# REPORT OF THE

# STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON

# PROTECTION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

# DATED JULY 5, 1999

On motion of Councillor Vandal, Clause 8 of the Report of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services, dated July 5, 1999, was considered.

**Zoo Animal Reserve Fund**
**File PR-7.1.1 (Vol. 16)**

**916 -** ***Note: Clause 8 has been referred back to the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services.***

Referred back to the Standing Policy Committee
on Protection and Community Services

**REPORT OF THE**

**STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON**

**PROTECTION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES**

**DATED OCTOBER 4, 1999**

On motion of Councillor Vandal, the Report of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services, dated October 4, 1999, was considered clause by clause.

Moved by Councillor Vandal,
That the Consent Agenda, Clauses 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9 and 10, be adopted.

Councillor Timm-Rudolph requested that Clause 1 be pulled from the Consent Agenda.

The motion to adopt the Consent Agenda, Clauses 2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9 and 10 was put and declared carried.

**Approval to Participate in a Partnership and Enter into an Agreement with Manitoba Public Insurance to Utilize On and Off Duty Police Officers to Conduct Roadside Enforcement Targeting Impaired Drivers File GF-2 (Vol. 51)**

**917 -** 1. On July 22, 1998, Council adopted Clause 1 of the Report of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services relative to an Agreement with Manitoba Public Insurance to Utilize On and Off Duty Police Officers to Conduct Roadside Enforcement Targeting Impaired Drivers.

The Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services has been advised that in May 1998, Manitoba Public Insurance (MPI) announced that approximately $100,000.00 was being made available to assist the Winnipeg Police Service (WPS) in roadside enforcement targeting impaired drivers. In 1998, MPI paid wages of four WPS police officers, who would normally have been off-duty, to be involved in additional roadside enforcement in the form of a "RoadWatch" checkpoint. In a cost sharing arrangement, the City contributed the cost of an additional four (on-duty) WPS members which made up the complement of members assigned to the program.

In 1999, MPI has again indicated a desire to participate in a "RoadWatch" Agreement. MPI has agreed to pay a substantial portion of the costs for the RoadWatch program which includes the salary, benefits and overtime costs associated to the utilization of all nine WPS members operating within the program.

The WPS supports the "RoadWatch" program and through funding provided by MPI, can set up a significantly greater number of "RoadWatch" checks by providing trained personnel working overtime hours.

The Agreement between the City of Winnipeg and MPI will allow the WPS to maintain control of the administration of the program as it relates to staffing, enforcement locations and enforcement procedures. A degree of flexibility in the hours of operation and dates of operation will be maintained by the WPS to allow for unforeseen circumstances.

Unlike in 1998, this Agreement will not require an in-kind contribution by the WPS in the form of on-duty manpower. However, MPI has indicated that with their commitment to increase their funding over 1998 (cost of five additional members) it is understood that the City will divert its "savings" towards the purchase of a new roadside alcohol testing vehicle for the exclusive use of the WPS Traffic Division. This agreement with MPI will substantially benefit the WPS as the current CheckStop van is in poor condition and is not expected to be operational past the new year. The cost of a new vehicle is in excess of $100,000.00.

MPI has indicated a desire to pay the City on a monthly basis as invoiced by the WPS. Police officers wages will be calculated at a rate equal to the hourly "call out" rate of pay for every hour, or part of an hour worked by each WPS officer. In addition, an amount equal to 9.9% of any wages will be invoiced to pay for employee benefits. The cost of court related overtime incurred as a result of this program will be the responsibility of the City, as will

**Report of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services dated October 4, 1999**

the costs associated to WPS vehicles, and equipment. This Agreement will assist the WPS in providing an increased enforcement presence throughout the summer and fall.

Entering into a joint funding partnership agreement with MPI requires Council approval.

The Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services recommends:

I. That the Winnipeg Police Service be authorized to participate in a partnership and enter into an agreement with Manitoba Public Insurance (MPI). MPI will contribute costs associated with utilizing nine off-duty police members to provide roadside enforcement aimed at impaired drivers.

