REPORT "A" OF THE

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

DATED SEPTEMBER 29, 1999

On motion of His Worship Mayor Murray, Report "A" of the Executive Policy Committee, dated September 29, 1999, was considered clause by clause.

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

Carried.

Appointment of Sinking Fund Trustees for The City of Winnipeg File FI-4 (Vol. 4)

873 - 1. The Executive Policy Committee has been advised that in accordance with The City of Winnipeg Act, the City is empowered to raise funds through the issuance of debt securities or other means of borrowing. When the City passes a by-law authorizing the issuance of a new debt instrument it may choose to issue a "sinking fund" note or debenture. The "sinking fund" debt security is characterized by a requirement that obliges the City to provide for its orderly repayment through a system of levies paid into a reserve fund known as the Sinking Fund. The by-law establishes the annual levy rate which is paid to the Sinking Fund on its anniversary. This obligation to pay the levy is considered a debt of the City which is to be paid to the Sinking Fund (Trustees). In turn, the Sinking Fund (Trustees), at the request of the City, is obliged to pay to the City, at or before maturity date of each respective sinking fund debenture, all amounts collected by way of levy, together with interest accrued thereon.

In accordance with Sections 314-332 inclusive of The City of Winnipeg Act, the Sinking Fund Trustees are empowered to act and manage the monies deposited by the City into the Sinking Fund. The Sinking Fund Trustees, as trustees of the Sinking Fund, have custody of the Sinking Fund for the purpose of investing the monies deposited into the Sinking Fund in a manner which shall accommodate the retirement of the sinking fund debt securities either before, or at, their respective maturities.

The Sinking Fund Trustees are also the trustees of eight City of Winnipeg Reserve Funds and are responsible for investing the monies deposited into these reserves in a manner which will achieve the reserves' stated objectives.

Mr. Marshall G. Smith has served on the Sinking Fund Trustees for many years and it is recommended that he be re-appointed as he continues to make a very valuable contribution.

The other three Sinking Fund Trustees are Mr. Alan G. Howison, whose current appointment expires on October 31, 2000, Dr. John McCallum, whose current appointment expires on October 31, 2001, and Mr. R. Keith Dowdall, who serves on the Committee due to his position with the City as Director of Corporate Finance/City Treasurer.

This recommendation is consistent with a separate report from the Chairperson of the Employee Benefits Board which is also recommending the re-appointment of Mr. Smith as a Member of the Employee Benefits Investment Committee.

The term for one of the Trustees on the Sinking Fund expires on October 31, 1999.

Under Section 314(2) of The City of Winnipeg Act, provision is made for the appointment of Sinking Fund Trustees for The City of Winnipeg as follows:

> "314(2) The corporation referred to in subsection (1) shall consist of four trustees, of which the treasurer shall be one, and the other three trustees, none of whom shall be a member of council, shall be appointed by council."

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The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That Mr. Marshall G. Smith be re-appointed to the Sinking Fund Trustees for a one year term, from November 1, 1999 to October 31, 2000.

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

Adopted by consent.

2000 License Fees for Mobile Homes
File EL-8 (Vol. 4)

874 - 2. The Executive Policy Committee has been advised that the recommendations in the June 19, 1991 report adopted by Council were put in place in 1991. In subsequent years, license fees for mobile homes were increased by 1.2% in 1994, 2.3% in 1995, 2.5% in 1996, .91% in 1997, 2.3% in 1998, and 1.5% in 1999, using the method to calculate the fees approved by Council in 1991.

The method of calculating the mobile home license fees is based on the following formula: the assessed average square foot value of mobile homes x the portion share for the class x square footage x the average city wide mill rate for the prior year.

The license fees for mobile homes are to be adjusted by new assessment information while reflecting the change in the average city wide mill rate (from 61.756 to 62.756). As the 1999 general municipal mill rate is unchanged from 1998 (ie. 33.479), the increase to the average city wide mill rate in 1999 is a result of a net 1.00 mill increase to the education and school division special levies. The education support mill rate decreased from 7.926 to 7.909, but the average school division special levy increased from 20.351 to 21.368. Appendix "A" outlines the rate calculation. Mobile home fees are based on the prior year's mill rates and assessment values.

The recommended License Fee for Mobile Homes for 2000 reflects a 1.6% increase over the 1999 License Fee for Mobile Homes, an average of $6.72 per annum for mobile home owners (for every 800 square foot mobile home). At present, approximately 620 mobile homes are being licensed, therefore, the revised fees should generate approximately $306,000 in 2000, an increase of approximately $4,000 over anticipated 1999 revenues. The financial impact analysis is outlined on Appendix "B".

Any amendments to By-law No. 821/74 must be approved by Council.

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That Council amend By-law No. 821/74 by repealing Schedule "A" and substituting the following schedule for mobile home rates, effective January 1, 2000.

LICENSE FEES FOR MOBILE HOMES			
Size of Mobile House (Based on exterior dimensions)		Current 1999 Monthly Fee	Proposed 2000 Monthly Fee
(a)	400 square feet or less	$17.23	$17.51
(b)	Over 400 square feet		
	First 400 square feet	$17.23	$17.51
	Each additional 100 square feet or part thereof	$ 4.31	$ 4.38

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II. 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.

Adopted by consent.

Appointment to the Employee Benefits Board File GU-3.9 (Vol. 17)

875 - 3. The Executive Policy Committee has been advised that the Employee Benefits Board is the employer-employee board which administers pension, insurance, and disability benefits for all Civic Employees except Police. The Employee Benefits Board has thirteen members, six appointed by Council, and six appointed by members employee groups. One member, Mr. R. P. Gannon, is a member of the Board by virtue of his position as Chief Financial Officer.

