REPORT OF THE

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON

PROTECTION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

DATED NOVEMBER 29, 1999

On motion of Councillor Vandal, Clause 11 of the Report of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services dated November 29, 1999, was considered.

Appointment of Council Representative to the Winnipeg Arts Advisory Council Files FG-3 (Vol. 36) and GC-7 (Vol. 28)

291 - 11. Council, at its Organizational Meeting held on November 3, 1999, referred to the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services, the matter of the review of Council memberships to the Winnipeg Arts Advisory Council.

The Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services recommends for appointment Councillor Lubosch and Councillor Smith as the Council representatives to the Winnipeg Arts Advisory Council.

Inasmuch as the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services has reconsidered the subject matter at its meeting on January 10, 2000, and has submitted its decision in Clause 12 of its Report dated January 10, 2000, the Executive Policy Committee recommends that Clause 11 of the Report of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services be filed.

Moved by Councillor Vandal,
That the clause be filed.

Carried.

REPORT OF THE

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON

PROTECTION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

DATED JANUARY 10, 2000

On motion of Councillor Vandal, the Report of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services, dated January 10, 2000, was considered clause by clause.

Moved by Councillor Vandal,

That the Consent Agenda, Clauses 2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11 and 12, be adopted.

Councillor Timm-Rudolph requested that Clause 2 be pulled from the Consent Agenda.

The motion to adopt the Consent Agenda, Clauses 3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11 and 12 was put and declared carried.

Amendments to the City of Winnipeg Noise Control By-law No. 2480/79 to Regulate Unnecessary and Harmful Noises
File ER-1.2 (Vol. 14)

292 - 1. On December 6, 1979, Council passed By-law No. 2480/79. The by-law regulates the unnecessary and harmful noises within the City of Winnipeg, by prohibiting certain identified noise nuisances and providing exceptions to those prohibitions in Section IV.

Currently, the Commissioner of Planning and Community Services is identified as being responsible for the administration of the by-law.

Though the by-law indicates that the Commissioner of Planning and Community Services (now the Chief Administrative Officer) is responsible for its administration, in fact, the Chief of Police has taken the major role in the administration and enforcement. As the process is currently operated, the Chief Administrative Officer does not have any related duties and as such it seems appropriate that the by-law be amended accordingly.

There is a section in the by-law which notes that exemptions from the by-law are permitted if a permit is obtained from the Chief of Police. Section IV 4.1.8 states, the authority to the Chief of Police for the issuance of "noise permits" which in effect, grants exemption from the by-law to the holder of the permit for an identified period of time. While the by-law implies the Chief's authority, it does not specifically indicate that the Chief of Police has the authority to exempt an individual from the by-law. Further, the by-law is silent on the ability of the Chief of Police to revoke the noise permit.

The recommended amendments relative to Section V, clarify the role of the Chief of Police, provide clear authority to revoke or deny a permit if necessary and outline an available appeal process.

Generally speaking, the Winnipeg Police Service issues approximately 150 noise permits per year. Permits are applied for on average two weeks prior to the event. The Winnipeg Police Service has in the past not turned down a permit because of the lack of authority to do so. If the authority as requested had been in place in 1999, it is estimated that approximately six permits would have been denied. If all the recommendations contained in this report are concurred with, it is expected that the number of permits refused may increase from the above estimate.

Pursuant to Sub-Section 149(1.3) of The City of Winnipeg Act, Council has the discretion to establish a minimum and maximum penalty for an offence, which includes the authority to establish progressively higher penalties that exceed the former limits for repeat offences. Also, pursuant to Section 149(6) where a corporation commits an offence, each director or officer who authorized, consented to, connived at, or knowingly permitted or acquiesced in, the doing of the act that constitutes the offence, is likewise guilty of the offence and is liable to a penalty. The penalties as established will apply equally to all individuals, corporations and officers or directors of corporations.

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It should be noted that the establishment of minimum fines by the City does not remove the discretion available to a judge in sentencing an individual or corporation charged under the by-law. Sub-Section 7(1) of The Summary Convictions Act, provides that if a Justice is satisfied from the evidence at trial, or from information received after a plea of guilty, that an offence with which an accused is charged occurred through accident or under circumstances not wholly attributable to the fault of the accused, the justice may reduce the fine, grant a reprimand, suspend the sentence or order a discharge.