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

A copy of the Financial Impact is on file in the Office of the City Clerk.

Moved by Councillor Vandal,
Adoption of the clause.

Carried.

Council recessed at 11:59 a.m., and reconvened at 1:38 p.m., same members present, except Councillor Golden.

Councillor Prystanski, Deputy Mayor Thomas and Councillor Timm-Rudolph entered the meeting after Council had reconvened.

**City of Winnipeg Owned, Leased or Occupied Facilities - Compliance with Current Fire and Building Codes**
**File GF-1 (Vol. 16)**

**918 -** 2. On September 29, 1998, Council ruled automatic referral of the following motion to the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services, under Rule 16.1 of the Procedure By-law No. 5400/90, namely:

*Moved by Councillor Lubosch,*
*Seconded by Councillor Silva,*

*WHEREAS October 4th to October 10th is National Fire Prevention Week;*

*AND WHEREAS The City of Winnipeg has the responsibility to ensure that all its owned and/or leased and occupied workplaces and facilities meet all current fire codes and building codes and/or code equivalencies as prescribed by law in The City of Winnipeg and The Province of Manitoba;*

*AND WHEREAS the practice of fire prevention strategies has been demonstrated to save costs measured in human life, injury and dollars;*

*THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that, The City of Winnipeg inspect and ensure that all of the City's owned and occupied buildings and facilities comply with all current fire and building codes as prescribed by law in The City of Winnipeg and The Province of Manitoba.*

On November 25, 1998, Council adopted Clause 1 of the Report of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services, dated November 17, 1998 requesting an extension of 60 days, inasmuch as this matter has been referred to the Fire Prevention Branch (Emergency Response Services), the Civic Accommodations Division and the Planning and Land Use Division (Property and Development Department) for report back.

On December 3, 1998, the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services received a verbal report on this matter.

**Report of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services dated October 4, 1999**

On January 11, 1999, the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services received a verbal report from the Chief Operating Officer, Emergency Response Service Department with respect to this matter and Council on January 27, 1999, granted a six (6) month extension of time within which to report on the matter.

On July 5, 1999, the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services considered a report dated June 28, 1999, from the Chief Operating Officer, Emergency Response Service, advising that the Fire Prevention Branch has inspected 705 buildings leaving a remainder of 119 buildings to inspect and therefore additional time is required to complete the inspections and prepare a final report.

On July 19, 1999, Council adopted Clause 2 of the Report of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services, dated July 5, 1999, requesting an extension of ninety (90) days to allow further consideration of the matter.

On October 4, 1999, the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services considered a report dated September 28, 1999, from the Chief Operating Officer, Emergency Response Service, advising that the Fire Prevention Branch has determined that there are 824 buildings requiring inspection and to date all of these buildings have been inspected.

For the information of Council, Emergency Response Services will work with other Civic Departments over the next 30 days to identify corrective actions that are required as a result of these inspections. A strategy that addresses these deficiencies and the associated financial impact will be developed.

The Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services therefore recommends that the motion be filed.

Adopted by consent.

**Recommendations for Amusement Tax Exemption File FL-6 (Vol. 19)**

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

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

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

Groundswell for Winnipeg's New Music Series for:
*Cuarteto Latino Americano* at the Eckhardt Gramatté Hall, the University of Winnipeg on October 24, 1999
*999 Years of Music with The Hall Band* at the Gas Station Theatre on January 7, 2000
*Rotunda Concert A Celebration of the Millennium* at the Legislative Building Rotunda on February 22, 2000
*Music in Mint Condition* at the Royal Canadian Mint on April 14, 2000

Manitoba Theatre Centre for the Manitoba Theatre Centre 1999/2000 Season at the MTC Warehouse Theatre for:
*Patience* on November 25, 1999 to December 11, 1999
*Closer* on January 6 to 22, 2000
*The Beauty Queen of Leenane* on February 10 to 26, 2000
*The Last Night of Ballyhoo* on April 26, 2000 to May 2, 2000

North Kildonan Community Players for:
*Snoopy!!!* at the Balmoral Hall Theatre on March 15 to 18, 2000

