Recommendations for Entertainment Funding By-law Exemptions - November 2001

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1. The Standing Committee on Fiscal Issues has been advised that in accordance with due process, the Corporate Finance Department has conducted a consistent and thorough review of all applications received for exemption from the Entertainment Funding By-law in accordance with the criteria set forth in the By-law and Schedule "B" thereto.

Pursuant to its review, the Standing Committee on Fiscal Issues concurred in the administrative recommendation and determined that the following amusements and/or places of amusement, which do not meet the criteria set forth in Schedule "B" of the Entertainment Funding By-law, be denied listing in Schedule "A", for the reason(s) outlined below.

Name of Organization	Name of Event	Criteria Not Satisfied
West End Cultural Centre	Women on Stage Festival, Saturday night performance on October 27, 2001, and November 3, 2001	Limited Local Content [Schedule B, Section 4]
Winnipeg Harvest	Huron Carole Benefit Concert	Event is not directly held by the organization [Schedule A, Section 1c] Limited Local Content [Schedule B, Section 4] Individuals performing in the event may be paid more than $50 [Schedule B, Section 3b]

The Corporate Finance Department advised that an application had been submitted by the Assiniboia Group of Artists Cooperative Inc. o/a Manitoba Art Expo for its event held from November 2 to November 4, 2001, which met the criteria set forth in Schedule "B" of the Entertainment Funding By-law. The Standing Committee on Fiscal Issues determined that inasmuch as the application was received late, the request for listing in Schedule "A" be denied.

The Standing Committee on Fiscal Issues further concurred in the administrative recommendation that the amusements and/or places of amusement, which meet the criteria set forth in Schedule "B" of the Entertainment Funding By-law be listed, as set out below.

The financial impact of approving (and denying) these applications for exemption from the entertainment funding tax is unknown. The tax revenue that could be generated from events hosted by these organizations cannot be quantified as the events have not yet occurred.

The Standing Committee on Fiscal Issues therefore recommends:

I. That the following amusements and/or places of amusement, which meet the criteria set forth in Schedule "B" of The Entertainment Funding By-law No. 7710/2000, be listed in Schedule "A" thereto, namely:

1. West End Cultural Centre – Women On Stage Festival, Friday night performance on October 26, 2001 and Saturday matinee on October 27, 2001

2. Virtuosi Concerts Inc.
3. Magic Club of Winnipeg

II. That the City Solicitor/Manager of Legal Services be directed to prepare the necessary amending By-law in accordance with the foregoing for submission directly to Council for approval.

III. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the foregoing, including the execution of any documents related thereto.