REPORT OF THE

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

DATED DECEMBER 1, 1999

On motion of His Worship Mayor Murray, the Report of the Executive Policy Committee, dated December 1, 1999, was considered clause by clause.

Moved by His Worship Mayor Murray,
That the Consent Agenda, Clauses 1,2,3,4,5,6,7 and 8, be adopted.

Councillor Steek requested that Clause 6 be pulled from the Consent Agenda.

The motion to adopt the Consent Agenda, Clauses 1,2,3,4,5,7 and 8 was put and declared carried.

Discount(s) to be allowed for the Prepayment of 2000 Realty and Business Taxes File FL-2.1 (Vol. 2)

124 - 1. The Executive Policy Committee has been advised that it is necessary to establish a discount rate for the prepayment of 2000 realty and business taxes which will financially assist in accommodating the City's fiscal requirements and at the same time, provide an attractive investment opportunity for Winnipeg taxpayers.

The proposed rate is based on information received from the Financial Services Division, which considers the 5.25% as the City's current cost of borrowing funds for a five month period. Current deposit rates available to taxpayers range between 3.55% and 4.15% for a six month rate. A rate of approximately 4.00% is considered to be fair to both the City and to the taxpayer.

The statistics on the prepayment of discounted taxes for 1999 and 1998 comparative are outlined in Appendix "A".

The accelerated cash flow generated by the pre-payment of realty and business taxes (1999 total $16.6 million) reduces the City's short term borrowing costs for the period January to June. The investment income earned from these early payments continues to exceed the tax discount given (1999 actual of $281,207) as well as the cost of administering the program (approx. $10,000) by the Taxation & Revenue Division.

Using the 1999 actual prepayment information, with the City's 2000 expected short term investment interest rate of (5.25%), the following represents the interest income that could be expected in 2000 from depositing the tax prepayments:

January Prepayments		
Realty Tax	$15,156,396 x 5.25% x 5/12	$331,546
Business Tax	$623,991 x 5.25% x 4/12	$ 10,920
February Prepayments		
Realty Tax	$1,019,076 x 5.25% x 4/12	$ 17,834
Business Tax	$71,624 x 5.25% x 3/12	$ 940
Total Investment Income expected in 2000		$361,240

The cost of administering the program (approximately $10,000), the tax discount expenditure (2000 projection $285,000), as well as the additional investment income (est. $361,000) are already incorporated in the tax-supported estimates. No changes to the budget are required to continue with this tax prepayment program.

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That Council pass a by-law to provide for discounts on the prepayment of the City's 2000 realty and business taxes and such discounts to be allowed on prepayments received by the Taxation & Revenue Division during the months of January and February, 2000 at the following discount rates:

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	Face Value Discount Rate	Equivalent Annual Discount Rate
REALTY TAX - PAYABLE AT PAR UP TO JUNE 30		
January	1.60%	3.94%
February	1.30%	3.95%
BUSINESS TAX - PAYABLE AT PAR UP TO MAY 31		
January	1.30%	3.98%
February	1.00%	4.02%

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

Copy of attachment referred to in the above clause is on file in the office of the City Clerk.

Adopted by consent.

Winnipeg Millennium Council Legacy Commemorative Wall
File GC-8.15 (Vol. 1)

125 - 2. On October 8, 1999, the Chair of the Winnipeg Millennium Council (WMC) sent a letter to the Mayor requesting the assistance of the City of Winnipeg with regard to setting aside the curved brick outer walls of the concourse ("doughnut" walls), underground at Portage and Main, to be used to commemorate donations by citizens of the City of Winnipeg to Millennium Legacy Projects. The letter also identifies as a part of their Promotion Plan for Millennium Projects, that reminders for the public of the projects be delivered through inserts in utility bills.

The purpose of the Winnipeg Millennium Council is:

a) to encourage citizens and organizations to create legacies for the benefit of future generations;

b) to organize and/or coordinate festivities on appropriate occasions to celebrate the Millennium (to recognize that events may occur throughout the years not just on January 1);

c) to ensure Winnipeg receives Federal and Provincial funding where appropriate; and

d) to encourage events and attractions that will draw Millennial travellers and tourists to Winnipeg.

The WMC are in the process of exploring the design and detailing for the commemorative (wall) display, and anticipate working in conjunction with elected officials and staff of the City, to develop a solution which is suitable both to the occasion of the millennium, as well as the physical constraints of this space. It is an assumption of this report that the cost of design, permits, installation, including possible electrical hook-up, and computer or other electronic terminal requirements associated with the display, would be the responsibility of the project proponent. On this assumption, the respective departments responsible for the management, administration, and operation functions associated with the concourse were canvassed for comments regarding the proposed commemorative display.

The Legal Services Division has advised that the City owns the wall in question, and neither the head leases nor those leases with retail tenants would prevent us from proceeding with the commemorative display as proposed.

The Property and Development Services Department Civic Accommodations Division and the Public Works Department Building Services Division do not anticipate the future need for these walls for upgrade or improvement to the facility and / or public thoroughfare. Subject to the approval of the final design, it is anticipated that the maintenance and illumination of the display will be minimal, and that the associated costs and responsibility could be incurred by the respective departments.

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The Insurance Branch of the Corporate Finance Department have advised that, as the commemorative display will be mounted on City property, the location presents a minimal exposure to risk, and the concept is of ultimate benefit to the City, the display should be added to the City Property Schedule and be insured by the City of Winnipeg. Should a computer or electronic terminal be a requirement for the display, the Insurance Branch would be canvassed for further input.

The Property and Development Services Department will provide the ongoing input, review, and approval for structural, code, by-law, and aesthetic implications of the display.

When the final design of the display has been approved for installation, it is recommended that an agreement between the WMC and the City of Winnipeg be finalized. The agreement would define such issues as:

1. maintenance and operating requirements;
2. insurance provisions;
3. operating, maintenance, and insurance requirements for computer / electronic terminal (as necessary); and
4. City reserves right to remove / re-locate commemorative wall should infrastructure renovations or revisions to the concourse be necessary.

The WMC wish to present a wide range of potential projects that will be of lasting benefit to the City. A “catalogue” of projects will be produced and distributed to households throughout the City. The WMC have also proposed reminding the public of the projects through separate inserts in the utility bills.

Both the Water and Waste Department and Winnipeg Hydro have indicated support for the inclusion of the inserts subject to the following conditions:

1. that the content of the inserts be approved by the respective Directors prior to printing;
2. that the inserts meet the necessary specifications (i.e., min. / max. size, etc.);
3. that the cost of printing the insert is borne by the WMC; and
4. that both departments receive recognition for their contribution.

On October 13, 1999, Executive Policy Committee requested that the proposal for the use of the concourse at the corner of Portage Avenue and Main Street as a commemorative wall be referred to the Chief Administrative Officer for consideration and report back.

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That Council concur with the request of the Winnipeg Millennium Council to set aside the curved outer walls of the underground concourse at Portage Avenue and Main Street to be used to commemorate donations by citizens of the City of Winnipeg to Millennium Legacy Projects.

II. That upon formalization and approval of the commemorative wall design, the City finalize an appropriate agreement with the Winnipeg Millennium Council, in accordance with this report, together with such terms and conditions as may be determined by the Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), in consultation with the City Solicitor/Manager of Legal Services.

III. That the proposed Millennium Project Inserts within Water and Waste Department and Winnipeg Hydro utility bills be approved, subject to the conditions specified herein.

IV. 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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Changes to the approval process and criteria for expending monies from the Zoo Animal Reserve Account
File PR-7.1.1 (Vol. 16)

126 - 3. On September 15, 1982, City Council approved the establishment of an animal reserve fund as described below:

1. That a Reserve Fund be established under authority of Section 349(1) of The City of Winnipeg Act for the purpose of replacing animal losses and to improve the breeding stock in the Assiniboine Park Zoo.

2. Disbursements from this reserve to be limited to the acquisition, including all other costs directly related to the acquisition of any or all Zoo animals as required.

3. The Reserve to be maintained by proceeds from the sale of surplus Zoo animals and interest earned.

4. That authority to expend funds be vested jointly with the General Manager of Parks and Recreation and the City Treasurer or their designate.

The Zoo Animal Reserve Fund is funded through the sale of surplus animals. Although revenue is dependent on changes in the market, the Zoo can normally expect approximately $75,000 each year in animal sales. The Zoo has been used exclusively in the past for animal acquisitions and direct costs related to animal purchases or sales such as transportation and permit charges.

It is proposed to continue to use this fund to purchase new animals. However, there is no funding at present to improve or create enclosures for new animals. As a result, there has been limited opportunity to purchase new animals as there is no funding to create proper enclosures in which to keep them. In addition, some animals which have already been obtained do not have appropriate enclosure space in which to live. Consequently, it is proposed to permit the utilization of this reserve for these purposes also.

With regards to spending authority, existing authority had in the past been delegated from the Director of Parks and Recreation to the Zoo Director. It is suggested that this authority should be reinstated at the Director level in keeping with the second-removed principle.

There will be no financial impact.

The authority of City Council is required to change the criteria and approval process for spending reserve account monies.