The establishment through legislation, by Council, of minimum and maximum fines serves to provide a more definitive and effective range of penalties for enforcement and sentencing purposes. While in some instances a judge may impose a lessor sentence than the minimum fine, in general, a minimum and maximum fine for an offence presents a judge with an appropriate range for the exercise of discretion in sentencing.

There is no financial impact in this connection.

On September 7, 1999, the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services requested that the Administration review the Noise Control By-law No. 2480/79 with proposed recommendations on amending maximum noise levels and time restrictions for outdoor activities or concerts.

On November 29, 1999, the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services considered a report from the Chief of Police, dated November 12, 1999, and laid the matter over to their next meeting scheduled for January 10, 2000.

The Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services recommends:

I. That the City of Winnipeg Noise Control By-law No. 2480/79, regulating unnecessary and harmful noises, be amended as follows:

A) Amend Section IV (Exemptions)

I) add Section 4.1.10 to include work performed in respect of the maintenance of public works.

B) Repeal Section V (Administration), and substitute it with the following:

Section V (Administration and Enforcement)

5.1 This by-law shall be administered by the Chief of Police.

5.2 The Chief of Police may issue a permit to exempt the holder from the provisions of this by-law. The permit may contain conditions which must be maintained in order for the permit to remain valid. Conditions include, but are not limited to:

i) time limitations; unless authorized by the Chief of Police, a noise permit will be valid only between the hours of 09:00 and 22:00 Sunday to Thursday, and 09:00 to 00:00 Friday and Saturday;
ii) permit holder to remain on site at all times;
iii) permit holder to abstain from the consumption of intoxicants;
iv) notification requirements.

5.3 Any permit issued by the Chief of Police may at any time thereafter be revoked by the Chief of Police or his designate, replying upon the evidence of a peace officer related to the conduct of a person or persons, whether ascertained or not, that a noise nuisance as described in this by-law was caused or occurred.

5.4 Any person who deems himself aggrieved by a decision of the Chief of Police, may within fifteen (15) days from the date of the decision, appeal to the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services;

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5.5 Upon hearing the appeal, the Committee may:

a) rescind, suspend or modify any decision given by the Chief of Police;
b) make such other decision or order as in the circumstances of each case it deems just.

and the decision or order of the Committee, upon being communicated to the appellant, stands in place of the decision or order against which the appeal was made.

C) Repeal Section VI (Penalty), and substitute it with the following:

6.1 1) A person who contravenes a provision of this By-law is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction to the following penalties, which shall not exceed $5,000.00:

a) for the first offence, to a fine not less than $50.00;
b) for a second offence, to a fine of not less than $100.00;
c) for a third or subsequent offence, to a fine not less than $150.00.

2) Notwithstanding the penalties prescribed in Sub-Section (1), an individual may also be liable on summary conviction to imprisonment for a term not exceeding six months or to both a fine as specified herein and imprisonment.

II. That the City Solicitor/Manger of Legal Services be requested to prepare the necessary amending by-law for submission to Council.

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

Moved by Councillor Vandal,
That the clause be referred back to the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services.

Carried.

Establishment of a Volunteer Committee for the Monitoring, Supervision and Regulation of the Sex Trade/Prostitution in Winnipeg File GF-1 (Vol. 16)

293 - 2. 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.

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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, Chaplain, Lighthouse Mission and Mr. R. Simmons with respect to this matter.

The Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services recommends that Council approve an extension of time of 30 days in which to consider proposed Terms of Reference for this matter.

Moved by Councillor Vandal,
Adoption of the clause.

The motion for the adoption of the clause was put.

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

Yea: Councillors Lazarenko, De Smedt, Gerbasi, Lubosch, Prystanski, Steek, Deputy Mayor Thomas, Vandal, Eadie, His Worship Mayor Murray and Councillor O'Shaughnessy. 11

Nay: Councillors Angus, Clement and Timm-Rudolph. 3

and the motion for the adoption of the clause was declared carried.

