REPORT OF THE

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

DATED FEBRUARY 12, 1999

On motion of His Worship Mayor Murray, the Report of the Executive Policy Committee, dated February 12, 1999, was considered clause by clause.

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

Carried.

Date of Tax Sale Number 104
File FL-2.4 (Vol. 14)

320 - 1. The Executive Policy Committee has been advised that Section 230(1) of The City of Winnipeg Act requires a resolution of Council to initiate Tax Sale proceedings. The Chief Administrative Officer has forwarded the recommendations as outlined herein.

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That the next City of Winnipeg Tax Sale (Tax Sale No. 104) be held on December 1, 1999, for lands which are in arrears of taxes for any part of 1997, plus 1998 and 1999.

II. That all lands included in Tax Sale be advertised and sold in accordance with the applicable sections of The City of Winnipeg Act and that the City of Winnipeg exercise its prior right to purchase the property sold in Tax Sale in accordance with Section 235(5) of said Act.

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

Adopted by consent.

Redemption of 21 Camrose Bay from
Tax Sale by Installments
File FL-2.4 (Vol. 14)

321 - 2. The Executive Policy Committee has been advised that on December 2, 1996, Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Beda through their solicitor, J. David George, requested to be allowed to redeem their property from Tax Sale by installments. The request was granted for a one year term which expired on December 31, 1997. The initial term and by-law was approved with a monthly payment amount of $345.00 and an amortization period of 41 months. With the completion of the initial term, a one year extension was approved with an expiry date of December 31, 1998.

The initial payment plan negotiated in December of 1996 consisted of monthly payments in the amount of $345.00. Based on this monthly amount, the redemption period for the Tax Sale Agreement would be completed after 41 monthly payments. By-law No. 7048/97, passed by Council on June 25, 1997, reflected the negotiated payments for the first year only. This agreement was then extended by Council for an additional year, expiring on December 31, 1998. The owners of the property, Mr. and Mrs. Beda, have now applied for the second extension to the original Tax Sale Agreement.

Appendix “A” demonstrates that the application of such a proposal would retire the present indebtedness of $2,941.06 in approximately 17 months. Mr. and Mrs. Beda have honoured the terms of their original agreement completely and without problem. For these reasons, it is recommended the additional one year extension be approved.

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The City of Winnipeg Act Section 255(4) states the following:

> Notwithstanding section 245 and subsection (1), but subject to subsection (5), the City, if authorized by by-law, may enter into an agreement in writing with an owner of, or a person who has an interest or estate in, or a charge on, land that has been sold for taxes, for the redemption of the land from the tax sale and the payment of all taxes payable in respect of the land subsequently accrued to the date of the agreement and during the currency of the agreement, by installments.

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That the request by Mr. and Mrs. Alexander Beda for redemption from Tax Sale by consecutive monthly payments of $345.00 be approved.

II. That the City Solicitor/Manager of Legal Services be requested to prepare the By-law authorizing the agreement on a one year conditional basis.

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

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

Adopted by consent.

Appointment of Citizen Member to the Access Advisory Committee
File CR-3 (Vol. 4) c/r GC-7 (Vol. 28)

322 - 3. The Executive Policy Committee has been advised by the Access Advisory Committee that a citizen position on the Access Advisory Committee was declared vacant by the Committee on January 29, 1999, and has requested that a new member be appointed to complete the balance of a two-year term expiring December 31, 1999.

The Executive Policy Committee recommends that Darrin L. Albert be appointed to the Access Advisory Committee to complete the balance of a two year term expiring December 31, 1999.

Adopted by consent.

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EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

DATED FEBRUARY 17, 1999

On motion of His Worship Mayor Murray, the Report of the Executive Policy Committee, dated February 17, 1999, was considered clause by clause.

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

Councillor Smith requested that Clauses 2,7 and 8 be pulled from the Consent Agenda.

Councillor Timm-Rudolph requested that Clause 5 be pulled from the Consent Agenda.

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

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

January 1999 Status Update for "Reshaping our Civic Government" Directive File GL-5.1 (Vol. 44)

323 - 1. In March 1997, Council made a commitment to the citizens of Winnipeg that Civic Government would be more affordable and efficient. The principles for that commitment were outlined in the "Reshaping Our Civic Government" directive to Administration which promised cost reductions, innovations and alternative methods of service delivery.

Almost two years have passed since the adoption of the directive and significant circumstances have changed, actions have been taken and initiatives have been implemented. It is appropriate at this time to confirm the status of all initiatives noted in the "Reshaping" document and to determine the next steps.

The Administration provides a status update of all initiatives named in "Reshaping" as outlined in Appendix "A" which includes a proposed status assessment for each initiative. The status assessment falls into one of four categories as documented in the following table.

Category	Number of Initiatives	Description
1. Complete	19	Initiative is considered complete as written. Objectives of the initiative have been achieved.
2. Tabled	19	Due to specific reasons outlined in the report, the initiative is pending; subject to resolution of issues, further analysis and/or further Council direction. Referred to the Chief Administrative Officer.
3. Referred to the ASD process	20	Initiative to be referred to the formal ASD Policy and Process adopted by Council on March 25, 1998.
4. Superseded	5	Due to specific reasons outlined in the report, the initiative has been superseded by a restructuring, a new initiative or has been rolled-up into a larger initiative.