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That the following changes be made to the present criteria for spending of monies from the Zoo Animal Reserve Fund:

   A. That approval to spend monies from the Zoo Animal Reserve Fund be delegated to the Director of Community Services.

   B. That funds from the Zoo Animal Reserve Fund shall be used for the following purposes:

      1. The acquisition, including all other costs directly related to the acquisition of Zoo animals as required.

      2. Planning, improving, or building new individual animal enclosures.

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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Award of Contract for Tender No. 1242-99
Elevator Maintenance at:
A) 171 Princess Street - Civic Centre Car Park
B) 100 Main Street - Office Building
C) 365 Main Street - Royal & Scotia Bank Entrances
D) 365 Main Street - CIBC & Bank of Montreal Entrances
E) 365 Main Street - Concourse
F) 1155 Pacific Avenue - Public Works Building
G) 111 Victoria Avenue - Library
H) 752 McGee Street - Public Works Shops
I) 1910 Portage Avenue - Library
J) 185 King Street - Mandarin Building
K) 25 Poseidon Bay - Pan-Am Pool
L) 365 Main Street - Concourse
Files GL-9 (Vol. 13) and FB-1 (Vol. 6)

127 - 4. The Executive Policy Committee has been advised that the tender calls for elevator maintenance at the above referenced locations was initiated by the Public Works Department in October 1999. Out of five (5) elevator companies requesting specifications, five (5) elevator companies returned bids.

In response to the tender call, the following firms submitted bids for a five (5) year period:

Kone Inc.
Winnipeg Elevator (1978) Ltd.
Otis Canada Inc.
Inter-City Elevator Inc.
Thyssen Elevator Ltd.

This service agreement begins January 1, 2000 and extends to December 31, 2004.

During the bid evaluation process, discrepancy was noted on the comparison of tender sheet. Otis Canada Inc.'s bid amount did not include the hourly labour rates in the total bid price. However, the hourly rates are itemized, which allowed for fair bid evaluation. Consequently, each bid amount, on the comparison of tender sheet, for Otis Canada Inc., was increased accordingly. Otis Canada Inc. also attached a list of conditions which itemized exceptions to the General Conditions. These exceptions to the General Conditions have been rescinded by Otis Canada Inc.

The Tender submission by Thyssen Elevators did not include a written undertaking and was declared non responsive by the Manager of Materials.

Funds will be budgeted for as part of the 2000 - 2004 current budget to cover costs.

The following is a summary of the tenders:

ALTERNATIVE #1 AWARD AS A WHOLE

	WINNIPEG ELEVATOR	OTIS	KONE	INTER-CITY
A	-	$37,341.00	$20,880.00	-
B	-	$17,385.00	$12,840.00	-
C	-	$76,033.68	$81,750.00	-
D	-	$68,279.72	$85,000.00	-
E	-	$34,922.94	$13,920.00	-
F	-	$42,878.16	$10,320.00	-

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	WINNIPEG ELEVATOR	OTIS	KONE	INTER-CITY
G	-	$14,494.20	$10,320.00	-
H	-	$14,301.60	$12,720.00	-
I	-	$19,945.20	$12,480.00	-
J	-	$42,756.00	$29,280.00	-
K	-	$12,497.10	$9,192.00	-
L	-	$12,755.58	$6,512.00	-

ALTERNATIVE #2 AWARD BY LOCATION (INCLUDING HOURS)

	WINNIPEG ELEVATOR	OTIS	KONE	INTER-CITY
A		$37,341.00	$20,880.00	$23,260.00
B	$16,515.25	$17,388.00	$12,840.00	$15,220.00
C		$76,033.68	$81,750.00	
D		$68,279.72	$85,000.00	
E		$34,922.94	$13,920.00	
F	$15,279.25	$13,722.00	$10,320.00	
G		$14,494.20	$10,320.00	$12,616.00
H	$14,955.25	$14,796.60	$12,720.00	$12,616.00
I	$15,279.25	$19,945.20	$12,480.00	$12,616.00
J	$40,071.25	$42,756.00	$29,280.00	
K		$12,497.10	$9,192.00	
L		$14,353.68	$8,816.00	

The lowest bidders, Otis Canada Inc., Kone Inc., and Inter-City Elevator Inc. meet all requirements of the specifications. Hence, it is recommended that their tenders be accepted. The bid expires January 1, 2000. It is the opinion of the Public Works Department that Otis Canada Inc., Kone Inc., and Inter-City Elevator Inc. have the resources to complete the requirements of the specifications. There are no sub-contractors listed for these contracts.

The Manager of the Materials Management Division has advised that each of the tender submissions was accompanied by a Bid Security and a Written Undertaking, which has been certified by the Legal Services EXCEPT Winnipeg Elevator, however as they are not one of the three lowest bidders a new agreement to Bond was not obtained.

The 5 year term for a full maintenance service agreement is a common industry standard whereby the servicer is responsible for all maintenance of the elevator equipment, as per the original manufacturer’s specifications, and the CAN/B44 code for elevators including the cost of labour and replacement parts.

The financial impact analysis is outlined in Appendix “A”.

Council approval is required for the Award of Contract as this contract commits funds past the current budget year.

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The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That a contract be awarded to Otis Canada Inc., for locations "C", and "D", for the base bid price of $144,311.40 plus G.S.T., (contract amount includes $120,313.40 for full maintenance service, and $23,998.00 for work not included in the full maintenance service contract) for a 5 year full maintenance elevator contract. Otis Canada Inc. was the lowest evaluated responsive bid meeting the requirements of the specifications on 2 of the 12 facilities tendered.

II. That a contract be awarded to Kone Inc., for locations "A", "B", "E", "F", "G", "I", "J", "K", and "L", for the base bid price of $128,048.00 plus G.S.T., (contract amount includes $78,320.00 for full maintenance service, and $49,828.00 for work not included in the full maintenance service contract) for a 5 year full maintenance elevator contract. Kone Inc. was the lowest evaluated responsive bid meeting the requirements of the specifications on 9 of the 12 facilities tendered.

III. That a contract be awarded to Inter-City Elevator Inc., for location "H" for the base bid price of $12,616.00 plus G.S.T., (contract amount includes $6,936.00 for full maintenance service, and $5,680.00 for work not included in the full maintenance service contract) for a 5 year full maintenance elevator contract. Inter-City Elevator Inc. was the lowest evaluated responsive bid meeting the requirements of the specifications on 1 of the 12 facilities tendered.

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

Copy of attachment referred to in the above clause is on file in the office of the City Clerk.

Adopted by consent.

2000 Local Improvement Interest Rates
File SL-1 (Vol. 20)

128 - 5. The Executive Policy Committee has been advised that for many years all local improvements have been financed through the General Reserve Fund and it is appropriate that the 2000 interest rates be established before the end of 1999.

Section 357 of The City of Winnipeg Act states that when local improvements are financed by means other than issuing debentures, the City Treasurer shall determine the appropriate rates of interest and the interest rates are to be authorized by resolution of Council.

Section 380 of The City of Winnipeg Act states that the City may establish the interest rates for local improvement assessment at up to 1% above the City's cost of funds to cover the costs of assessment and collection.

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That the interest rates for local improvements in 2000 be established as follows:

Term	Current Market Interest Rate	Amount Added for Assessment and Collection	Total Interest Rate for Assessment
2 - 5 years	6.50%	1%	7.50%
6 - 15 years	6.60%	1%	7.60%
16 - 20 years	6.65%	1%	7.65%

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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Winnipeg Development Agreement - Downtown Revitalization Program 11: Portage Avenue Investment Fund - Portage Avenue Property Association
File FR-3.2(PA-11)(Vol. 3)

129 - 6. The Executive Policy Committee has been advised that one component of the overall strategy to improve Portage Avenue has been the creation of the Portage Avenue Investment Fund. On September 24, 1997, City Council approved an initial $825,000 from Program 11 of the Winnipeg Development Agreement to establish this fund. The program has been administered by the Portage Avenue Property Association (PAPA) in partnership with the City of Winnipeg.

The project eligibility criteria and approval process for the investment fund has been established by PAPA and the City. The investment fund will provide a matching grant towards eligible private sector investments, on grade level properties fronting Portage Avenue. Grant recipients must be PAPA members. Eligible improvements include: storefronts and glazing; accessibility modifications; façades, signs, canopies and decorative art; flooring, ceilings and walls. The initial $825,000 allocation has now been fully committed, with 9 projects having been funded.

The Portage Avenue Property Association submitted a request for additional funding in the amount of $500,000 to extend the program to include additional projects.

On October 27, 1999, Executive Policy Committee approved $97,500 for one of these projects, the Telespectrum Worldwide call centre at 330 Portage Avenue, thereby reducing the requested contribution to the Portage Avenue Investment Fund to $402,500. PAPA has indicated that these funds would be allocated to the following projects:

Address	Occupant
311 Portage Avenue	A & B Sound
358 Portage Avenue	Saan Stores
378 Portage Avenue	Winnipeg Police
500 Portage Avenue	Colony Square
480 Portage Avenue	Pollock School of Beauty
491 Portage Avenue	Travelodge
393 Portage Avenue	Portage Place
346 Portage Avenue	U. of W. Continuing Education

It is suggested that the potential funding for 346 and 393 Portage Avenue be withheld at this time pending resolution of the dispute affecting the walkway. Funding potentially allocated to these projects amounts to $107,000. It is therefore recommended that an additional allocation of $295,500 to the Portage Avenue Investment Fund be approved.

