Report of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services dated November 5, 2001

Request to fund Building Evaluation of Assiniboine Park Conservatory
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5. The Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services has been advised that elements of the Assiniboine Park Conservatory building complex have reached the end of their useful life cycle. Replacement and upgrading of these components and systems necessitates the upgrading of the facilities and systems to meet all building codes, applications regulations and current program requirements.

It is necessary to define the scope and cost of the work necessary to upgrade the facility as well as establish an order of priority for the required renovations/upgrades. The Public Works Department has compiled an estimate of $1.25 million to undertake the basic refurbishment of the Conservatory. This estimate does not include program elements of the building and does not include an order of priority. Accordingly, the proposed analysis will provide the necessary data regarding refurbishment requirements and will form a long-term revitalization plan for the facility.

While upgrading of the restaurant kitchen at the Conservatory is desirable and warranted, as its present capacity is resulting in some service problems, the extreme condition of the building systems is of more importance to address.

It is estimated that the initial building analysis will cost approximately $60,000.00. Remaining monies from the re-allocated amount will be used towards systems refurbishment at the Conservatory.

In preparing the report, there was consultation with and concurrence by the Public Works Department.

Council approval is required if existing capital dollars are reallocated.

On October 11, 2001, the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services considered a report dated August 30, 2001, from the Director of Community Services with respect to Building Refurbishment - Assiniboine Park Conservatory. The Committee laid the matter over to its meeting scheduled for November 5, 2001, and requested the Public Works Department to provide the Committee with the following:

- details of the $1.25 million anticipated cost to undertake refurbishment to the Assiniboine Park Conservatory,
- provide details to engage an outside consultant at a cost of $60,000.00 to undertake an initial building evaluation report, and further

- that administration from the Public Works Department be requested to be in attendance at the above noted meeting.

On November 5, 2001, the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services reconsidered the aforesaid report and did not concur in the recommendation of the administration and therefore recommends:

I. a) That a consultant with expertise in environmental technology be hired to prepare building evaluation report with respect to the "Building Refurbishment - Assiniboine Park Conservatory", at an estimated cost of $60,000.00, and that said evaluation report be completed by March, 2002, and

b) Further that an additional appropriation from the 2001 budget be utilized as the source of funding for the consultant, but should an additional appropriation not be realized then capital funding be provided from the 2000 Supplementary Capital account 03-118011-5400970707.

II. That the $1.25 million in capital requirements be referred to Council for its capital deliberations, upon receipt of the consultant's report, with the understanding that there be commitment for matching funds from the Federal - Provincial Infrastructure Works Program.

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

The Executive Policy Committee concurs with the recommendations of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services, with the following amendment, namely that Recommendation I. b) be amended to read as follows:

b) That capital funding be provided from the 2000 Supplementary Capital account 03-118011-5400970707.