The current Council appointees are Councillor J. Angus, Mr. R. L. Borland, Director of Transit, Mr. J. Linton, Director of Winnipeg Hydro, Ms L. King, Director of Corporate Services and Ms J. Ferrier, Manager of Financial Planning and Review.

One position of Council appointee to the Employee Benefits Board will become vacant with the retirement of Mrs. E. A. Frame.

Mr. Shepherdson's position within Human Resource Services will be an asset to the administration of the Civic Employee Pension Plan.

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That Mr. D. Shepherdson, Labour Relations Coordinator, Corporate Services Department, be appointed as a representative of City Council on the Employee Benefits Board.

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.

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

876 - 4. The Executive Policy Committee has been advised that Coriolis Consulting was retained to provide an analysis and strategy for the revitalization of Portage Avenue. 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.

A listing of eligibility project 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 investment, on grade level properties fronting Portage Avenue. Grant recipients must be PAPA members. Eligible improvements include: storefronts and glazing; accessibility modifications; facades, signs, canopies and decorative art; flooring, ceilings and walls; as well as others, as outlined in Schedule "A".

During the initial stage of the project, PAPA identified ten projects which totalled slightly over the $825,000 allotment. In addition to these projects, several others have been identified for the program subject to the approval

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of additional funding. The approval of all projects (including the initial ten) would require a total of approximately $1,325,000 from the Investment Fund. This public sector investment would lever over $5.0 million in private sector investment along Portage Avenue. The projects identified by PAPA and the related public/private investment are outlined in Schedule "B".

The Portage Avenue Property Association has formally submitted a request for additional funding that would extend the program to include the additional projects as outlined in Schedule "C". A second grant of $500,000 would provide the required amount of funding to implement the identified projects and further assist in the revitalization efforts of Portage Avenue.

This WDA contribution is consistent with the Downtown Revitalization Program's goal of supporting the long term sustainability of the downtown. An evaluation is proposed following the full commitment of the first phase of funding to the Investment Fund, to determine the overall effectiveness in addressing the revitalization of Portage Avenue.

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 $500,000 from Program 11: Downtown Revitalization of the Winnipeg Development Agreement, for the continuation of the Portage Avenue Investment Fund, be approved.

II. 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 His Worship Mayor Murray,
That the clause be referred back to the Executive Policy Committee.

Carried.

Expenditure of Land Dedication Reserve Fund - Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral of St. Mary the Protectress - Lord Selkirk-West Kildonan Community
File EP-2 (Vol. 25)

877 - 5. The Executive Policy Committee has been advised that the Lord Selkirk-West Kildonan Community Committee has concurred in the allocation of $9,000.00 from the Lord Selkirk-West Kildonan Land Dedication Reserve Fund for the paving of the drop-off lane in front of the church and auditorium at the Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral of St. Mary the Protectress, inasmuch as the location provides recreation and community programs for seniors and youths.

The Executive Policy Committee concurs with the above and recommends that funds in the amount of $9,000.00 be approved from the Lord Selkirk-West Kildonan Land Dedication Reserve Fund for the project.

Adopted by consent.

REPORT OF THE

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

DATED OCTOBER 13, 1999

On motion of His Worship Mayor Murray, the Report of the Executive Policy Committee, dated October 13, 1999, was considered clause by clause.

Moved by His Worship Mayor Murray,
That the Consent Agenda, Clauses 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13 and 14, be adopted.

Councillor Smith requested that Clause 5 be pulled from the Consent Agenda.

Councillor Timm-Rudolph requested that Clauses 11 and 12 be pulled from the Consent Agenda.

The motion to adopt the Consent Agenda, Clauses 1,2,3,4,6,7,8,9,10,13 and 14 was put and declared carried.

Proposed Opening of Part of Air Force Way and Silver Avenue File DAO 4/99

878 - 1. In March of 1998, Council approved an exchange of lands between the City of Winnipeg and the Department of National Defence. One of the conditions of the exchange agreement is that the City assume the maintenance of the existing paved road opposite Airforce Way and north of Silver Avenue, shown as "Proposed Street Opening" on Schedule "A". It is necessary to enact a by-law to open these lands as a public 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:

- The proposed opening and acquisition must have been approved by the Director of Public Works.
- The proposed opening must have been submitted to all affected City Departments and public utilities with no objections having been received.
- Any conditions regarding engineering aspects (i.e. relocation of facilities) must have been mutually agreed to.
- The affected property owner(s) must have agreed to the terms and conditions of the acquisition of the land required for the opening.
- 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.

All of these criteria have been met.

All of the costs associated with this opening are to be borne by the City of Winnipeg.

The dedication of this property as a public street 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 street opening in accordance with Schedule "A", Misc. Plan No. 10635.

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

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

Adopted by consent.

Proposed Closing of the Public Lane between Dawson Road south and Royal Mint Drive File DAC 6/99

879 - 2. In February of 1999, Mr. John Zaikow of Royal Mint Properties Inc. submitted an application to subdivide and rezone the property at the south west corner of Dawson Road South and Royal Mint Drive. This application, identified on Schedule "A" as DASZ 5/99, was approved by Council in July of 1999. The subject lane, once closed, will be incorporated into this subdivision.

This lane closure was approved by the Riel Community Committee at its public meeting held on May 11, 1999.