This WDA contribution is consistent with the Downtown Revitalization Program's goal of supporting the long-term sustainability of the downtown.

As funding for the Winnipeg Development Agreement has been budgeted for in prior years, no additional borrowing authority is required.

Council approval is required for WDA projects in excess of $100,000.

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That additional funding in the amount of $295,500 from WDA Program 11: Downtown Revitalization be approved for the continuation of the Portage Avenue Investment Fund.

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

Moved by His Worship Mayor Murray,
Adoption of the clause.

Carried.

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Expenditure from Land Dedication Reserve Fund - Edward Shindleman Park - Proposed Playground Development - Assiniboia Community Committee
File EP-2 (Vol. 25)

130 - 7. The Executive Policy Committee has been advised that the Assiniboia Community Committee has concurred in the allocation of $41,224.00 from the Assiniboia Land Dedication Reserve Fund for the proposed playground development at Edward Shindleman Park.

The Executive Policy Committee concurs with the above and recommends that funds in the amount of $41,224.00 be approved from the Assiniboia Land Dedication Reserve Fund for the project.

Adopted by consent.

Extension of Contract - Community Outreach Co-ordinator - Community and Race Relations Committee
File CR (Vol. 10)

131 - 8. On December 1, 1999, the Executive Policy Committee passed the following motion, namely:

WHEREAS on December 16, 1998, Council approved the extension of the personal services contract of Sheri Musa, Outreach Coordinator, Community and Race Relations Committee for a further one year period to terminate on December 31, 1999;

AND WHEREAS the Executive Policy Committee is currently studying the mandate of the Community and Race Relations Committee;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council be requested to extend the Personal Services contract of Sheri Musa for an additional year to terminate on December 31, 2000 at a rate of $40,000 per annum; and that the City Solicitor/Manager of Legal Services be requested to prepare the necessary contract extension between the City of Winnipeg and Sheri Musa.

and submits same to Council for favourable consideration.

Adopted by consent.

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EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

DATED DECEMBER 8, 1999

On motion of His Worship Mayor Murray, the Report of the Executive Policy Committee, dated December 8, 1999, was considered clause by clause.

Moved by His Worship Mayor Murray,
That the Consent Agenda, Clauses 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12 and 13, be adopted.

Councillor Timm-Rudolph requested that Clauses 6,7 and 9 be pulled from the Consent Agenda.

Councillor Smith requested that Clause 8 be pulled from the Consent Agenda.

The motion to adopt the Consent Agenda, Clauses 1,2,3,4,5,10,11,12 and 13 was put and declared carried.

Proposed Opening and Closing of Parts of McGillivray Boulevard west of Waverley Street File DAOC 3/99

132 - 1. The Executive Policy Committee has been advised that a request has been received from Mr. David Jones of Sherwood Park Homes Ltd. to purchase the portion of McGillivray Boulevard shown as "Proposed Closing" on Schedule "A". Sherwood Park Homes has plans to expand the office building presently situated on the land shown as "Applicant's Property" on Schedule "A", and requires the portion of McGillivray for additional parking.

The Assiniboia Community Committee approved this proposal at its public meeting held on September 28, 1999.

The Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development approved Sherwood Park Homes offer of $91,402.00 for the sale of the closed portion of McGillivray Boulevard at its meeting of November 25, 1999.

This proposal has been circulated to all interested City departments and public utilities. There are no objections to the closing. The Water and Waste Department will require an easement for the maintenance of its drainage ditch in the area. Manitoba Hydro and MTS will also require easements for the maintenance of their plants.

The Transportation Division of the Public Works Department has identified two conditions to their approval of the closing; the provision of a street corner widening at the northeast corner of the applicant's property and assurance that the owner of the property adjoining to the south, MTS Communications Inc., will continue to enjoy access to its land.

Sherwood Park Homes has agreed to dedicate the land required for the street corner widening. MTS Communications has advised that it has reached an agreement in principle with Sherwood Park Homes which will allow continued access to its property from McGillivray Boulevard, as well as the construction of an additional approach from Waverley Street.

This report is submitted in accordance with the provisions of By-law No. 7325/98, a by-law to amend current procedures to allow certain street opening and closing applications to be submitted to the Executive Policy Committee for report to Council without the requirement to be reviewed by a Standing Policy Committee.

The following criteria must be met before the authority given in the by-law may be exercised:

OPENINGS
1. The proposed opening and acquisition must have been approved by the Director of Public Works.
2. The proposed opening must have been submitted to all affected City Departments and public utilities with no objections having been received.

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3. Any conditions regarding engineering aspects (i.e. relocation of facilities) must have been mutually agreed to.
4. The affected property owner(s) must have agreed to the terms and conditions of the acquisition of the land required for the proposed opening.
5. The terms and conditions of any agreements concerning the proposed opening and acquisition must have been approved by the Director of the department that requested the opening and either the Standing Committee on Fiscal Issues, the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, or the Director of Property and Development Services as is appropriate.

CLOSINGS

1. The proposed closing must have been addressed at a public meeting and received approval from the Committee before which the public meeting took place.
2. The proposed closing and sale must have been approved by the Director of Public Works.
3. The proposed closing must have been submitted to all affected City Departments and public utilities with no objections having been received.
4. Any conditions regarding engineering aspects (i.e. relocation of facilities) must have been mutually agreed to.
5. The terms and conditions of any easement agreements created by the proposed closing and sale must have been addressed.
6. The proposed closing must have been approved by the affected property owner(s).
7. The terms and conditions of any agreements concerning the proposed closing and sale must have been approved by the Director of the department that requested the closing and either the Standing Committee on Fiscal Issues, the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, or the Director of Property and Development Services, as is appropriate.

All of these criteria have been met.

The City of Winnipeg will receive $91,402.00 for the closed portion of McGillivray Boulevard. All of the costs associated with this closing are to be borne by Sherwood Park Homes.

The opening and closing of these portions of McGillivray Boulevard requires a by-law pursuant to Section 495 of The City of Winnipeg Act.

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare the necessary by-law for submission to Council to effect the opening and closing in accordance with Schedule “A”, Misc. Plan No. 7729/4.

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

Copy of attachment referred to in the above clause is on file in the office of the City Clerk.

Adopted by consent.

By-law to authorize the borrowing of monies during the year 2000 under Section 281(1) of The City of Winnipeg Act
File FC-2 (Vol. 18)

133 - 2. The Executive Policy Committee has been advised that on December 16, 1992, Council adopted a policy whereby the annually approved short-term borrowing limit is established based on an analysis of cash flow projections and estimates requirements.

The short-term borrowing limit for 1999 was $250 million.

An analysis of the City’s cash flow projections for the balance of 1999 and 2000, indicates that a short-term borrowing limit of $250 million will meet the City’s requirements for 2000.

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The City is authorized under Section 281(1) of The City of Winnipeg Act to pass a by-law to provide for the borrowing for capital and current purposes from banks or from any other persons or corporations in such amounts as the Council may deem necessary, and to issue promissory notes in respect thereof.

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That Council approve the by-law duly approved as to financial details by the City Treasurer and certified as to form by the City Solicitor/Manager of Legal Services authorizing the City of Winnipeg to borrow monies for capital and current purposes during the year 2000, not exceeding in the aggregate the sum of $250 million at any one time, and to authorize the issuance and delivery of promissory notes in respect thereof.

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.

By-law to Authorize the Expenditure of Monies in 2000 prior to the adoption of the 2000 Estimates under Section 281(1)(d) of The City of Winnipeg Act
File FE-1 (Vol. 30)

134 - 3. The Executive Policy Committee has been advised that the budgeted expenditures adopted in 1999 for both current and capital purposes totalled $1,286,948,098. The by-law provides for spending in 2000 of amounts not exceeding 30% of $1,286,948,098 or $386,000,000 prior to the adoption of the 2000 annual estimates.

The City is authorized under Section 281 (1)(d) of The City of Winnipeg Act to pass a by-law authorizing the expenditure in any year prior to the adoption of the annual estimates for that year, of amounts not exceeding, in the aggregate, thirty percent of the estimate of expenditures adopted for the previous year.

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That Council approve the by-law duly approved as to financial details by the City Treasurer and certified as to form by the City Solicitor/Manager of Legal Services authorizing the expenditure of up to $386,000,000 in 2000 prior to the adoption of the 2000 annual estimates.

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.

Amendments to The License By-law and The Pound By-law
Files EL-1 (Vol. 32) and EL-4 (Vol. 29)

135 - 4. The Executive Policy Committee has been advised that under the current License By-law, anyone wishing to operate a dog kennel or operate as a hobby breeder must obtain a license which requires following the procedure outlined in By-law No. 6551/95, including approval by the relevant Community Committee.

Under The Animal Care Act, the Province now licenses dog kennels and hobby breeders. Thus, the City can no longer do so and, hence, the repeal of the License By-law provisions is necessary.