Virtuosi Concerts Inc., for Mondetta-Stage Performances at Eckhardt-Gramatté Hall, the University of Winnipeg for:
*Batuque Percussion Ensemble* on November 6 and 7, 1999
*Ken Gold and Special Grind* on November 20, 1999

**Report of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services dated October 4, 1999**

*A Celtic Festival* on November 27, 1999
*Paris to Kyiv, led by Alexis Kochan*, on December 4, 1999
*Finjan* on December 11 and 12, 1999
*Longbottom Solo and Ensemble* on January 15, 2000
*Licanantay - Music of Chile* on January 22, 2000
*Marilyn Lerner and Jane Bunnett* on February 11 and 12, 2000
*Larry Roy and Stefan Bauer* on February 19, 2000
*Amaryllis Ensemble* on March 19, 2000
*Summer Bear Dance Troupe* directed by Barbara Nepinak on March 25, 2000

*"The Musical Heritage of India" directed by Jasjit Kaur* on April 1, 2000
*Keystone Bluegrass Quartet* on April 15, 2000
*Ron Paley Big Band* on April 29, 2000

Gas Station Theatre for the Fall Concert Series at the Gas Station Theatre for:
*The Jay Harrison Trio* on October 21, 1999
*Nathan Rogers Folk Concert* on October 22, 1999
*Strange Angels* on October 23, 1999
*Dr. Wizard's Travelling Medicine Show* on October 31, 1999

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

Adopted by consent.

**Community Incentive Grant Application -**
**St. Mary Magdalene Anglican Church**
**File PR-2.6(35) (Vol. 7)**

**920 -** 4. The Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services has been advised that the Riel Community Committee, at its meeting on September 7, 1999, considered an application from the St. Mary Anglican Church for a Community Incentive Grant in the amount of $92,300.00, for an elevator installation on behalf of senior citizens.

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

The Riel Community Committee recommended approval of a Community Incentive Grant to the St. Mary Anglican Church in the amount of $15,000.00, for the purpose requested.

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

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

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

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

II. That a Community Incentive Grant in the amount of $15,000.00, not to exceed a maximum of fifty percent (50%) of the total project cost, be approved to the St. Mary Anglican Church for the purpose requested, subject to the following conditions:

a) Confirmation of other funding sources;

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

**Report of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services dated October 4, 1999**

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

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

Adopted by consent.

**Community Incentive Grant Application - Polish Combatants Association Inc File PR-2.6(34) (Vol. 7)**

**921 -** 5. The Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services has been advised that the Lord Selkirk-West Kildonan Community Committee, at its meeting on September 14, 1999, considered an application from the Polish Combatants Association Inc., for a Community Incentive Grant in the amount of $75,000.00, to assist with a Millennium project to renovate the facilities, located at 1364 Main Street.

On September 14, 1999, the Lord Selkirk-West Kildonan Community Committee recommended approval of a first charge against the 2000 Community Incentive Grant Program in the amount of $75,000.00, not to exceed a maximum of fifty percent (50%) of the total project cost.

The Administration advised that the application meets the eligibility criteria contained in the Community Incentive Grant Program, however, a first charge on the 2000 Capital Budget Program would require approval by Council.

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

I. That a Community Incentive Grant in the amount of $75,000.00, not to exceed a maximum of fifty percent (50%) of the total project cost, be approved to the Polish Combatants Association Inc., for the purpose requested, and be a first charge on the 2000 Community Incentive Grant Program (Lord Selkirk-West Kildonan Community), subject to the following conditions:

a) Confirmation of other funding sources;

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

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

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

Adopted by consent.

**Community Incentive Grant Application - Grant Park High School Performing Arts Program File PR-2.6(32) (Vol. 6)**

**922 -** 6. The Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services has been advised that the City Centre Community Committee, at its meeting on September 14, 1999, considered an application from the Grant Park High School Performing Arts Program, for a Community Incentive Grant in the amount of $10,000.00, to assist with the cost of Voices in Time concert tour, located at 450 Nathaniel Street.