Award of Contract for the Supply and Delivery of Winnipeg Police Service Shirts - Tender No. 1382-99
Files GL-9 (Vol. 13) and GF-2 (Vol. 52)

294 - 3. The Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services has been advised that an invitation to tender is issued tri-annually for the supply and delivery of Police shirts, to fulfil the City's obligation under the current Collective Agreement with the Winnipeg Police Association.

Final receipt of bids took place on November 30, 1999. Bid Bond and Performance Security was not required. Bids were evaluated in accordance with the specified evaluation criteria set out in the published specification SC: 9. In total, five bids were received: two bidders, Manitoba Clothing Ltd., and York's Supply Company, should be declared non responsive for not complying with the mandatory requirement BI: 21 which states: "Each Tender Submission must be accompanied by representative samples of each item being offered."

Samples are necessary to evaluate whether the shirts being offered conform with the tender specifications.

The results of the evaluation of the remaining responsive bidders are as follows:

- Empire Shirt Ltd. $330,382.70
- R. Nicholls Distributors Inc. $349,054.50
- MGM Apparel Corp. $433,671.25

Empire Shirt Ltd's bid prices are firm for the first year only. Their bid submission stated unit price increases of 3% for year two and 3% for year three, but based on quantities stipulated in the tender package, Empire's total contract price of $330,382.70, which is inclusive of all increases, is still the lowest responsive bid. Empire's bid also states a 25% surcharge for tall, extra tall and made to measure shirts. The tender package did not request tall, extra tall and made to measure sizes. Empire submitted their bid on the original page 6, Schedule of Prices - modified, and is compliant with the addendum.

The tender package specified that, the contract duration is for three years. Prices are fixed for the duration of the contract except for changes stipulated, with amounts and effective dates, in the tender submission.

Funding for this contract is included in the Winnipeg Police Service 2000, 2001, and 2002, Current Estimates.

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The recommended bidder has the necessary resources and experience to complete the Contract and there is no subcontractor listed for this Contract. Tenders are valid for acceptance until January 29, 2000 (60 Calendar Days).

Pursuant to Section 8 (e) of the Policy on Purchasing Procedures and The Disposal of Surplus Supplies, Council has the authority to approve an award of contract to be made by the Chief Financial Officer, when the contract requires funding from future budgets.

A financial impact report is outlined on Appendix "A".

The Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services recommends:

I. That Council declare the following Bidders non-responsive:

- Manitoba Clothing Ltd
- York's Supply Company

II. That Council approve an award of contract to Empire Shirt Ltd., the lowest responsive bidder, at a total cost including all taxes, of $363,420.97, for the supply and delivery of Police Shirts for the contract period of January 28, 2000 to December 28, 2002.

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. 20)

295 - 4. 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:

The Royal Winnipeg Ballet for:
Fast Forward - A Choreographic Workshop at Studio 116 at the Royal Winnipeg Ballet Building from May 11 to 13, 2000

Granite Curling Club for:
World Curling Tour at Max Bell Arena, University of Manitoba from May 15 to 19, 2000

Winnipeg Male Chorus for:
Big Sing 2000 at the Winnipeg Convention Centre on April 29, 2000

TRIP Dance Company for:
TRIP Dance Company Performance at the Gas Station Theatre from February 10 to 12, 2000

West End Cultural Centre for:
Events featuring local artists from January 26, 2000 to December 31, 2000

Le Festival du Voyageur for:
Show of the Century on February 19, 2000

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Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra's New Music Festival at the Centennial Concert Hall for:
A Night of World Premieres on January 28 and 29, 2000
From the Cradle to the Grave on January 30, 2000
Canadian Composers Competition on February 1, 2000
Bellows and Brass on February 2, 2000
Chiller Thriller on February 3, 2000
Naked Planet on February 4, 2000
Final Gala on February 5, 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.

2000 Cultural Grants - Interim Operating Grant Recommendations from the Winnipeg Arts Advisory Council
File FG-1.1

296 - 5. On November 7, 1984, Council established the Winnipeg Arts Advisory Council and delegated it with the responsibility for screening applications, definition of criteria and recommendations as to appropriate grant levels for cultural organizations. The Winnipeg Arts Advisory Council forwards its recommendations to the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services.