Under existing provisions of the Pound By-law, no one is allowed to keep more than three adult dogs or three adult cats except where they hold a dog kennel or hobby breeders license issued under the License By-law (the provisions of which must be repealed as noted above). While the City cannot license the operation of a dog kennel or hobby

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breeder, it can require under its Pound By-law, anyone wishing to have more than three adult dogs or cats regardless of why they wish to do so to obtain approval for same. The process proposed to obtain that approval in the amendments to the Pound By-law are similar to what was required under the License By-law.

These amendments are required by virtue of the Province of Manitoba proclaiming in force and effect The Animal Care Act.

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That Council approve By-law No. 7539/99 which amends both the License By-law No. 6551/95 and the Pound By-law No. 2443/79.

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.

Award of Contract for the provision of Security Services RFP No. 620-99
File GL-9 (Vol. 13)

136 - 5. The Executive Policy Committee has been advised that a Request for Proposals is issued triennially by the Materials Management Division of the Corporate Finance Department for Provision of Security Services for various City departments.

Final receipt of offers took place on November 19, 1999 with offers being received from six (6) offerers. A tabulation of these offers is outlined on Appendix "A" - Summary of Bids.

The Request for Proposal specified that this contract may be awarded as a whole, or separately by section or by any combination of sections.

All offers were evaluated, on a pass/fail basis, for qualifications of the offerer and conformance of the Proposal Submission with the mandatory requirements of the RFP Package.

All bids were in accordance with the requirements of the Proposal Package except as follows:

a) The proposal submitted by United Security should be determined non-responsive because it did not meet mandatory requirements in that they did not respond to all required submissions under Clause 16.1 (b) Proposals.

b) The proposal submitted by Vision Security should be determined non-responsive because it did not meet mandatory requirements in that they did not respond adequately to all required submissions under Clause 16.1 (b) Proposals.

c) The proposal submitted by OBO Security should be determined non-responsive because it did not meet mandatory requirements in that they did not respond to all required submissions under Clause 16.1 (b) Proposals.

d) The proposal submitted by Intelicom Inc. should be determined non-responsive because it did not meet mandatory requirements in that they did not respond adequately to all required submissions under Clause 16.1 (b) Proposals.

The requirements for Bid and Performance Securities, and the execution of a formal contract were waived for this purchase in accordance with the authority delegated to the Director of Purchasing by The Board of Commissioners on April 9, 1992 and February 9, 1995.

The recommended Offerer is the current Contractor and has, by successfully performing previous work similar in nature, scope and value, demonstrated that they have the necessary qualifications and resources to perform the work of this contract.

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Tenders are valid for acceptance until February 17, 2000.

Funding for this contract is through the budgets of the various user departments. The financial impact is outlined on Appendix "B".

Council approval is required for an award of Contract where the funds are committed from future budgets.

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That the proposals submitted by United Security, Vision Security, OBO Security, and Intelicom Inc. be determined to be non-responsive.

II. That the contract for the provision of security services for the period of January 1, 2000 to December 31, 2002 be awarded to Initial Security, a Division of Rentokil Initial Canada Limited, the offerer who submitted the proposal deemed most advantageous to the City.

III. That the Manager of Materials be authorized to issue a Purchase Order in the total conditional amount of $1,353,288.33, GST and PST extra.

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

Copy of attachments referred to in the above clause is on file in the office of the City Clerk.

Adopted by consent.

Restructuring the City of Winnipeg Employee Benefits Program
File GU-3.9 (Vol. 17)

137 - 6. The Executive Policy Committee has been advised that The Civic Employees Benefit Program was established by By-law No. 5300/89. The agreement by the City and the Unions to restructure the Employee Benefits Program requires the approval of City Council and ratification of the City's unions.

The proposed restructuring of the Employee Benefits Board program document outlined in Appendix "A", as prepared by the Actuaries, Western Compensation & Benefits Consultants was agreed to in principle by representatives of both the City and the Unions. An overview of the new proposal is attached as Appendix "C" entitled "Restructuring the City of Winnipeg Employee Benefits Program".

There are a number of activities required to finalize the agreement such as :

1. Approval from regulatory authorities
2. Preparation of the trust agreement
3. Changes to systems and procedures
4. Recalculation of pension and benefit payments

Due to the above, it is recommended that the effective date of restructuring be January 1, 2000, with the target date for implementation of the changes to be July 1, 2000. Employer contributions to the Plan will be adjusted immediately on the first pay period of the year in order to comply with Revenue Canada rules and recognizing that this change is operationally feasible to implement. However, improvements to Plan members benefits although retroactive to January 1, 2000, would be implemented as expeditiously as possible, with a target date of July 1, 2000 for full implementation.

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That the restructuring of the City of Winnipeg Benefits Program as outlined in Appendix "A" be adopted.

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II. That the effective date of the restructuring be January 1, 2000 with the target date for implementation of the changes to be July 1, 2000 and that the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to sign a Letter of Understanding as outlined in Appendix "B", based on the restructuring of the City of Winnipeg Benefits Program including an agreed to process for implementation.

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

Copy of attachments referred to in the above clause are on file in the office of the City Clerk.

Moved by Councillor Angus,
Adoption of the clause.

The Speaker called the Deputy Speaker, Councillor Lazarenko, to the Chair and left the Chamber.

Moved by Councillor Golden,
That Council go into Committee of the Whole.

The motion that Council go into Committee of the Whole was put.

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

Yea: Councillors Angus, Golden, Prystanski and Timm-Rudolph. 4

Nay: Councillors Clement, De Smedt, Lubosch, Smith, Steek, Deputy Mayor Thomas, Vandal, Eadie, His Worship Mayor Murray and Councillor Lazarenko. 10

and the motion that Council go into Committee of the Whole was declared lost.

Council recessed at 11:54 a.m., and reconvened at 1:36 p.m., same members present, the Speaker in the Chair.

Councillors Angus, Lazarenko, Lubosch and Vandal entered the meeting after Council had reconvened.

The Speaker called the Deputy Speaker, Councillor Lazarenko, to the Chair in order to participate in the debate, and after speaking, resumed the Chair.

The motion for the adoption of the clause was put.

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

Yea: Councillors Lazarenko, Angus, Clement, De Smedt, Lubosch, Prystanski, Smith, Steek, Deputy Mayor Thomas, Timm-Rudolph, Vandal, Eadie, His Worship Mayor Murray and Councillor O'Shaughnessy. 14

Nay: Councillor Golden. 1

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

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Winnipeg Development Agreement - Downtown Revitalization Program 11 - CentreVenture Development Corporation Files FR-3.2(PA-11) (Vol. 3) and EP-1.2.3 (Vol. 2)

138 - 7. On May 13, 1999, Council amended and adopted the CentreVenture - Downtown Revitalization Report and its companion, CentreVenture: A New Approach to Downtown Revitalization Report, dated May 5, 1999. City Council endorsed the creation of CentreVenture Development Corporation to provide leadership in creating and sustaining business opportunities and economic growth in downtown Winnipeg.

On July 9, 1999, CentreVenture Development Corporation was duly incorporated under the laws of the Province of Manitoba.

On September 24, 1999 the CentreVenture Board adopted their Start-Up Business Plan for submission to a special September 29, 1999 Council meeting.

On September 29, 1999 Council endorsed the spirit and intent of the CentreVenture Start-Up Business Plan which included a commitment from the City for endowment funding for the CentreVenture Development Bank.

At present, within WDA Program 11, $300,000 remains uncommitted after the anticipated additional allocation to the Portage Avenue Investment Fund. These funds could be provided to CentreVenture Development Corporation immediately subject to execution of a contribution agreement to provide seed capital to the Development Bank to implement components of the CentreVenture initiative.

As stated in their business plan:

> "CentreVenture's responsibility as a Development Bank will primarily focus on maximizing the leverage of CentreVenture's funding with public/private sector investment.
>
> The Development Bank will initiate "creative financing", in the form of direct loans, loan guarantees, performance and discretionary grants, fund feasibility and architectural studies. In addition, tax concessions for realty, amusement and business will be initiated by the Development Bank."

As funding for WDA has been budgeted in prior years, no additional borrowing authority is required.

The work plan approved for WDA Program 11 establishes Council as the approval authority for expenditures in excess of $100,000.

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That $300,000 from Winnipeg Development Agreement - Downtown Revitalization Program 11 be provided to CentreVenture Development Corporation as an initial contribution to the Development Bank.

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

Moved by His Worship Mayor Murray,
Adoption of the clause.

Carried.

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Declaration of a Portion of the Henteleff Tree Nursery lands as Surplus - Riel Community File FI-2.4(35)(Vol. 7)

139 - 8. On November 10, 1999, the Executive Policy Committee laid over Clause 3 of the Report of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development dated October 26, 1999, with respect to the referenced matter.

In accordance with Section 61.5 of the Procedure By-law No. 5400/94 as amended, the Executive Policy Committee recommends that Council grant an extension of time of 60 days for further consideration of the matter.

Moved by His Worship Mayor Murray,
Adoption of the clause.

Carried.