On September 14, 1999, the City Centre Community Committee also recommended approval of a second charge against the 2000 Community Incentive Grant Program in the amount of $10,000.00, not to exceed a maximum of fifty percent (50%) of the total project cost.

The Administration advised that the application does not meet the eligibility criteria contained in the Community Incentive Grant Program, and a second charge on the 2000 Capital Budget Program would also require approval by Council.

**Report of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services dated October 4, 1999**

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

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

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

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

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

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

II. That a Community Incentive Grant in the amount of $10,000.00, not to exceed a maximum of fifty percent (50%) of the total project cost, be approved to the Grant Park High School Performing Arts Program, for the purpose requested, and be a second charge on the 2000 Community Incentive Grant Program (City Centre Community), subject to the following conditions:

a) Confirmation of other funding sources;

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

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

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

Adopted by consent.

**Community Incentive Grant Application -**
**École Laura Secord School Parent Council**
**File PR-2.6(32) (Vol. 6)**

**923** - 7. On December 16, 1998, Council adopted Clause 3 of the Report of the Standing Committee on Protection and Community Services, dated December 3, 1998 for a Community Incentive Grant in the amount of $2,500.00, to the École Laura Secord School Parent Council, to assist with the cost of a parent/child lounge on the third floor at École Laura Secord School, located at 960 Wolsely Avenue.

On September 14, 1999, the City Centre Community Committee recommended that the criteria be waived in order for the grant to exceed a maximum of fifty percent (50%) of the total project cost and be approved in the full amount of $2,500.00.

When this application was first considered on December 3, 1998, it did not meet the eligibility criteria contained in the Community Incentive Grant Program, as follows;

- The project is to make a significant contribution to the long-term benefit of the community-at-large in terms of improved facilities;
- The project is not to compete with or duplicate other community facilities; and
- The project is to clearly articulate a plan of activities including projected work schedules, material, labour, equipment and other project requirements and lead to the completion of a substantial physical product.

**Report of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services dated October 4, 1999**

However, since the École Laura Secord School Parent Council will not be able to contribute fifty percent (50%) of the total project cost from their own sources and is requesting an additional waiver of a criteria, it again requires Council approval.

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

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

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

II. That a Community Incentive Grant, be approved to the École Laura Secord School Parent Council for the purpose requested, subject to the following conditions:

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

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

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

Adopted by consent.

**Community Incentive Grant Application - William Whyte Community Council**
**File PR-2.6(34) (Vol. 7)**

**924 -** 8. On May 10, 1999, the Standing Committee on Protection and Community Services, considered and approved a Community Incentive Grant to the William Whyte Community Council, in the amount of $50,000.00, to assist with the cost of a playground development at the William Whyte Community School, located at 200 Powers Street.

On September 14, 1999, the Lord Selkirk-West Kildonan Community Committee considered a communication, dated September 10, 1999, from the William Whyte Community Council requesting that the criteria be waived in order for the grant to exceed a maximum of fifty percent (50%) of the total project cost and be approved in the full amount of $50,000.00.

When this application was first considered on May 10, 1999, it met the eligibility criteria contained in the Community Incentive Grant Program, inasmuch as the applicants were requesting 47% of the total project cost. However, since the William Whyte Community Council was denied funding from other funding sources and is requesting the waiver of a criteria, it now requires Council approval.

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

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

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

II. That a Community Incentive Grant, be approved to the William Whyte Community Council for the purpose requested, subject to the following conditions:

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

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

**Report of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services dated October 4, 1999**

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

Adopted by consent.

**Community Incentive Grant Application - Red River College of Applied Arts, Science and Technology File PR-2.6(34) (Vol. 7)**

**925 -** 9. The Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services has been advised that the Lord Selkirk-West Kildonan Community Committee, at its meeting on September 14, 1999, considered an application from the Red River College of Applied Arts, Science and Technology for a Community Incentive Grant in the amount of $25,000.00, to assist with the cost of a Millennium Park Project, located at 2055 Notre Dame Avenue.