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:

- The proposed closing must have been addressed at a public meeting and received approval from the Committee before which the public meeting took place.
- The proposed closing and sale must have been approved by the Director of Public Works.
- The proposed closing must have been submitted to all affected City Departments and public utilities with no objections having been received.
- Any conditions regarding engineering aspects (i.e. relocation of facilities) must have been mutually agreed to.
- The terms and conditions of any easement agreements created by the proposed closing and sale must have been addressed.
- The proposed closing must have been approved by the affected property owner(s).
- 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.

All of the costs associated with this closing are to be borne by the applicant, Royal Mint Properties Inc.

The closure of this public lane 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 lane closing in accordance with the Schedule "A", Misc. Plan No. 10594/1.

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.

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Proposed Closing of Part of Corbett Drive
File DAC 16/98

880 - 3. On September 22, 1998, the Assiniboia Community Committee approved DASZ 15/98, an application by the Real Estate Division of the Property and Development Services Department to subdivide and rezone the City property shown on Misc. Plan No. 10088/2. The portion of Corbett Drive proposed to be closed will be incorporated into Lots 2 and 3 of this subdivision. The Assiniboia Community Committee approved the subject street closing on January 19, 1999.

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:

- The proposed closing must have been addressed at a public meeting and received approval from the Committee before which the public meeting took place.
- The proposed closing and sale must have been approved by the Director of Public Works.
- The proposed closing must have been submitted to all affected City Departments and public utilities with no objections having been received.
- Any conditions regarding engineering aspects (i.e. relocation of facilities) must have been mutually agreed to.
- The terms and conditions of any easement agreements created by the proposed closing and sale must have been addressed.
- The proposed closing must have been approved by the affected property owner(s).
- 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.

All of the costs associated with this closing are to be borne by the City of Winnipeg. These costs will be recovered from the sale of the lots in the subdivision.

The closure of this public street 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 Proposed Additional Closing in accordance with Schedule “A”, Misc. Plan No. 10088/2.

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.

Proposed Closing of the Public Road East of Lagimodiere Boulevard, south of Regent Avenue West
Files DAC 5/99 and DAC 17/99

881 - 4. In March of 1999, the East Kildonan–Transcona Community Committee approved DAC 5/99, a proposal to close the Public Road shown hatched on Schedule “A”. The road is to be incorporated into the lands being sold to Pensionfund Realty for the expansion of the Crossroads Shopping Centre.

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The Public Works Department has revised its street requirements since March, and has declared the portion of the Public Road shown as "Proposed Additional Closing - DAC 17/99" on Schedule "A" to be surplus. The property will also be included in the lands being sold.

The East Kildonan–Transcona Community Committee approved the additional closing at its public meeting on September 28, 1999.

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:

- The proposed closing must have been addressed at a public meeting and received approval from the Committee before which the public meeting took place.
- The proposed closing and sale must have been approved by the Director of Public Works.
- The proposed closing must have been submitted to all affected City Departments and public utilities with no objections having been received.
- Any conditions regarding engineering aspects (i.e. relocation of facilities) must have been mutually agreed to.
- The terms and conditions of any easement agreements created by the proposed closing and sale must have been addressed.
- The proposed closing must have been approved by the affected property owner(s).
- 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.

All of the costs associated with this closing are to be borne by Pensionfund Realty.

The closure of this public road 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 subject road closing in accordance with Schedule "A", Misc. Plan No. 10548/18.

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.

Change in Department Name - Property Assessment Department
File GP-1.29 (Vol. 1)

882 - 5. The Executive Policy Committee has been advised that the current formal department name is the Assessment Department. The department has retained this name for many years. The name remained the same through the last two significant City wide re-organizations in 1994 and 1997.

The 1998 Business Plan reflected the department's desire to change and update the department's name. The 1999 Business Plan was filed as the Property Assessment Department.

The term "assessment" can be used in many roles that are not congruent with the actual functions of the department. The term is broad, and thus leads to some confusion regarding the object of the function of assessing. The term "assessment" can be used with reference to financial assessment, risk assessment, or to any other general

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quantitative or qualitative analysis.

The main function of the department is specifically to assess property. The assessment of property is required whether it be Real Property, Personal Property, or Business Occupancy. Thus the name Property Assessment Department much more accurately defines the activities of the department. The clearer statement of the primary departmental function serves to lessen any confusion by the public, and other key stakeholders as to the role of the department.

The move to the name Property Assessment Department reflects the modernization of the property assessing role and is in step with current industry directions both within Canada and the United States.

Council approval is required for a change in name for a department.

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That the Assessment Department name be formally changed to Property Assessment Department.

II. That the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare the necessary by-law for submission to Council.

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

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

Carried.

Award of Contract for Supply and Delivery of Gasoline, Diesel Fuel and Heating Fuel - Tender No. 830-99
File GL-9 (Vol. 13)

883 - 6. The Executive Policy Committee has been advised that an Invitation to Tender is issued triennially by the Materials Management Division of the Corporate Finance Department for the supply and delivery of gasoline, diesel fuel and heating fuel for various City departments and cooperative purchase participants on an "as-required" basis.

Final receipt of bids took place on August 31, 1999 with bids being received from four bidders. A tabulation of these bids is outlined in Appendix “A”.