Fairfield Park Local Improvement District Initiation By-law File SL-1 (Vol. 20) & FC(2000)

140 - 9. On May 11, 1999, the Riel Community Committee considered the report from the Land Development Administrator, dated May 10, 1999, and passed the following motion:

"That the following recommendations be concurred in and forwarded to the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works for favourable consideration, namely:

1. That Council authorize the Administration to prepare a Local Improvement District Initiation By-Law for the Fairfield Park Local Improvement District that will:
   a) identify the boundaries of the Local Improvement District in Fairfield Park as outlined on Map P2,
   b) include the municipal services as shown on Map P3 and Map P4 and described in Schedule A,
   c) designate the Riel Community Committee as the District Proposal Committee (Section 392.1(2)(b) of The City of Winnipeg Act requires this Committee to include at least three councillors),
   d) authorize the Administration to prepare a formal District Proposal (as prescribed in Section 392.1(6)),
   e) direct the Administration to conduct public hearings (as required under Section 392.1(7)) in the manner prescribed by Local Improvement District Procedural By-law 6990/97).

2. That the Standing Committee on Fiscal Issues be requested to identify a funding source for $550,000.00 to complete the detailed design of the municipal services and finalize the negotiations for the required land acquisitions in order that more precise servicing costs and levies can be determined and to cover advertising and mailing costs for the approval process to continue to the Implementation By-law stage for the Fairfield Park Local Improvement District.

3. That Council approve funding in the amount of $550,000.00 for the approval process to continue to the Implementation By-law stage for the Fairfield Park Local Improvement District.

4. That the Director of Property and Development Services Department be authorized to negotiate for the acquisition and to obtain an Option to Purchase, the lands necessary to create a stormwater retention pond plus any other land acquisitions necessary for the Fairfield Park Local Improvement District project subject to the identification and approval of a source of funding.

And That the Chief Financial Officer be requested to submit for the consideration of Executive Policy Committee and onward transmission to the Standing Committee on Fiscal Issues recommendations for the development of a policy that will allow funding to be set aside for local improvement projects outside Council's annual Local Improvement Capital Borrowing limit, taking into consideration the recovery nature of the costs."

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On May 31, 1999, the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works recommended that the recommendations of the Riel Community Committee be concurred in.

On June 9, 1999, the Executive Policy Committee referred the matter to the Standing Committee on Fiscal Issues for review of the funding source, and referred the matter of the $550,000 to Executive Policy Committee's Capital Budget deliberations.

On July 6, 1999, the Standing Committee on Fiscal Issues concurred in the recommendations of the administrative report dated June 7, 1999, namely:

1. That Council exclude the property owner's recoverable portion of the local improvement cost from the annual tax-supported borrowing cap because it has no impact on the financial health of the City.

2. That the annual tax supported borrowing cap (internal and external borrowing limit) be adjusted so that the exclusion of the property owner's recoverable portion of the local improvement would be neutral to the City's debt management plan.

3. That all district local improvement capital projects be considered independently from the tax-supported borrowing cap due to the legislated full cost recovery of the improvements, but that if any City share exists, it would be financed through the General Reserve and considered in the annual tax-supported borrowing cap as is the current policy.

and forwarded same to Executive Policy Committee for favourable consideration.

On July 14, 1999, the Executive Policy Committee laid the matter over and referred same back to the Standing Committee on Fiscal Issues for further review.

Council on September 22, 1999, approved Clause 1 of the Report of the Standing Committee on Fiscal Issues regarding an Amendment to the City's Debt Management Plan-Policy for Local Improvement Districts.

On December 7, 1999, the Standing Committee on Fiscal Issues approved an additional appropriation in the amount of $550,000.00 for the Fairfield Park Local Improvement District.

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That Council authorize the Administration to prepare a Local Improvement District Initiation By-Law for the Fairfield Park Local Improvement District that will:
   a) identify the boundaries of the Local Improvement District in Fairfield Park as outlined on Schedule "B" - Map P2,
   b) include the municipal services as outlined on Schedule "B" - Map P3 and Map P4 and described in Schedule "A",
   c) designate the Riel Community Committee as the District Proposal Committee (Section 392.1(2)(b) of The City of Winnipeg Act requires this Committee to include at least three councillors),
   d) authorize the Administration to prepare a formal District Proposal (as prescribed in Section 392.1(6)),
   e) direct the Administration to conduct public hearings (as required under Section 392.1(7)) in the manner prescribed by Local Improvement District Procedural By-law 6990/97).

II. That the Director of Property and Development Services Department be authorized to negotiate for the acquisition and to obtain an Option to Purchase, the lands necessary to create a stormwater retention pond plus any other land acquisitions necessary for the Fairfield Park Local Improvement District project subject to the identification and approval of a source of funding.

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

Copy of attachments referred to in the above clause are on file in the office of the City Clerk.

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Moved by His Worship Mayor Murray,

That the clause be tabled until the Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated December 15, is considered.

Carried.

(See Minute No. 147 for disposition)

Community and Race Relations Committee
File CR (Vol. 10)

141 - 10. On December 8, 1999, the Executive Policy Committee passed the following motion, namely:

WHEREAS the Race Relations Committee has served the City of Winnipeg for 14 years and the members of City Council are grateful for the commitment demonstrated by the members of the Race Relations Committee;

AND WHEREAS the population demographics of the City of Winnipeg have undergone major changes that need to be acknowledged and addressed by the Civic Government to enable the City of Winnipeg's staff and programs meet the needs of a changing population;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That the Race Relations Committee be dissolved and that the Mayor appoint a Task Force January 1, 2000 composed of up to nine members that are reflective of the diversity of the city;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED That Executive Policy Committee mandate this Task Force to include but not be limited to the following and recommending improvements where required:

- *To hold community workshops and public hearings to ascertain what issues and /or barriers face individuals and communities when dealing with the delivery of city services, the implementation of city policies and city hiring practices.*
- *To evaluate existing City of Winnipeg education and training material on race and ethnic issues. Recommend changes if required that include community recommendations.*
- *To evaluate existing City of Winnipeg policies on services, appointments and hiring, including all City boards, committees and agencies. Make recommendations if required that will enable City government to better reflect the diversity of the City in the face of its workforce.*
- *To develop a "Best Practices" strategy that is recognized as useful for public and private institutions in matters of hiring and policy development.*
- *To inform the Mayor and Council as to emerging issues and provide advice through summaries with appropriate support information.*
- *To develop a mechanism that brings racial equality issues forward in the development of polices and implementation planning.*
- *Propose a relationship with community organizations and the City of Winnipeg to ensure the effective participation of communities in matters which affect them.*
- *To develop a mechanism whereby city staff can negotiate with other levels of government and community agencies to ensure people have equitable access to resources.*
- *To encourage the development of joint action and cooperation between ethnic groups/organizations and the City of Winnipeg.*

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Task Force bring a report with final recommendations, implementation plan and time line to the Executive Policy Committee by December 31, 2000;

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Executive Policy Committee redirect the $29,000,00 year 2000 budget for the Race Relations Committee to cover the costs of the Task Force;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Mayor be given the authority to appoint up to 9 members to the Task Force;

and submits same to Council for approval.

Adopted by consent.

Finalization of all matters pertaining to the Community and Race Relations Committee File CR (Vol. 10)

142 - 11. On December 8, 1999, the Executive Policy Committee passed the following motion, namely:

WHEREAS The Community and Race Relations Committee will be dissolved on December 31, 1999;

AND WHEREAS there is outstanding business to be finalized by the Community and Race Relations Committee;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the current staff person be directed to finalize all matters including the paneling of complaints and the payment of all outstanding bills by December 31, 1999;

and submits same to Council for approval.

Adopted by consent.

Proposal to amend the Organizational By-law No. 7100/97 to provide for an appeal process File GL-5.6 (Vol. 9)

143 - 12. On September 22, 1999, Council ruled automatic referral of the following motion to the Executive Policy Committee, under Rule 16.1 of the Procedure By-law No. 5400/90:

Moved by Councillor Steek,
Seconded by Councillor Lazarenko,

WHEREAS Section 647(1) of The City of Winnipeg Act directs that an appeal of variance or conditional use be heard by a committee of Council as designated by by-law;

AND WHEREAS By-law No. 7100/97 currently identifies the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development as the said appeals committee;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed desirable to extend Council member representation to hear appeals;

AND WHEREAS the appeals workload can prove onerous for one committee;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Executive Policy Committee explore i) the possibility of amending By-law No. 7100/97 to provide for an appeal process whereby each Standing Policy Committee and Standing Committee of Council would act as the said appeals committee on a quarterly basis; ii) other alternatives to address the hearing and deciding of appeals.

On September 29, 1999, Executive Policy Committee laid the matter over for 60 days and requested the Chief Administrative Officer to report back on the legal options for the appeal process as it currently exists.

On November 17, 1999, Council granted an extension of time of 30 days for consideration of the matter.

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For the information of Council the Executive Policy Committee has reviewed the options available to the City regarding appeals on variance and conditional use applications from the Board of Adjustment;

The Legal Services Department has advised that the options are extremely limited according to Section 647(1) of The Act, which states that appeals from decisions on variance and conditional use hearings are to be heard by "the Committee of Council designated by by-law."

Section 574(3) of The Act further requires that the "Committee of Council" designated to hear appeals is restricted to Executive Policy Committee or a standing committee of Council.

Council amended the Organizational By-law and designated the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development to be the appeal body in these matters.

The Executive Policy Committee has explored the option of creating a special standing committee of council to deal with these appeals which would require the appointment by the Mayor of another member to the Executive Policy Committee, the current membership of EPC being already at its legislated maximum of seven (7) members and the Mayor is not prepared to consider doubling up the duties of any existing member of the Executive Policy Committee by adding the chairmanship of an appeals committee to their portfolio.

