research on the need or demand for this document. Our current perspective is based on discussion with potential users of the document locally and nationally. They have expressed great interest in the manual.

The document is easily reproduced on a scanner or copier at a cost much less than the suggested purchase price. It would be impossible to control this type of theft. Keeping the price affordable would encourage groups to buy it rather than copy it.

At present, we understand our manual is the only one of its kind in Canada. Competition in the future could seriously erode our market position.

City Council must approve any new fee that is added to the present fee schedule.

Financial Impact:

The marketing of this manual for sale throughout Canada allows the City of Winnipeg to recover costs related to the production of the manual that otherwise would have been produced and distributed to Winnipeg day cares at full cost to the City of Winnipeg.

The goal is to produce and sell on an annual basis over the next 5 years, 1000 manuals to targeted audiences throughout Canada, with a primary focus on the Winnipeg and Manitoba market. The cost of the 2001 advertising campaign will not exceed $4,000, and will not exceed $2,000 in each of the following years.

The Department expects to realize a net benefit of $3,000 - $4,000 from the initial 1000 manuals printed. Further sales should bring an increased profit margin as advertising and other associated costs decline.

Report of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services dated March 6, 2000

The recommended Fee Schedule is based on the following:

- $17.95 per copy if ordering 1-9 copies. (Printing cost of $6.20 plus approximately 200% to offset administrative, development and marketing costs)
- $15.50 per copy if ordering 10-49 copies. (Printing cost of $6.20 plus 150% to offset administrative, development and marketing costs)
- $11.95 per copy if ordering 50 or more copies. (Printing cost of $6.20 plus 100% to offset administrative, development and marketing costs)
- A discounted price for the sale of manuals to Manitoba Day Care will be considered since this agency was involved in the development of the initial document.

The Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services recommends:

I. In accordance with the Fees and Charges Schedule, that the following new fees be added for the sale of a day care manual, "A Guide To A Healthy Child Care Environment":

$17.95 per copy if ordering 1-9 copies.
$15.50 per copy if ordering 10-49 copies.
$11.95 per copy if ordering 50 or more copies.

II. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to effect the intent of the foregoing.

Adopted by consent.

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROTECTION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

450 - On motion of Councillor Vandal, By-law No. 7574/2000, a by-law of The City of Winnipeg to amend the Amusement Tax By-law No. 3107/81, 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. 21)

On motion of Councillor Vandal, the rule was suspended and By-law No. 7596/2000, a by-law of The City of Winnipeg to amend By-law No. 1322/76, being the Winnipeg Fire Prevention By-law, 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 GF-1 (Vol. 18)

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QUESTION PERIOD

451 - Councillor Timm-Rudolph questioned that if the negotiations with the Province over ambulance funding were unsatisfactory, how would the City be able to continue to provide ambulance services outside of the City boundaries.

Councillor Vandal noted that the City was trying to develop a better service delivery model and advised that they wanted to get a clear answer from the Provincial Government on what they were willing to do for Winnipeggers and the City's paramedic service.

Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services - Question Period (continued)

Councillor Steek questioned when the TriData risk assessment report would be forthcoming, to which Councillor Vandal replied that a draft report was expected by the second week of April, followed by the final report in May.

Councillor Steek questioned if Council Members would be notified when the draft report comes forward so they might hear a presentation from TriData, to which Councillor Vandal replied that it was his intention to have a Council seminar on the matter, but probably not until the final copy of the report was received, to ensure accuracy.

Councillor Timm-Rudolph questioned if Chief Shoemaker had been directed to meet with the Paramedic Association to place a gag order on their comments to the media on the provision of emergency services.

Councillor Vandal advised that he was not aware of a meeting of this nature and that Chief Shoemaker had not received any political instructions to undertake this direction.