The Tender Package specified that contract prices were to be indexed to fluctuate during the three-year term of the contract:

(a) monthly, in direct proportion to crude oil price, for a reference field or benchmark specified by the Bidder, with a sixty-day delay; or

(b) in accordance with an index and formula specified by the Bidder provided that the index and formula met specified criteria, and that the bid contain sufficient information to reasonably enable the City to judge their merits, including but not limited to:

(i) identification of the indices, the sources and the reporting methods;
(ii) a clear description of the calculation method;
(iii) a sample calculation; and
(iv) the values of the indices used to calculate the bid prices.

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

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Imperial Oil

The bid submitted by Imperial Oil stated that "Prices are based on Industry Average Rack. Imperial calculates the Industry Average taking the daily average of the wholesale rack posters (Shell, Petro-Canada, and Imperial Oil) from the 25th of month one to the 24th of month two and the price is effective for the 1st of month three. Rack Prices are generated from the Oil Price Information Service (OPIS)."

Despite the informality, the bid is responsive because:

(a) the nature of the proposed price determination mechanism is such that all of the missing information could be obtained from information published by third parties, or calculated from a combination of information so published and the information contained in the bid; and

(b) the wording in the Tender Package is sufficiently ambiguous as to which "values of the indices used" must be provided, i.e., all the values, including preliminary calculations, for one item or the value used for each of the six items.

Further, the bid identified proposed subcontractors only as "the Esso bulk agent in Winnipeg" and "the bulk agent in Lac du Bonnet". Imperial Oil Ltd. has clarified that there is no bulk agent in Winnipeg and they will be performing the work themselves and that the only bulk agent in Lac du Bonnet is Lloyd Emberly Ltd. whom it was their intent to identify.

Despite the informality, the bid is responsive because the clarification cannot reasonably prejudice another bidder.

Petro-Canada Products

The bid submitted by Petro-Canada stated that the product proposed to be supplied for Items No. 3 and 4 was diesel fuel Type B-LS rather than the Type A-LS specified in the Tender Package. It further stated that "Diesel fuel - Type A-LS may be available pending a Petro Canada Winnipeg supply orbit review and a premium of $.0100 would be charged per litre."

The bid should be determined to be non-responsive because the supply of product which would meet specifications is conditional on a unilateral decision by Petro-Canada at some unspecified future date.

Notwithstanding that the bid is non-responsive, an estimated total three-year contract price for Petro-Canada was calculated including an additional $0.0100 per litre for applicable items.

Shell Canada Products Limited

The bid submitted by Shell Canada Products Limited stated that "The quoted price is determined using the monthly average of the industry average prices numbers for Winnipeg for the month of August as published in the Oils Buyers Guide. *(sic)* The enclosed base prices will be the benchmark data for the next price change. Your October 5, 1999 prices will be based on the difference between the August 1999 averages VS the September 1999 averages. The difference (positive or negative) will be applied to the quoted prices. The new prices will be effective on the 5th day of the following month (in this case, October 5th, 1999). If this method of pricing is accepted we will notify you by fax the day before the price changes."

The proposed price determination mechanism cannot be precisely as stated for the following reasons:

(a) the bid is dated August 30, 1999 and therefore could not include the prices for August 31 in the calculated average; and

(b) one cannot calculate a monthly average from the data published by *Bloomberg Oil Buyer's Guide* which reports weekly, i.e., the price in effect each Friday, rather than daily throughout each month.

It is probable that the average of the four Fridays in August was used and that the indices used were the ones most commonly referenced by the industry. Because Shell failed to clearly identify the indices, and to provide a clear description of the calculation method, a sample calculation and the values of the indices used to calculate the bid prices for any item, these suppositions cannot be determined on the face of documents.

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If the suppositions are correct, the proposed price determination mechanism could, in most cases, provide at least two (2) Calendar Days notice prior to the effective date of each price change as specified in the Tender Package, but Shell inexplicably states that it will only notify the City "the day before". Also, if the suppositions are correct, the description of the calculation method does not address the special case that arises when the last day of a month is on Friday, which could affect price change notifications six times during the term of the contract. The specified notice is required to allow for the orderly administration of the contract and to allow City departments such as Public Works to adjust prices charged to client departments.

The bid should be determined to be non-responsive because:

(a) an estimated total three-year contract price for Shell could not be calculated; and
(b) the failure to provide the required notice prior to the effective date of each price change.

Responsive bids were evaluated in accordance with the specified criteria and the estimated total three-year contract price for each bid is shown in Appendix "A".

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 bidder has, by successfully performing the same work under a previous contract and by providing evidence satisfactory to the Materials Management Division, demonstrated that they have the necessary qualifications and resources to perform the work of this contract.

Tenders are valid for acceptance until October 30, 1999.

Funding for this contract is through the budgets of the various user departments.

Unit prices have decreased by a weighted average of 0.2% compared to the prices which would be expected under the current price determination mechanism. These products are purchased and used by various City departments during the term of the contract. The financial impact of these price changes will have to be determined by the user departments on an individual basis.

The work of the contract is performed on an "as-required" basis and the contract does not commit the City to purchase any fixed quantity.

As the total conditional amount, including PST and GST net of rebates, to be paid by the City pursuant to the contract exceeds $5,000,000, the award of contract must be approved by Council.

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That the bid submitted by Petro-Canada be determined to be non-responsive.

II. That the bid submitted by Shell Canada Products Limited be determined to be non-responsive.

III. That the contract for supply and delivery of gasoline, diesel fuel and heating fuel for the period of January 1, 2000 to December 31, 2002 be awarded by the Chief Financial Officer to Imperial Oil Limited, the bidder who submitted the lowest evaluated responsive bid.

IV. That the Manager of Materials be authorized to issue a Purchase Order in the total conditional amount of $28,667,684.29, GST extra.