It would be necessary to find members of council who would be willing to add appeals committee duties to their workload, in addition to their primary responsibility as members of the Standing Policy Committees.

The intent of the legislative change in 1992 was to eliminate the former process of having a committee with rotating/alternating membership deal with appeals, as it was felt that this process did not provide the public with clear, consistent and accountable decisions with regard to these appeals.

The suggestion that the appeals process alternate amongst the standing committees of council on a rotating basis as outlined in the referred motion is not considered to be a viable option for consideration at this time and it is very clear to Executive Policy Committee that The City of Winnipeg Act does not provide Council with any legislative flexibility to find a better manner of dealing with these appeals and that the act should be amended to give Council the authority to determine an appeal process that would be more appropriate than the present method.

The Executive Policy Committee is in agreement with the position of the Legal Services Department that substantive changes to the present appeal system are neither legal or practicable without altering The City of Winnipeg Act.

On December 8, 1999, the Executive Policy Committee passed the following motion, namely:

THAT the motion submitted to Council on September 22, 1999 be filed;

AND THAT Council authorize the Secretary of Intergovernmental Affairs to request the Province of Manitoba to amend the City of Winnipeg Act by repealing the current appeal mechanism, and by giving City Council the full and unfettered legislative authority to establish, by by-law the structure, process and regulations for variance and conditional use appeals in the future;

and submits same to Council for approval.

Adopted by consent.

Appointments to the Board of Adjustment
File GK-12 (Vol. 6)

144 - 13. On December 8, 1999, the Executive Policy Committee passed the following motion, namely:

WHEREAS the Chairperson of the Board of Adjustment has advised that he has received a verbal resignation of one of its citizen members Rosemarie Morritt due to a job transfer;

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AND WHEREAS two other citizen terms expire on December 31, 1999 and in order to have enough members for the Board to sit in early January, 2000, it would be beneficial to have the citizen members appointed for January 1, 2000;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Policy Committee recommend to Council the following appointments to the Board of Adjustment effective January 1, 2000, namely:

William Evans as Vice Chair, for a three year term to expire December 31, 2002
Mark G. Morgan for a three year term to expire December 31, 2002

Al Franklin for the balance of the three year term to expire December 31, 2001

and submits same to Council for approval.

Adopted by consent.

REPORT OF THE

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

DATED DECEMBER 15, 1999

On motion of His Worship Mayor Murray the rule was suspended and the Report of the Executive Policy Committee, dated December 15, 1999, was considered clause by clause.

Appointment to The Forks North Portage Partnership
File FR-4.1 (Vol. 4) c/r GC-7 (Vol. 29)

145 - 1. On December 15, 1999, the Executive Policy Committee passed the following motions, namely:

WHEREAS in January 2000 the Shareholders will commence a thorough study of the mandate of the Forks North Portage Partnership and the direction it will take into the new century;

AND WHEREAS Ernst Keller has served as the Chairman to the Board of the Forks North Portage Partnership since June 22, 1994 and will be resigning in December, 1999;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Mr. Bill Norrie be appointed Chairman of the Board of the Forks North Portage Partnership commencing January 1, 2000;

and

WHEREAS in January 2000 the Shareholders will commence a thorough study of the mandate of the Forks North Portage Partnership and the direction it will take into the new century;

AND WHEREAS the balance of the term of Rudy Friesen, one of the three municipal citizen appointments to the Forks North Portage Partnership expires on May 26, 2000;

AND WHEREAS it would not be appropriate for a new person to commence as one of the citizen appointments half way through the year while the mandate is being reviewed;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Jerry Cianflone be appointed to replace Rudy Friesen on the Forks North Portage Partnership commencing on January, 1, 2000.

The Executive Policy Committee submits these motions to Council for favourable consideration.

Moved by His Worship Mayor Murray,
Adoption of the clause.

The motion for the adoption of the clause was put.

The Speaker called for the yeas and nays, which were as follows:-

Yea: Councillors Lazarenko, Clement, De Smedt, Lubosch, Prystanski, Smith, Deputy Mayor Thomas, Vandal, Eadie and His Worship Mayor Murray. 10

Nay: Councillors Golden, Steek, Timm-Rudolph and O'Shaughnessy. 4

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

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Year-End Surplus Funding Initiatives
Files FE-1 (Vol. 30) & GC-11 (Vol. 11)

146 - 2. On December 15, 1999, the Executive Policy Committee passed the following motion, namely:

WHEREAS the Standing Committee on Fiscal Issues at its meeting held on December 7, 1999, approved, as a walk-in agenda item, funding of the following initiatives in the amounts identified as 1999 over-expenditures to be charged to 1999 operations:

• *CentreVenture*	*$1,700,000.00*
• *Fairfield Park (Approval Process)*	*550,000.00*
• *Manitoba Theatre Centre Capital Campaign*	*250,000.00*
• *Audible Pedestrian Signals Program*	*200,000.00*
• *Winnipeg Football Club*	*200,000.00*
• *Renovations, Council Building*	*150,000.00*
• *Action Against Arson*	*823,500.00*
• *Take Pride Winnipeg!*	*134,000.00*
• *Fire Service Museum of Winnipeg*	*80,000.00*
• *Lagimodière Market Garden Site*	*200,000.00*

in the total amount of $4,287,500.00.

AND WHEREAS Councillors have raised concerns about the expenditure approvals and have indicated that they would like to have more input into the decision-making;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Executive Policy Committee recommend that Council confirm the decision of the Committee on Fiscal Issues;

and submits same to Council for approval.

For the information of Council the Executive Policy Committee has also created an Ad Hoc Committee, comprised of Councillor J. Eadie, Secretary, Intergovernmental Affairs, to review the matter of delegated authority pertaining to each of Council's Standing Committees.

Moved by Councillor Clement,
Adoption of the clause.

The Speaker called the Deputy Speaker, Councillor Lazarenko, to the Chair and left the Chamber.

The Speaker returned to the Chamber and resumed the Chair.

Moved by Councillor Prystanski,
Seconded by Councillor Golden,

WHEREAS the most recent projections to December 31, 1999, for the General Revenue Fund (as at October 31, 1999) estimate a surplus of $5.3 million;

AND WHEREAS the Winnipeg Police Service has had to eliminate police officers to meet this politically approved surplus;

AND WHEREAS the 1999 budget for the Winnipeg Police Service saw its salaries reduced by $2,163,533.00 for vacancy management and by $541,948.00 to eliminate the 1999 police recruit class to the year 2000;

AND WHEREAS City Council and its Senior Management met on October 18, 1999, to establish a Council Priority Plan through the MRM program;

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AND WHEREAS public safety through the Winnipeg Police Service was deemed to be the number one priority;

AND WHEREAS the Standing Committee on Fiscal Issues approved a total of $4,287,500.00 of additional expenditures from the identified current budget surplus;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the clause be referred back to the Executive Policy Committee with instructions that the Executive Policy Committee convene a Council workshop to determine an allocation of the 1999 Current Budget surplus according to the Council directed Priority Plan and report back thereon to Council.

The Speaker ruled the motion out of order.

Councillor Prystanski challenged the ruling of the chair.

The question, "Shall the ruling of the Chair be sustained?" was put.

The Speaker called for the yeas and nays, which were as follows:-

Yea: Councillors Lazarenko, Angus, Clement, De Smedt, Lubosch, Smith, Deputy Mayor Thomas, Vandal, Eadie, His Worship Mayor Murray and Councillor O'Shaughnessy. 11

Nay: Councillors Golden, Prystanski and Timm-Rudolph. 3

and the ruling of the Chair was sustained.

The Speaker called the Deputy Speaker, Councillor Lazarenko, to the Chair in order to participate in the debate, and after speaking, resumed the Chair.

The motion for the adoption of the clause was put.

At the request of Councillor Steek, the Speaker advised that Council would vote on each of the ten appropriations being recommended.

The appropriation for CentreVenture for $1,700,000 was put.

The Speaker called for the yeas and nays, which were as follows:-

Yea: Councillors Lazarenko, Angus, Clement, De Smedt, Lubosch, Prystanski, Smith, Steek, Deputy Mayor Thomas, Vandal, Eadie, His Worship Mayor Murray and Councillor O'Shaughnessy. 13

Nay: Councillors Golden, Timm-Rudolph. 2

and the recommendation for the CentreVenture appropriation was declared carried.

The appropriation for Fairfield Park for $550,000 was put.

The Speaker called for the yeas and nays, which were as follows:-

Yea: Councillors Lazarenko, Angus, Clement, De Smedt, Lubosch, Deputy Mayor Thomas, Vandal, Eadie, His Worship Mayor Murray and Councillor O'Shaughnessy. 10

Nay: Councillors Golden, Prystanski, Smith, Steek and Timm-Rudolph. 5

and the recommendation for the Fairfield Park appropriation was declared carried.

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The appropriation for Manitoba Theatre Centre Capital Campaign for $250,000 was put.