On January 10, 2000, the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services considered and approved recommendations from the December 17, 1999, meeting of the Winnipeg Arts Advisory Council for interim operating grant funding to various cultural organizations.

Council Policy on Cultural Grants administered by the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services (C302) provides that the Committee shall adjudicate all applications within the global allocation and have final authority to approve grants which qualify under this policy, to an amount of $50,000.00 per individual grant. It shall submit to Council with its recommendation for approval, all requests for grants in excess of this amount.

The Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services recommends:

I. That the 2000 Interim Operating Grants be approved for the following cultural organizations:

Organization	Category	Interim Grant
Royal Winnipeg Ballet	Dance	79,200.00
Winnipeg Art Gallery	Museums/Galleries	102,000.00
Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra	Music	53,370.00

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

Adopted by consent.

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Community Incentive Grant Application - Royal Canadian Legion Transcona Branch No. 7 File PR-2.6(33) (Vol. 7)

297 - 6. The Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services has been advised that the East Kildonan-Transcona Community Committee, at its meeting on December 6, 1999, considered an application from the Royal Canadian Legion Transcona Branch No. 7, for a Community Incentive Grant in the amount of $26,000.00, to assist with the cost of upgrading the area surrounding the Cenotaph in Memorial Circle Park.

The East Kildonan-Transcona Community Committee recommended approval of a Community Incentive Grant to the Royal Canadian Legion Transcona Branch No. 7, in the amount of $26,000.00, for the purpose requested and further recommended approval of a first charge against the 2000 Community Incentive Grant Program.

The application does not meet the eligibility criteria contained in the Community Incentive Grant Program. In addition, a first charge on a Capital Budget Program would normally require approval by Council, however the 2000 Annual Capital Estimates was adopted by Council on December 16, 1999.

The Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services concurred in the recommendation of the East Kildonan-Transcona Community Committee, and recommends:

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

a) The organization is to be a non-profit community recreation and sport organization or a non-profit organization offering recreational services;

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

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

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

e) The application does not include confirmation of sufficient resources to maintain and operate completed projects;

f) 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; and

g) The project is feasible within the project management capabilities of the applicant.

II. That a Community Incentive Grant in the amount of $26,000.00, be approved to the Royal Canadian Legion Transcona Branch No. 7, for the purpose requested, subject to the following conditions:

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

b) 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.

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Community Incentive Grant Application -
Pan Am Boxing and Athletic Club
File PR-2.6(32) (Vol. 7)

298 - 7. The Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services has been advised that the City Centre Community Committee, at its meeting on December 7, 1999, considered an application from the Pan Am Boxing and Athletic Club for a Community Incentive Grant in the amount of $10,000.00, to assist with their facility relocation and expansion.

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

The City Centre Community Committee recommended approval of a Community Incentive Grant to the Pan Am Boxing and Athletic Club in the amount of $15,000.00, for the purpose requested.

The Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services concurred in the recommendation of the City Centre 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 (This project includes the relocation and expansion of a sport facility as well as the purchase of equipment and because the purchase of equipment is involved, the application does not meet the criteria).

II. That a Community Incentive Grant in the amount of $15,000.00, not to exceed a maximum of fifty percent (50%) of the total project cost, be approved to the Pan Am Boxing and Athletic 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.

Community Incentive Grant Application -
Mulvey School Parent Council
File PR-2.6(32) (Vol. 7)

299 - 8. The Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services has been advised that the City Centre Community Committee, at its meeting on December 7, 1999, considered an application from the Mulvey School Parent Council for a Community Incentive Grant in the amount of $5,000.00, to assist with the cost of playground improvements and social skill development at Mulvey School.

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

The City Centre Community Committee recommended approval of a Community Incentive Grant to the Mulvey School Parent Council in the amount of $5,000.00, for the purpose requested.

The Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services concurred in the recommendation of the City Centre Community Committee, and recommends:

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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, and

b) The applicant has requested 100% of the total project cost and therefore would not be contributing fifty percent (50%) of the capital costs from their own sources.