V. 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.

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Winnipeg Development Agreement, Sub-Program 3A, "Homes for Tomorrow", a Lord Selkirk Housing Initiative
File FR-3.2 (PA-3)(Vol. 3)

884 - 7. The Executive Policy Committee has been advised that the program authorization for the Winnipeg Development Agreement, Sub-Program 3A: was approved by the three levels of Government on August 4, 1995.

The 1997-98 Work Plan for delivery for Sub-Program 3: Neighbourhood Revitalization was approved by Council on September 26, 1996.

The Lord Selkirk Neighbourhood Council made up of homeowners, tenants, business owners, landlords and community stakeholders was established in September 1997. Through community consultations and ongoing public meetings, the Lord Selkirk Neighbourhood Revitalization Strategy was developed and adopted by the Lord Selkirk Neighbourhood Council on June 10, 1998.

On July 22, 1998, City Council adopted the Lord Selkirk Neighbourhood Revitalization Strategy as a concept plan to guide the activity of the Neighbourhood Revitalization Program in the Lord Selkirk Neighbourhood. Budget categories for Lord Selkirk Developments, Housing, Safety, Employment, Image, Health & Well-being were approved based upon neighbourhood issues identified in the Strategy.

The “Homes for Tomorrow”, a Lord Selkirk Housing Initiative addresses the issues of neighbourhood Housing, Employment, and Health & Well-being, identified in the Neighbourhood Revitalization Strategy, copy of which is on file in the office of the City Clerk.

The Lord Selkirk Neighbourhood Council at its April 14, 1999 meeting recommended funding up to $476,500 from the WDA Sub-Program 3A, Neighbourhood Revitalization, to support the “Homes for Tomorrow”, A Lord Selkirk Housing Initiative.

The “Homes for Tomorrow”, is being launched by R.B. Russell School and the North End Housing Project, Inc. to improve existing housing and build new housing in the Lord Selkirk Neighbourhood. The program is designed to make home ownership more accessible for low-income families, and will provide training and employment opportunities for local residents and students through R.B. Russell School’s trades education and training program and Just Housing’s Construction/Renovation Training Program.

The project will be managed by R.B. Russell School, (which has a long history of managing home renovation projects through its education curriculum), and the North End Housing Project Inc., a community non-profit organization established in 1996, in partnership with the Community Education and Development Association (C.E.D.A.) which also has a history of housing renovation/development in the North End of Winnipeg. (e.g.: MAPS Housing Co-Op)

Funding from the Lord Selkirk component of Program 3A will be used to purchase and renovate 9-15 homes and construct 3-4 new homes. Four residents will be hired and trained in construction/renovation to complete the work. Approximately 100 R.B. Russell students will be trained in the associated trades by staff, cost shared by the proponents. An additional position would be cost-shared to co-ordinate home ownership eligibility and the development of education and support systems to qualified applicants for the homes.

Arrangements to fund the purchase of properties for renovation and construction purposes have been made with the Assiniboine Credit Union who have a history of involvement with similar initiatives in the inner city (e.g.: Lions Housing in West Broadway) and who have made a commitment to foster affordable home ownership with their resources. An objective sale and resale formula has been formulated to maintain affordability for low income families, provide assurances for the lending institution’s investment, protect public interest and ensure local ownership of homes developed by this initiative.

Home ownership for low income families will be supported through a five year lease-to-purchase arrangement that will enable prospective home owners to establish a positive credit history, demonstrate a commitment to home ownership as well as an ability to handle it with appropriate supplied education and training supports. All building mortgages will be retired with the transfer of home ownership after the five year lease period has expired. Homeowners will then assume conventional mortgage financing.

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The Lord Selkirk Neighbourhood Council will play a critical role in establishing home ownership eligibility criteria and in the selection of the Co-ordinator position that will coordinate home ownership and the development of education and support components.

The sustainability of the project over the three year period will be supported by reinvesting funds from the sale and resale of homes which will be placed in a housing trust fund by the North End Housing Project and R.B. Russell School and will be levered against future housing purchases in the Lord Selkirk Neighbourhood. This condition is requested specifically by the Lord Selkirk Neighbourhood Council. WDA funding will support the project to September 2001 and the proponents will be responsible for completing the project within the 3 year time frame.

The project addresses several goals within the Lord Selkirk Neighbourhood Revitalization Strategy:

a) to increase the number of owner-occupied homes
b) to improve housing conditions and action on boarded up homes
c) to increase participation in the job market by local residents by providing training opportunities and supporting educational initiatives that provide skill sets leading to viable employment
d) to create a healthy environment for individuals, families and the community

The proponents will provide an annual report to the City of Winnipeg in each of the three years, and a final report at its completion.

Total Project Cost (over 3 years)	$1,421,000
Funding Sources:	
CMHC (property acquisition)	60,000
CEDA (administrative support/accounting)	54,000
Assiniboine Credit Union (mortgage financing)	403,000
North End Community Renovation Enterprise (local hiring, equipment/materials)	36,000
Miscellaneous Construction partners (materials)	38,000
NEHP (staff, training, project management)	114,500
R.B. Russell School (project management, staff, training & education, co-ordination, equipment)	210,500
Community United for Change (in kind) (community survey/feedback co-ordination)	28,500
Request from WDA	$476,500
Percentage of funding from WDA	33%

WDA funds have been budgeted for in prior years; therefore there is no additional borrowing authority required to accommodate this project.