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

The Lord Selkirk-West Kildonan Community Committee recommended approval of a Community Incentive Grant to the Red River College of Applied Arts, Science and Technology in the amount of $25,000.00, for the purpose requested.

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

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

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

II. That a Community Incentive Grant in the amount of $25,000.00, not to exceed a maximum of fifty percent (50%) of the total project cost, be approved to the Red River College of Applied Arts, Science and Technology for the purpose requested, subject to the following conditions:

a) Confirmation of other funding sources;

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

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

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

Adopted by consent.

**Community Incentive Grant Application - Chalmers Neighbourhood Project File PR-2.6(33) (Vol. 7)**

**926 -** 10. The Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services has been advised that the East Kildonan-Transcona Community Committee, at its meeting on September 28, 1999, considered an application from the Chalmers Neighbourhood Project for a Community Incentive Grant in the amount of $5,000.00, to assist with the cost of the Neighbourhood Project.

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

The East Kildonan-Transcona Community Committee recommended approval of a Community Incentive Grant to the Chalmers Neighbourhood Project in the amount of $5,000.00, for the purpose requested.

**Report of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services dated October 4, 1999**

On October 4, 1999, the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services heard from Ingrid Zacharias, Chalmers Neighbourhood Project in connection to the request for funding.

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

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

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

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

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

II. That a Community Incentive Grant in the amount of $5,000.00, not to exceed a maximum of fifty percent (50%) of the total project cost, be approved to the Chalmers Neighbourhood Project for the purpose requested, subject to the following conditions:

a) Confirmation of other funding sources;

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

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

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

Adopted by consent.

**1999 Current Estimates – Library Fees**
**Files FE (1999) (Vol. 1), L-1 (Vol. 15)**

**927** - 11. On March 15, 1999, Council approved the 1999 Current Estimates. The 1999 Library Division Current Estimates were developed in order that mill rate support did not exceed 1998 funding levels. New revenue sources were critical strategies in meeting this financial target. The Video Wear and Tear Fees and the Holds Fee were two such initiatives.

On April 12, 1999, the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services requested that the Administration provide a report for the meeting of the Committee scheduled for May 10, 1999, with respect to the cost of waiving the “wear and tear fee” on children’s videos, providing alternate options and a cost analysis.

On May 10, 1999, the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services considered a report from the CAO Secretariat, dated April 29, 1999 and recommended that the matter be laid over to the meeting of the Committee scheduled for June 11, 1999, pending receipt of a report from the Administration containing information on the costs of replacing videos and the number of videos damaged in a year.

On June 11, 1999, the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services considered a report from the CAO Secretariat, dated June 1, 1999, and requested the Administration to prepare a report for the meeting of the Committee scheduled for July 5, 1999, on what financial impact there would be, if Option 2 were implemented, namely: charge a wear and tear fee for adult videos but not charge a wear and tear fee for children’s videos.

On July 5, 1999, the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services considered a report from the Director of the Community Services Department, dated June 18, 1999.

**Report of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services dated October 4, 1999**

On September 7, 1999, the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services requested that the Administration submit a report to a Special Meeting of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services to be held at the call of the Chairperson, containing information relative to the following:

- Revenue generated from the 1999 Current Estimates 'Video Wear and Tear Fee' and 'Library Hold Fee';
- Any financial impact if fees were not collected; and
- A detailed account of where these revenues are being allocated.

The Video Wear and Tear Fee was proposed by the Library Services Division to: a) alleviate the problems associated with billing Library Users for damaged videos and b) to reduce mill rate support for Library Services. Approximately $125,000.00 is spent annually to purchase videos. Due to damage, 600 videos are replaced at $25.00 per video for a total of $15,000.00 per year. Three hundred videos are repaired at $5.00 per video for a total of $1,500 per year.

Similar fees are charged in other Canadian Library systems. For example, the Thunder Bay Public Library currently charges a 50 cent wear and tear fee on videos and CD ROMS. The Vancouver Public Library has a 50 cent fee on holds beyond 24.

The 1999 approved Current Estimates contained Video Wear and Tear Fee revenue projections of $100,000 and Holds Fee revenue projections of $2,500.00. In addition, $300,000.00 was projected for Video Wear and Tear Fee revenues and $5,000.00 in Holds Fee revenue in 2000.