The Speaker called for the yeas and nays, which were as follows:-

Yea: Councillors Lazarenko, Angus, Clement, De Smedt, Lubosch, Smith, Steek, Deputy Mayor Thomas, Vandal, Eadie and His Worship Mayor Murray. 11

Nay: Councillors Golden, Prystanski, Timm-Rudolph and Councillor O'Shaughnessy. 4

and the recommendation for the Manitoba Theatre Centre Capital Campaign appropriation was declared carried.

The appropriation for Audible Pedestrian Signals Program for $200,000 was put.

The Speaker called for the yeas and nays, which were as follows:-

Yea: Councillors Lazarenko, Angus, Clement, De Smedt, Golden, Lubosch, Prystanski, Smith, Steek, Deputy Mayor Thomas, Timm-Rudolph, Vandal, Eadie, His Worship Mayor Murray and Councillor O'Shaughnessy. 15

Nay: 0

and the recommendation for the Audible Pedestrian Signals Program was declared carried.

The appropriation for the Winnipeg Football Club for $200,000 was put.

The Speaker called for the yeas and nays, which were as follows:-

Yea: Councillors Lazarenko, Angus, Clement, De Smedt, Lubosch, Steek, Deputy Mayor Thomas, Vandal, Eadie and His Worship Mayor Murray. 10

Nay: Councillors Golden, Prystanski, Smith, Timm-Rudolph and O'Shaughnessy. 5

and the recommendation for the Winnipeg Football Club appropriation was declared carried.

The appropriation for Renovations, Council Building for $150,000 was put.

The Speaker called for the yeas and nays, which were as follows:-

Yea: Councillors Lazarenko, Angus, Clement, De Smedt, Lubosch, Smith, Deputy Mayor Thomas, Vandal, Eadie and His Worship Mayor Murray. 10

Nay: Councillors Golden, Prystanski, Steek, Timm-Rudolph and Councillor O'Shaughnessy. 5

and the recommendation for the Renovations, Council Building appropriation was declared carried.

The appropriation for Action Against Arson for $823,500 was put.

The Speaker called for the yeas and nays, which were as follows:-

Yea: Councillors Lazarenko, Angus, Clement, De Smedt, Lubosch, Prystanski, Smith, Steek, Deputy Mayor Thomas, Vandal, Eadie, His Worship Mayor Murray and Councillor O'Shaughnessy. 13

Nay: Councillors Golden and Timm-Rudolph. 2

and the recommendation for the Action Against Arson appropriation was declared carried.

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The appropriation for Take Pride Winnipeg! for $134,000 was put.

The Speaker called for the yeas and nays, which were as follows:-

Yea: Councillors Lazarenko, Angus, Clement, De Smedt, Lubosch, Prystanski, Smith, Steek, Deputy Mayor Thomas, Vandal, Eadie and His Worship Mayor Murray. 12

Nay: Councillors Golden, Timm-Rudolph and Councillor O'Shaughnessy. 3

and the recommendation for the Take Pride Winnipeg! appropriation was declared carried.

The appropriation for the Fire Service Museum of Winnipeg for $80,000 was put.

The Speaker called for the yeas and nays, which were as follows:-

Yea: Councillors Lazarenko, Angus, Clement, De Smedt, Lubosch, Prystanski, Steek, Deputy Mayor Thomas, Vandal, Eadie and His Worship Mayor Murray. 11

Nay: Councillors Golden, Smith, Timm-Rudolph and O'Shaughnessy. 4

and the recommendation for the Fire Service Museum of Winnipeg appropriation was declared carried.

The appropriation for the Lagimodiere Market Garden Site for $200,000 was put.

The Speaker called for the yeas and nays, which were as follows:-

Yea: Councillors Lazarenko, Angus, Clement, De Smedt, Lubosch, Smith, Steek, Deputy Mayor Thomas, Vandal, Eadie and His Worship Mayor Murray. 11

Nay: Councillors Golden, Prystanski, Timm-Rudolph and O'Shaughnessy. 4

and the recommendation for the Lagimodiere Market Garden Site appropriation was declared carried.

The motion for the adoption of the clause was put.

The Speaker called for the yeas and nays, which were as follows:-

Yea: Councillors Lazarenko, Angus, Clement, De Smedt, Lubosch, Prystanski, Smith, Steek, Deputy Mayor Thomas, Vandal, Eadie and His Worship Mayor Murray. 12

Nay: Councillors Golden, Timm-Rudolph and O'Shaughnessy. 3

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

Council here reverted to the order of business - “Clause 9 of the Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated December 8, 1999".

Fairfield Park Local Improvement District
Initiation By-law
File SL-1 (Vol. 20) & FC(2000)

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

Councillors Steek and Timm-Rudolph asked to be recorded as having voted against the clause, in accordance with Rule 50.7 of the Procedure By-law.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

MOTIONS

Moved by Councillor Steek,
Seconded by Councillor Smith,

148 - WHEREAS the Standing Committee on Fiscal Issues at its meeting held on December 7, 1999, approved, without prior notice, funding of the following initiatives in the amounts identified as 1999 over-expenditures to be charged to 1999 operations:

- CentreVenture $1,700,000.00
- Fairfield Park (Approval Process) 550,000.00
- Manitoba Theatre Centre Capital Campaign 250,000.00
- Audible Pedestrian Signals Program 200,000.00
- Winnipeg Football Club 200,000.00
- Renovations - Second Floor, Council Building 150,000.00
- Action Against Arson 823,500.00
- Take Pride Winnipeg! 134,000.00
- Fire Service Museum of Winnipeg 80,000.00
- Lagimodière Market Garden Site 200,000.00

in the total amount of $4,287,500.00.

AND WHEREAS in accordance with Subsection 104 of *The City of Winnipeg Act*, and Section 3 (2) of the Organizational By-law No. 7100/97, Council maintains supremacy in the decision-making process;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council now reconsider the decision of the Standing Committee on Fiscal Issues and review each additional appropriation.

With the concurrence of the seconder Councillor Smith, and with the permission of Council, Councillor Steek withdrew his motion.

Executive Policy Committee - Motions (continued)

Moved by Councillor Steek,
Seconded by Councillor Smith,
149 - WHEREAS Council at its meeting of March 25, 1998, passed By-law No. 7170/98 amending the City Organization By-law No. 7100/97 by repealing the authority previously granted to the Executive Policy Committee and delegating the power and duty to approve additional appropriations to the Operating Budget to the Standing Committee on Fiscal Issues;

AND WHEREAS the Standing Committee on Fiscal Issues at its meeting held on December 7, 1999, approved, without prior notice, funding of the following initiatives in the amounts identified as 1999 over-expenditures to be charged to 1999 operations:

• CentreVenture	$1,700,000.00
• Fairfield Park (Approval Process)	550,000.00
• Manitoba Theatre Centre Capital Campaign	250,000.00
• Audible Pedestrian Signals Program	200,000.00
• Winnipeg Football Club	200,000.00
• Renovations - Second Floor, Council Building	150,000.00
• Action Against Arson	823,500.00
• Take Pride Winnipeg!	134,000.00
• Fire Service Museum of Winnipeg	80,000.00
• Lagimodière Market Garden Site	200,000.00

in the total amount of $4,287,500.00;

AND WHEREAS Members of Council are committed to fiscal prudence with relation to ongoing expenses and the Mayor has identified that a tax reduction is desirable;

AND WHEREAS Council has mandated the Standing Committee on Fiscal Issues to provide input and advice to Executive Policy Committee on policies and strategies with respect to financial management;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Executive Policy Committee review the final decision-making authority for approval of additional appropriations with a view to establishing guidelines and funding limits that are pre-established by Council.

With the concurrence of the seconder Councillor Smith, and with the permission of Council, Councillor Steek withdrew his motion.

Moved by Councillor Prystanski,
Seconded by Councillor Golden,
150 - WHEREAS the most recent projections to December 31, 1999, for the General Revenue Fund (as at October 31, 1999) estimate a surplus of $5.3 million;

AND WHEREAS the Winnipeg Police Service has had to eliminate police officers to meet this politically approved surplus;

AND WHEREAS the 1999 budget for the Winnipeg Police Service saw its salaries reduced by $2,163,533.00 for vacancy management and by $541,948.00 to eliminate the 1999 police recruit class to the year 2000;

AND WHEREAS City Council and its Senior Management met on October 18, 1999, to establish a Council Priority Plan through the MRM program;

AND WHEREAS public safety through the Winnipeg Police Service was deemed to be the number one priority;

AND WHEREAS the Standing Committee on Fiscal Issues approved a total of $4,287,500.00 of additional expenditures from the identified current budget surplus;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council rescind the Standing Committee on Fiscal Issues' motion of December 7, 1999 and convene a Council workshop to determine an allocation of the 1999 current budget surplus according to the Council directed priority plan.

Executive Policy Committee - Motions (continued)

With the concurrence of the seconder Councillor Golden, and with the permission of Council, Councillor Prystanski withdrew his motion.

Moved by Councillor Smith,
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Thomas,
151 - WHEREAS Versatile Farm Equipment has been operating in the City of Winnipeg since 1951 and is the last remaining farm tractor assembly plant in Canada;

AND WHEREAS the facility provides jobs for over 800 people in the City of Winnipeg and close to an additional 2000 spinoff jobs in the community;

AND WHEREAS as a result of a corporate merger between New Holland and Case Corporation, the future of the Winnipeg facility is in jeopardy;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that The City of Winnipeg call upon all levels of government to work together in an effort to secure the future of the Versatile facility and pledge to support all employees and their families in the struggle for survival.