II. That a Community Incentive Grant in the amount of $5,000.00, be approved to the Mulvey School Parent Council for the purpose requested, subject to the following conditions:

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

b) 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. 15)

300 - 9. 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.

That Council be requested to grant an extension of time of 60 days inasmuch as the matter has been 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.

Adopted by consent.

Amendments to various City Health By-laws due to the transfer of Medical Health Officers to the Province of Manitoba
File EH-1 (Vol. 19)

301 - 10. The Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services has been advised that the transfer of the City of Winnipeg's Medical Officers of Health to the Province of Manitoba resulted in a review of a number of City by-laws and the deletion of references to that office as they were unnecessary and/or re-allocation of certain designated duties and authority to a Public Health Inspector.

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The Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services recommends:

I. That the City Solicitor/Manger of Legal Services be requested to prepare the necessary amending by-laws for submission to Council, namely:

By-Law No. 1075/75 being the Anti-Litter By-law
By-Law No. 460/73 being the Derelict Vehicle By-law
By-Law No. 5160/89 being the Food Services Establishments By-law
By-Law No. 978/75 being the Pigeon Control By-law
By-Law No. 3897/85 being the Retail Food Stores By-law
By-Law No. 4653/87 being the Tattoo Studio By-law
By-Law No. 3354/83 being the Meat and Poultry By-law
By-Law No. 6551/95 being The City of Winnipeg License By-law
By-Law No. 19165 being a by-law to establish minimum standards of repair to the exteriors of certain buildings
By-Law No. 4903/88 being The Maintenance and Occupancy By-law

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.

Last Post Fund Proposal - Construction of a Columbarium at the Field of Honour at Brookside Cemetery File PC-1 (Vol. 3)

302 - 11. The Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services has been advised that since 1914, Brookside Cemetery has been the final place for thousands of war veterans and military personnel. There are currently over 9,700 military veterans who are buried in the *Field of Honour* sections with this cemetery being recognized as having the largest number of military burials in Canada. Moreover, during the years 1992 to 1995, approximately 5,000 military grave sites were significantly restored utilizing approximately $1,000,000 of federal funds.

In this regard, the Last Post Fund is an independent non-profit organization which is funded by the Department of Veteran Affairs who are primarily involved with the dignified burial of military personnel who have served in the Army, Navy, Air Force and the Merchant Marine. The Last Post Fund recognizes that an increasing number of veterans are choosing to be cremated and wish to be buried along with the cremated remains of their spouse. Unfortunately, under the current operations at the Brookside Cemetery, burial plots in the *Field of Honour* cannot be reserved in advance due to the nature of the burial procedures and spouses cannot be buried prior to the veteran. A solution to these problems is the construction of an Ash Niche Columbarium which would allow the pre-purchase of a niche in advance of need, as well as the placement of the cremated remains of a spouse in a niche prior to that of the veteran if required.

Larsen's Memorials Ltd., is the contracted supplier to the Last Post Fund for the provision of headstones and memorials throughout Manitoba and the northwest Ontario region.

On June 17, 1999, representatives from the Last Post Fund approached the Administration with a preliminary proposal regarding the construction of a columbarium unit and are subsequently requesting that approval be given for the construction and installation of a 176 unit ash niche Columbarium on a portion of city owned land at the Brookside Cemetery subject to the following
terms and conditions:

- That all costs of construction and installation, estimated at $202,742.61 be the responsibility of the Last Post Fund, as outlined on Appendix "A".

- That the Cemetery Branch of the Community Services Department assume responsibility for the associated landscaping, estimated to be under $2,000.00.

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- That the City will receive the proceeds from opening and closing fees estimated at $41,360.00 plus $8,360.00 for perpetual maintenance associated with the long term care of this facility.

- That the Last Post Fund be permitted to engage Larsen's Memorials Ltd., to design, construct, and project manage the Columbarium.

- By agreeing to the aforementioned terms and conditions, the City of Winnipeg will have the only such Columbarium in Canada with both parties to the agreement benefiting. More specifically:

  Veterans would be able to pre-purchase and select the niche position of their choice and their spouse may be placed in the niche prior to the veteran's demise.