City Council is the approval authority for Winnipeg Development Agreement initiatives involving funding over $100,000. All recommendations on proposals submitted to the Lord Selkirk Neighbourhood Council are forwarded to Executive Policy Committee.

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That the Lord Selkirk Neighbourhood Council's recommendation to provide up to $476,500 from the Winnipeg Development Agreement, Sub-Program 3A, Neighbourhood Revitalization to the R.B. Russell School (Winnipeg School Division #1) and the North End Housing Project Inc. to assist in the "Homes for Tomorrow", a Lord Selkirk Housing Initiative, be approved.

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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Task Force on Inner Winnipeg Neighbourhood Redevelopment File EX (Vol. 13)

885 - 8. On March 17, 1999, the Executive Policy Committee laid over Clause 1 of the Report of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development dated February 19, 1999, with respect to a Task Force on Inner Winnipeg Neighbourhood Redevelopment.

On March 24, April 28, and May 26, 1999, Council granted an extension of time of 30 days for consideration of this matter.

On June 16, 1999, Executive Policy Committee referred Clause 1 back to the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development for reconsideration of the levels of funding for operation of the Task Force.

On August 31, 1999, the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development requested that the Executive Policy Committee provide a copy of the Housing Policy, that is being prepared by the Mayor's Office, to the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development (Task Force on Inner Winnipeg Neighbourhood Redevelopment).

The Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development also submitted a brief received from Councillor Prystanski, outlining a recommendation from the Task Force on Inner Winnipeg Neighbourhood Redevelopment, namely:

> That the mandate of the Task Force is to undertake a review and series of consultations on housing policy and actions, leading to the development of a Housing Strategy and Implementation Plan for Inner Winnipeg with particular emphasis to be placed upon recovery of distressed inner Winnipeg neighbourhoods, and to examine replacement of deteriorated housing stock to develop a policy on infill housing for vacant lots.

On September 22, 1999, Council granted a further extension of time of 30 days for consideration of this 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 additional extension of time of 30 days for further consideration of this matter.

Adopted by consent.

Proposed Maintenance and Sale of City-owned Vacant Lands resulting from the Demolition of Unsafe Buildings in the Inner City Area File FI-2.2 (Vol. 8)

886 - 9. On July 14, 1999, the Executive Policy Committee laid over Clause 8 of the Report of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development dated July 8, 1999, with respect to the referenced matter.

On September 15, 1999 the Executive Policy Committee heard Paul Chorney, Program Director, Carol Basarab and Sheri Blake, West Broadway Development Corporation in delegation with respect to the subject matter and indicating support for the recommendations from the Property and Development Services Department.

On September 22, 1999, Council granted an extension of time of 30 days for consideration of the 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 additional extension of time of 30 days for further consideration of the matter.

Adopted by consent.

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Proposal to Rename Arena Road (from Rapelje to Maroons Road) in honour of Jack Wells
Files F-5 (Vol. 20) and SC-3.14(31)(Vol. 2)

887 - 10. On July, 19, 1999, Council adopted Clause 12 of the Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated July 14, 1999, which recommended that the motion to rename the Winnipeg Stadium in honour of Jack Wells be filed, and requested that the Winnipeg Enterprises Corporation bring forward a specific recommendation for consideration by Council on September 22, 1999, honouring the late Jack Wells by renaming a City street or park or specific Winnipeg Enterprises site.

On October 13, 1999, the Executive Policy Committee considered a communication from the Secretary-Treasurer, Director of Finance and Administration, Winnipeg Enterprises Corporation dated October 7, 1999 recommending that Arena Road (from Rapelje to Maroons Road) be renamed Jack Wells Place. The communication also advised that the family had suggested that consideration be given to renaming the street "Cactus Jack's Place".

The Executive Policy Committee recommends that the procedure outlined in the City Policy on Street Names Changes be waived in this instance and recommends as follows:

I. That the currently registered street name "Arena Road" (from Rapelje to Maroons Road) be renamed to "Cactus Jack's Place", and that in approving this change, Council authorize the following:

A. That the Director of Property and Development Services be requested to provide the necessary legal description to the City Solicitor/Manager of Legal Services for the purpose of preparing a by-law.

B. That the City Solicitor/Manager of Legal Services be requested to prepare the necessary by-law for approval by Council for registration in the Winnipeg Land Titles Office and that street name change become effective upon third reading.

C. That the City Solicitor/Manager of Legal Services, upon passage and adoption of the by-law by Council, be authorized to publish the street name change in two daily newspapers having a general circulation throughout the City of Winnipeg.

D. That the City Clerk be requested, upon passage of the by-law, to provide the relevant Community Clerk with a copy of the by-law and this clause for the purpose of changing all pertinent records and notifying all persons affected by the by-law.

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

Adopted by consent.

Additional Appropriation - Winnipeg Millennium Council - The Legacy Campaign
Files GC-8.15 (Vol. 1) and FE-1 (Vol. 30)

888 - 11. The Executive Policy Committee has received a request from the Winnipeg Millennium Council to play a leading role in their fundraising campaign by contributing $150,000.00 over a three year period of a total budget of $1.3 million. The request is for $50,000.00 for the years 1999/2000/2001.

The Winnipeg Millennium Council has advised the Executive Policy Committee that a number of corporations have made commitments to date, in various amounts.

The Winnipeg Millennium Council has also advised that they have made initial approaches to 40 other leading corporations for sponsorship for this legacy campaign.

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

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I. That an additional appropriation in the amount of $50,000.00 be approved for the year 1999 to assist The Winnipeg Millennium Council with their Millennium Legacy Catalogue Project.