As of September 1, 1999, the Library Services Division has raised $11,430.00 and accumulated approximately $6,000.00 on patron accounts. Library users are allowed to carry a balance of up to $10.00, which must be cleared annually at card renewal.

Allocation to General Revenue – Implications:

Currently, revenues from the Video Wear and Tear Fee and the Holds Fee are allocated to the General Revenue Fund.

In 1999, the Library Services Division received $17,078,344.00 in mill rate support, of which a component relates to materials acquisition. Revenue generated from the Video Wear and Tear Fee and the Holds Fee reduces the amount of mill rate support required for Library Services as a whole.

Allocation to Library Information Technology Reserve Fund – Implications:

In the 1999 adopted Budget, 87% of all revenues collected within the Library are dedicated to the Library's Information Technology Reserve Fund.

This Reserve Fund was established by City Council on December 14, 1994, to provide for the upgrading of the Library's technological base and other special Library projects.

On March 25, 1998, City Council approved the allocation of all revenues generated from overdue fines, replacement fees for lost items, room rentals, non-resident fees and photocopy fees to the Library Reserve. This allocation will amount to approximately $730,000.00 annually. Only 20% of the annual contribution and interest on the balance of the total reserve is expendable on an annual basis.

Should the Video Wear and Tear Fee and Holds Fee revenues be transferred to the Library Reserve Fund, increased mill rate support would be required for the Library Services Division.

Elimination of Fee for Children's Videos – Implications:

Currently, Library Services circulates approximately 240,000 adult videos per year and 200,000 children's videos per year. Should the children's videos be exempt from the Video Wear and Tear Fee, and the fee be applied only to adult videos, there would be a projected budgetary shortfall of $45,000.00 in 1999, and $135,000.00 in 2000.

Elimination of Fee for both Wear and Tear Fee and Holds Fee – Implications:

**Report of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services dated October 4, 1999**

Should the Video Wear and Tear Fee and Holds Fee be discontinued, there would be a projected budgetary shortfall of $91,030.00 in 1999, and $305,000.00 in 2000. The Video Wear and Tear Fee accounts for $88,570.00 in 1999, and $300,000.00 in 2000. The Holds Fee accounts for $2,460.00 in 1999, and $5,000.00 in 2000.

The Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services recommends:

I. That the Video Wear and Tear Fees on childrens videos only, which was implemented in 1999, be eliminated thereby amending Council's previous decision of March 15, 1999.

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

A copy of the Financial Impact is on file in the Office of the City Clerk.

*The Executive Policy Committee, due to a tie vote, submits this matter to Council without recommendation.*

Moved by Councillor Vandal,
Adoption of the clause.

In amendment,

Moved by Councillor De Smedt,
Seconded by Councillor Lazarenko,

THAT the clause be amended by renumbering Recommendation II to Recommendation III and by adding a new Recommendation II, namely:

II. That the Library Hold Fee be eliminated effective immediately.

The amendment was put.

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

Yea: Councillors De Smedt, Gerbasi, Lazarenko, Lubosch, Smith, Steek, Deputy Mayor Thomas and Vandal. 8

Nay: Councillors Angus, Clement, Timm-Rudolph, Eadie, His Worship Mayor Murray and Councillor O'Shaughnessy. 6

and the amendment was declared carried.

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

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

Yea: Councillors De Smedt, Gerbasi, Lazarenko, Lubosch, Smith, Steek, Deputy Mayor Thomas, Vandal and O'Shaughnessy. 9

Nay: Councillors Angus, Clement, Timm-Rudolph, Eadie and His Worship Mayor Murray. 5

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

## STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROTECTION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

## CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

**928 -** On motion of Councillor Vandal, By-law No. 7509/99, a by-law of The City of Winnipeg to amend the Amusement Tax By-law No. 3107/81, was read a first, second and third time, the rule being suspended for the third reading, and was passed and ordered to be signed and sealed. File FL-6 (Vol. 19)