  The Last Post Fund will offer and publicize the availability of the niches to all Veteran groups (including the Royal Canadian Legions, Army, Navy, Air Force, Merchant Marines, and the Korea War Vets).

  The City of Winnipeg will benefit from increased revenue generated from opening and closing fees, administrative fees and contributions to the perpetual maintenance fund.

The Last Post Fund wish to have an official opening of the Columbarium on July 1, 2000, therefore they are requesting to obtain the necessary approval as soon as possible.

Although the Cemeteries Branch could technically construct a similar columbarium unit without the involvement of the Last Post Fund by issuing a Request For Proposals, the Administration recognizes that the support of the Last Post Fund and all other Veteran Associations is critical to this project's financial success while not jeopardizing the harmonious working relationships. The portion of land set aside for this project is the centre area of a drive loop and not considered prime property and otherwise unused. There will be ample opportunities in the future to construct similar types of columbarium units that would provide the City with greater portions of potential revenues.

Financial Impact:

As previously stated, a financial breakdown of the proposal dated December 20, 1999, from Larsen's Memorials Ltd., on behalf of the Last Post Fund is outlined on Appendix "A". Columbarium niche fees for this project are $1,735.00 per niche which includes: opening and closing fees for two urns, appropriate memorialization for each person, and perpetual maintenance.

The City of Winnipeg, Cemeteries Branch would eventually realize revenues of $41,360 generated from the opening and closing fees from the sale of 176 ash niches plus $8,360.00 for perpetual maintenance during a projected period of five years, as outlined on Appendix "B".

On November 29, 1999, the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services first considered this matter and heard representatives from the Last Post Fund and Larsen's Memorials Ltd., in delegation. The Committee laid the matter over and requested that the Administration prepare a report in relation thereto.

On January 10, 2000, the Committee reconsidered the matter and considered a report from the Director of the Community Services Department dated December 20, 1999, and again heard representation from the Last Post Fund.

The Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services recommends:

I. That the City of Winnipeg enter into an Agreement with the Last Post Fund to permit the installation of an Ash Niche Columbarium unit within the northwest corner of Brookside Cemetery.

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.

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Appointment of Council Representative to the Winnipeg Arts Advisory Council Files FG-3 (Vol. 38) and GC-7 (Vol. 29)

303 - 12 Council, at its Organizational Meeting held on November 3, 1999, referred to the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services, the matter of the review of Council memberships to the Winnipeg Arts Advisory Council.

On November 29, 1999, the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services recommended for appointment Councillor Lubosch and Councillor Smith as the Council representatives to the Winnipeg Arts Advisory Council.

On December 8, 1999, the Executive Policy Committee referred Clause 11 of the Report of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services dated November 29, 1999, back to the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services.

On January 10, 2000, the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services reconsidered the matter.

The Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services recommends for appointment Councillor Smith and Councillor Thomas as the Council representatives to the Winnipeg Arts Advisory Council.

Adopted by consent.

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CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

304 - On motion of Councillor Vandal, the following by-laws were read a first, second and third time, the rule being suspended for the third reading of each by-law, and were passed and ordered to be signed and sealed, namely:

By-law No. 7556/2000, a by-law of The City of Winnipeg to amend By-law No. 1322/76, being the Winnipeg Fire Prevention By-law. File GF-1 (Vol. 17)

By-law No. 7557/2000, a by-law of The City of Winnipeg to amend the Amusement Tax By-law No. 3107/81. File FL-6 (Vol. 20)

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROTECTION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

QUESTION PERIOD

305 - Councillor Prystanski questioned how many recruits have been hired for the Police recruit class for the year 2000.

Councillor Vandal advised there was a class of 32 currently underway.

Councillor Prystanski questioned if they had been hired or if the City was still looking for them to be hired.

Councillor Vandal responded that the class of thirty-two was currently underway. He stated that they had been hired, were being paid and being trained.

Councillor Prystanski asked what the current complement of the Winnipeg Police Service was right now excluding the officers in training.

Councillor Vandal advised that it was 1,203 including the officers in training.