II. That the balance of the request in the amount of $100,000.00 be referred to the 2000-2003 current budget deliberations.

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

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

The motion was put and declared carried.

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

Additional Appropriation - Winnipeg Millennium Council - 1999-2000 New Year's Eve Celebration
Files GC-8.15 (Vol. 1) and FE-1 (Vol. 3)

889 - 12. The Executive Policy Committee has received a request from the Winnipeg Millennium Council for a contribution of $100,000.00 towards the 1999-2000 New Year's Eve Celebration.

The Winnipeg Millennium Council and Manitoba 2000 have been working together for the past year to ensure that Winnipeg and Manitoba residents have a focussed Downtown celebration which is memorable and reflective of this significant date. The Winnipeg Millennium Council has partnered with the Forks North Portage Partnership to provide a focus of fireworks and celebrations at the Forks when the countdown occurs. They have also pursued collaboration with a number of venue sites in the downtown area to portray a variety of cultural and entertainment celebrations.

Through a joint government and private sector sponsorship, the Winnipeg Millennium Council believes that the New Year's Eve Joint Planning Committee will now be able to put forward a program of activities for the City's review which will be of benefit to all.

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That an additional appropriation in the amount of $100,000.00 be approved to the Winnipeg Millennium Council for the 1999-2000 New Year's Eve Celebration.

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

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

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

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

Nay: Councillors Angus, Clement, Golden, Timm-Rudolph and O'Shaughnessy. 5

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

Site Access Plan for Access to the Forks
File FR-4.1 (Vol. 4)

890 - 13. On October 22, 1997, 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 Murray,
Seconded by Councillor Vandal,

WHEREAS development at the Forks is creating greater demand for transit and vehicle access to the site;

AND WHEREAS CentrePlan is working with the Forks and North Portage Partnership, the Exchange and Downtown Business Improvement Zone groups and the responsible civic departments to develop a downtown transportation plan;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council request a site access plan for the Forks to be developed through CentrePlan including consideration of transit, vehicle, "fixed link", cycling and pedestrian access.

On November 12, 1997, the Executive Policy Committee referred the matter to the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development.

On November 25, 1997, the Standing Committee on Property and Development referred the matter to the Administration for review in consultation with the CentrePlan Committee.

On December 17, 1997, Council granted an extension of time of 60 days to further consider this matter.

On February 25, 1998, and April 29, 1998 Council granted an additional extension of time of 60 days to further consider the matter.

On June 17, 1998, Council granted an additional extension of time of 60 days, inasmuch as CentrePlan is currently finalizing a digital layout of the downtown, with new and proposed projects imposed on an aerial map and will be available for presentation to Executive Policy Committee in early July, 1998. This layout will then be the basis for all future CentrePlan efforts, including a site access plan for The Forks.

On September 29, 1998, Council granted an additional extension of time of 60 days, inasmuch as the matter requires further consideration.

On November 25, 1998, Council granted an additional extension of time of 90 days, inasmuch as the matter requires further consideration.

On February 24, 1999, Council granted an additional extension of time of 60 days, inasmuch as the matter requires further consideration.

On April 28, 1999, Council granted an additional extension of time of 90 days, inasmuch as the matter requires further consideration and coordination of discussions on the Provencher Bridge.

On July 19, 1999, Council granted an additional extension of time of 90 days for consideration of the matter.

The Executive Policy Committee recommends that the motion be filed for the following reasons:

a) On September 29, 1999, Council amended and adopted Clause 1 of the Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated September 29, 1999 which recommended in part;

"That Council endorse the spirit and intent of CentreVenture's Startup Business Plan and the CentrePlan Development framework as a guideline for downtown development";

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b) The CentrePlan Development Framework endorsed by Council looks at options to replace the Provencher Bridge; and

c) There currently is a traffic study being conducted on the Provencher Bridge.

Adopted by consent.

Establishment of the Transitional Neighbourhood Tax Investment Program
File EP-1.1(PW) (Vol. 13)

891 - 14. On September 9, 1998, 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 Vandal,
Seconded by Councillor Murray,

WHEREAS clause 5A-15 of Plan Winnipeg states that "the city shall promote compact urban development by: I) encouraging infilling of vacant land and the revitalization of existing neighbourhoods.";

AND WHEREAS residential development in older, transitional neighbourhoods can often be cost-prohibitive, due to requirements such as industry relocation and remediation, riverbank stabilization and other environmental requirements;

AND WHEREAS the tax recovery to the city can be increased significantly if the residential renewal is accomplished;

AND WHEREAS neighbourhood amenities such as schools, libraries, transit, fire protection service and community centres are already in place in older neighbourhoods;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT a "Transitional Neighbourhood Tax Investment Program" be developed whereby a special investment fund would finance capital expenses such as acquisition, clearance and rehabilitation costs and other costs as defined, which are impediments to a specific "existing neighbourhood" redevelopment project. Financing under this initiative would be subject to the following criteria:

1) the capital expenses financed by the "investment fund" must clearly demonstrate that they are financial as well as neighbourhood impediments which render an existing neighbourhood redevelopment project unviable;

2) there must be an increase of tax revenue to the city once the project is complete;

3) there must be full repayment to the investment fund plus interest within ten years by augmentation of property tax revenue from the project;

4) the proposed project must have a maximum 5 years absorption into the market;

5) the project can be delivered in partnership with a non-profit Community Development Corporation (CDC).

On September 16, 1998, the Executive Policy Committee referred the matter to the Administration for report on the mechanics and implications of implementing the proposed program.