The Speaker ruled automatic referral to Executive Policy Committee in accordance with Rule 16.1 of the Procedure By-law.

Moved by Councillor Smith,
That the rule be suspended to allow consideration of the motion at this time.

The motion to suspend the rule was put.

The Speaker called for the yeas and nays, which were as follows:-

Yea: Councillors Lazarenko, Angus, Clement, De Smedt, Lubosch, Prystanski, Smith, Steek, Deputy Mayor Thomas, Timm-Rudolph, Vandal and His Worship Mayor Murray. 12

Nay: Councillors Eadie and O'Shaughnessy. 2

and the motion to suspend the rule was declared carried.

The motion proposed by Councillors Smith and Thomas was put and declared carried.

Moved by Councillor Angus,
Seconded by Councillor De Smedt,
152 - WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg is desirous of increasing its tax base, job creation and new business development;

AND WHEREAS there are opportunities for economic development in the City of Winnipeg;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Policy Committee explore creation of an "Urban Economic Development Strategy Committee";

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Executive Policy Committee recommend to Council the structure, terms of reference and reporting relationships for the Committee's operation.

Automatic Referral to Executive Policy Committee in accordance with Rule 16.1 of the Procedure By-law

Executive Policy Committee - Motions (continued)

Moved by Councillor Lazarenko,
Seconded by Councillor Smith,
153 - 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.

Automatic Referral to the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services in accordance with Rule 16.1 of the Procedure By-law

Moved by Councillor Prystanski,
Seconded by Councillor Steek,
154 - WHEREAS Clause 2 of the Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated December 15, 1999 advises that the Executive Policy Committee has created an Ad Hoc Committee to review the matter of delegated authority pertaining to each of Council's Standing Committees;

AND WHEREAS the review will affect every Standing Committee;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council establish a "Committee of Council" to be chaired by the Secretary of Intergovernmental Affairs and include representation from each of its Standing Committees for the purpose of conducting a review of each Standing Committee's delegated authority under Organizational By-law 7100/97;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each Standing Committee apprise the Executive Policy Committee of its recommended appointment.

The Speaker ruled automatic referral to Executive Policy Committee in accordance with Rule 16.1 of the Procedure By-law.

Moved by Councillor Prystanski,
That the rule be suspended to allow consideration of the motion at this time.

The motion to suspend the rule was put.

The Speaker called for the yeas and nays, which were as follows:-

Yea: Councillors Lazarenko, Angus, Clement, Lubosch, Prystanski, Smith, Steek, Timm-Rudolph and Eadie. 9

Nay: Councillors De Smedt, Deputy Mayor Thomas, Vandal, His Worship Mayor Murray and Councillor O'Shaughnessy. 5

and the motion to suspend the rule was declared lost, not having received the required two-thirds vote of the members present in accordance with Rule 3 of the Procedure By-law.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

155 - On motion of His Worship Mayor Murray, 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. 7539/99, a by-law of The City of Winnipeg to amend By-law No. 6551/95 being The License By-law and By-law No. 2443/79 being The Pound By-law.
Files EL-1 (Vol. 32) & EL-4 (Vol. 29)

By-law No. 7540/99, a by-law of The City of Winnipeg to close a part and to open a part of Public Road and McGillivray Boulevard west of Waverley Street. File DAOC 3/99

By-law No. 7541/99, a by-law of The City of Winnipeg to provide for discounts where Realty or Business Taxes are prepaid. File FL-2.1 (Vol. 2)

By-law No. 7542/99, a by-law of The City of Winnipeg to change the names of certain highways in The City of Winnipeg. File SC-3.14(31) (Vol. 2)

On motion of His Worship Mayor Murray, the rule was suspended and 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. 7545/99, a by-law of The City of Winnipeg to authorize the borrowing during the year 2000 of monies not exceeding the sum of $250,000,000.00 in aggregate for capital and current purposes, and to authorize the issuance and delivery of promissory notes as security for such borrowing. File FC-2 (Vol. 18)

By-law No. 7546/99, a by-law of The City of Winnipeg to authorize the expenditure of monies in 2000 before the adoption of the 2000 annual estimates. File FE-1 (Vol. 30)

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

QUESTION PERIOD

156 - Councillor Timm-Rudolph requested confirmation that effective January 1, 2000 ambulance service would be cut in the Transcona Ward and questioned why His Worship had not responded to the letter she had forwarded, on behalf of the Transcona Council for Seniors Incorporated, regarding this matter.

The Speaker called the Deputy Speaker, Councillor Lazarenko, to the Chair and left the Chamber.

His Worship Mayor Murray advised that he was not aware of the correspondence in question but agreed to locate it and address it appropriately. His Worship deferred the question pertaining to Amublance Service to Councillor Vandal inasmuch as he was leading negotiations with the Province. Councillor Vandal emphasized that paramedic/ambulance service to Transcona would not be cut, noting that instead a one person rapid response paramedic unit would be introduced to the citizens of Transcona. Councillor Vandal advised that the proposed model was used regularly in other jurisdictions and would increase reliance on a tiered response for emergency service in order to provide reliable and effective medical service. He noted that with the new system the availability of well trained human resources would increase dramatically for the City as a whole and Emergency Response Service would be able to more consistently achieve response time objectives.

Councillor Timm-Rudolph questioned if there had been a policy change pertaining to the way the citizens of Winnipeg were served and questioned why the north/east part of Winnipeg was singled out for the test pilot. She further asked what assurance the residents of Transcona have that they would be receiving equivalent service, if not better service, with the change.

Executive Policy Committee – Question Period (continued)

His Worship stated that Emergency Response Service has latitude to look at alternate delivery areas and advised that there would be no reduction in safety or service. He further noted that he would request the Chief Operating Officer to directly correspond with Councillor Timm-Rudolph inasmuch as the questions posed pertain to administrative decisions.

In reference to the Housing Strategy Report recently prepared by David Shore, Councillor Prystanski asked what the cost was to produce the report and questioned when he would receive a copy.

His Worship indicated that David Shore was hired at a cost of approximately $15,000 to facilitate a housing workshop and prepare background research for the housing strategy report. He further noted that he would ascertain why a copy of the report had not been forwarded.

In reference to the imminent current budget deliberations, Councillor Steek noted that the Administration had requested 2.3% diminutions in expenditures from various departments, and questioned when the projections would be forwarded.

His Worship advised that the current budget would be tabled on February 2, 2000 and that the formal Council approved budget process would be from February 2 to March 15, 2000. He further stated that six community workshops and a community forum would be held in early in January and that deliberations would then proceed to Community Committees, Standing Committees, Executive Policy Committee and Council, noting that the Administration also has the authority to make budgetary changes to achieve reductions, savings and efficiencies.

The Deputy Speaker called Councillor Eadie to the Chair and left the Chamber.

Councillor Steek requested an update on negotiations between the City and the Province for additional ambulances in the year 2000.

Councillor Vandal indicated that the first working group meeting, consisting of himself, Provincial Deputy Ministers, the Chief Operating Officer and the Chief Administrative Officer, was held on December 14, 1999 to explore a new funding formula for paramedic services inside the City of Winnipeg. He noted that on a per capita basis the City of Winnipeg was amongst the lowest for Provincial funding but stated that the Province recently confirmed that an additional $300,000 for paramedic service would be committed for 1999 and 2000, and that the Provincial Government appeared to be willing to look at a funding formula more positive for the citizens of Winnipeg.

Councillor Steek requested the Mayor to clarify if the Executive Policy Committee would endeavour to obtain joint City/Provincial funding for additional ambulances.

His Worship emphasized the importance of acceptable response time but stated that under the current funding formula he would not be prepared to enhance or even retain the paramedic services and that further review of the system/policy issues was required. He further noted the complexity of the issue and reinforced the importance of the issue and that the level of service would be explored.

In reference to the proposed ambulance service changes in the Transcona Ward, Councillor Timm-Rudolph questioned why Councillors were not notified of the proposed change and why there was no form of public communication. In addition, she noted that she had communicated in writing to the Chief Operating Officer on November 1, 1999, with a copy to His Worship and Councillor Vandal, and questioned why a response had not been provided to her queries pertaining to a very serious fire in her Ward.

Councillor Vandal reiterated that there would not be a cut to paramedic and/or ambulance service in Transcona and explained that a new model of service delivery would be introduced and, once implemented, would result in an enhanced service delivery model for Transcona. He further explained that there would be an ambulance in Transcona 24 hours a day but only one paramedic, a level two advanced life care paramedic, who would consistently be in the Transcona area and would not be called to other areas of the City, subsequently resulting in increased service. In response to her communications query, Councillor Vandal noted that he would ensure that all Members of Council receive a copy of the report on the new model and agreed to share, and have the Chief Operating Officer share, directly with Councillor Timm-Rudolph his information.

Councillor Timm-Rudolph questioned if the change in service was being applied very specifically to only the north/east part of Winnipeg, to which His Worship stated that there would be no reduction to the current paramedic staff and suggested that there should be no changes, certainly not funding reductions, until completion of the risk assessment study.