On November 25, 1998, Council granted an extension of time of 60 days for consideration of the matter.

On January 27, 1999, Council granted a further extension of time of 120 days for consideration of the matter.

On May 26, 1999, Council granted a further extension of time of 60 days inasmuch as the report had not been received to date.

On July 19, 1999, Council granted a further extension of time of 90 days for consideration of the matter.

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The Executive Policy Committee recommends that an additional extension of time of 90 days be approved to consider this matter in accordance with Rule 16.4 of the Procedure By-law No. 5400/90.

Adopted by consent.

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MOTIONS

Moved by Councillor Gerbasi,
Seconded by Councillor Vandal,
892 - WHEREAS the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) established the Municipal Access Program in 1992 and created the National Action Committee on Municipal Access;

AND WHEREAS the National Action Committee on Municipal Access developed and distributed the "How-to Manual on Municipal Access" which identified a municipal access checklist, and addressed improving municipal access;

AND WHEREAS the National Action Committee on Municipal Access has long since been disbanded and the "How-to Manual on Municipal Access" is no longer available;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

i) That FCM be requested to re-create the National Action Committee on Municipal Access with regional representation; and

ii) That an updated "How-to Manual on Municipal Access" be compiled and made available.

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

Moved by Councillor Prystanski,
Seconded by Councillor Smith,
893 - WHEREAS on September 29, 1998, Council referred to the Executive Policy Committee a motion requesting the rebate of tax money wrongfully collected from veterans' associations in the 1996 tax year;

AND WHEREAS the Executive Policy Committee, then Council, chose to deny the requested rebate;

AND WHEREAS companion notes on the administrative reports of October 6 and November 10, 1998 have not been read and supporting affidavits and actions have been filed that completely refute the administrative reports;

AND WHEREAS, in due course, the information now assembled has placed on Council an onus to provide a political solution to the undertaking given by Mr. Brent Gillen for the rebate of 1995 school tax and 1996 school and municipal property tax;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council provide a grant to reimburse those veterans' associations that were in appeal under Section 13(1)(c)(ii) and Section 13(2) of the Municipal Assessment Act for 1995 school tax and 1996 school and municipal property tax.

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

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CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

894 - 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. 7510/99, a by-law of The City of Winnipeg to close the Public Road east of Lagimodiere Boulevard, south of Regent Avenue West. Files DAC 5/99 & DAC 17/99

By-law No. 7511/99, a by-law of The City of Winnipeg to close part of Corbett Drive, west of Goswell Road. File DAC 16/98

By-law No. 7512/99, a by-law of The City of Winnipeg to close the public lane west of Royal Mint Drive, south of Dawson Road South. File DAC 6/99

By-law No. 7513/99, a by-law of The City of Winnipeg to open Air Force Way and Silver Avenue, north of Silver Avenue. File DAO 4/99

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

QUESTION PERIOD

895 - In reference to His Worship Mayor Murray's comments during debate pertaining to the Millennium Committee's activities, Councillor Prystanski requested a copy of the referenced RFP and questioned what committee authorized the RFP.

His Worship Mayor Murray clarified that the Millenium Committee within its own authority and jurisdiction authored and put forth an RFP, not a Council Committee, and further noted that he did not have a copy of the RFP, and that questions should be forwarded to the Committee members themselves.

Councillor Clement inquired about the outcome of recent discussions pertaining to CentreVenture at a meeting attended by the Mayor, Jean Friesen, Provincial Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs and Lloyd Axworthy, Federal Minister of Foreign Affairs.

His Worship advised that two meetings were held on October 15, 1999, a Winnipeg Development Agreement meeting and a Forks/North Portage Partnership shareholders meeting, noting that a lengthy discussion was held at both meetings on a number of topics. His Worship indicated that it was a positive meeting and there was a consensus that CentreVenture was a good idea. He noted that Minister Axworthy is very supportive of CentreVenture and indicated that funds should be available for downtown initiatives and CentreVenture under existing/future programs announced in the Federal Budget. His Worship advised that the Provincial Government did not make a financial commitment, inasmuch as they had only been in office a short period of time, but a planning process was established and it was agreed to meet again early in the new year. His Worship also noted that the future of the Forks/North Portage Partnership and the relationship between it and CentreVenture would be explored by a working group.

In noting that the mandate of the Forks/North Portage Partnership was under review, Councillor Clement questioned if the Forks/North Portage Partnership had the right to call an RFP on housing in the Forks area without Council input.

His Worship indicated that there was some disagreement between the Mayor's Office and the Forks/North Portage Partnership on this matter, but further noted that the clause adopted by Council specifically outlined that housing was a separate issue and additional Council authorization would be required prior to any kind of request for proposals.

Councillor Timm-Rudolph requested an update on the status of the Winnipeg Hydro report and questioned if the Mayor had been briefed on the issues and details of the report contents.

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His Worship indicated that the Administration had been putting great pressure on the Consultant to have the report completed and available imminently. He noted that he had not been briefed but agreed to arrange for a Council briefing session upon completion of the report.

Councillor Smith referred to some secrecy surrounding the scheduling of Alternate Service Delivery (ASD) Meetings and requested information on the location and dates of upcoming meetings.

His Worship advised that the Committee Chairperson has autonomy to judge the sensitivity of information and determine how meetings are conducted. He indicated that recommendations on secrecy and confidentiality will be put forth by the Administration as part of the governance seminar and committed to explore the issue of rules with the Secretariat Committee.