On October 22, 1998, the Chief Administrative Officer sent out the first ASD Call Letter to all Department Heads in the City of Winnipeg, officially launching the ASD Policy and Process. All initiatives noted in 4. above will be reviewed and assessed on an ongoing basis as part of that annual ASD process.

As this is a status report, no financial impact is noted.

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The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That with regard to the "Reshaping Our Civic Government" directive adopted by Council on March 20, 1997, the following be approved:

A. The overall directive to be considered closed. All initiatives are complete, tabled, referred or superseded by other initiatives.

B. The status of individual initiatives to be accepted as presented in Appendix "A"

C. Any outstanding initiatives or ongoing objectives to be referred to the Chief Administrative Officer to be brought forward as a new initiative or transferred to the Alternative Service Delivery (ASD) Policy and Process, adopted by Council on March 25, 1998.

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.

Award of Contract for the Construction of the Neeginan Roundhouse Development
File FR-3.2 (PA-1)(Vol. 1)

324 - 2. The Executive Policy Committee has been advised that under the Winnipeg Development Agreement (WDA), the City of Winnipeg allocated $6 million for the North Main Strategic development to complement initiatives of the Province and Canada to revitalize the area.

On September 23, 1998, City Council approved *Our Place* Strategic Plan for the area which outlined a community development strategy aimed at revitalizing the Main Street area. Funding in the amount of $6 million for specific projects was allocated. The lead project is the Neeginan Round House with an allocation of $1.5 million. Other parts of the development include the Medicine Wheel Plaza and Neeginan Park.

The Roundhouse is to be built on the southeast corner of Higgins Avenue and Main Street. At present, most of the lands have been acquired by the City for the construction of the Roundhouse and the Park development.

To assist the City of Winnipeg to carry out its obligation to construct the Roundhouse on behalf of the Aboriginal community, it is proposed that PCL Constructors Canada Inc. be assigned the Construction Management/General Contracting services for the Neeginan Roundhouse Project, Medicine Wheel Plaza and Neeginan Park Development.

The award of contract to PCL is required immediately to ensure that the Neeginan project is developed within the approved capital budget, and more importantly that the project is completed before the start of the 1999 Pan American Games.

The following reasons outlined support the sole source assignment of PCL Constructors Canada Inc. for the development:

1. Time:

There is a crucial time constraint affecting the schedule of the project and the completion of the development. The development is anticipated to be a major tourist attraction during the 1999 Pan American Games and completion of the project is imperative. The award to PCL, with 4 months remaining on the schedule is required immediately to begin the tender and construction process.

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2. PCL's Project Familiarity:

PCL, as a consultant, is currently providing value engineering, cost and quality control on the project. They are working with the architect (Douglas Cardinal) and his consultants to develop scheduling and cost schedules. Their familiarity of the project and all the issues surrounding it will enable them to expedite the construction process to ensure the timely completion of the project.

3. Aboriginal Content:

PCL has extensive experience in working with Aboriginal communities on construction projects. They are proficient in maximizing in all capacities, the involvement of Aboriginals during the entire construction process and ensuring that training programs are implemented for the workers. These criteria are of utmost importance to Neeginan Development Corporation and the Aboriginal Council of Winnipeg.

4. Complexity of Project Delivery:

Both the tendering and construction process for the development is complex in nature and requires the experience of a construction firm familiar with issuing multiple tender packages, fast tracking projects, soliciting quotes and delivering a quality built product within rigid cost and scheduling parameters. PCL has the reputation and proven track record to proficiently complete all of these and other duties for the development.

5. Competitive Bid Prices:

PCL Constructors Canada Inc. will be the contracting entity and will act as Construction Manager/General Contractor for the project. The tendering of the project will be on an open book basis and will involve the solicitation of 3 competitively tendered quotes for each section of work. The project will be advertised at the Construction associations, to maximize exposure of project to potential bidders. The project team comprised of City staff, Neeginan Development Corporation and PCL will evaluate the bids to ensure all requirements for bonding, insurance and scheduling are met. The process will retain the open public bidding system for all subtrades and will ensure the lowest responsive bids will be used for the project.

As a partner in the project with Neeginan Development Corporation, The Aboriginal Council of Winnipeg, and other levels of government, it is imperative that the City of Winnipeg administer and contract the project in the most expedient and responsible manner. The award of contract to PCL to construct the Neeginan Development at this crucial stage in the project is thus recommended.

Only Council has the authority to waive The City of Winnipeg - Policy on Purchasing Procedures and Disposal of Surplus Supplies

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That the City of Winnipeg award a contract to PCL Constructors Canada Inc. to provide Construction Management/General Contractor services for the Neeginan Roundhouse Development.

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

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

Carried.

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1999 Alternative Service Delivery Review Agenda File GL-5.6.1 (Vol. 1)

325 - 3. On March 25, 1998, Council adopted the Policy and Framework for Alternative Service Delivery (ASD) in the City of Winnipeg. The objective of this policy is to set out a framework for the review of City services and delivery mechanisms on a case by case basis to determine and develop the most appropriate methods and structures for providing affordable, responsive and sustainable services. This framework establishes the ground rules and provides direction to ensure a consistent approach to ASD decision-making at the City of Winnipeg.

The ASD policy applies to all public and internal City services. The ASD framework indicates that on an annual basis, City Council will give approval on which services will be examined in conjunction with this policy, through the adoption of an annual ASD Review Agenda.

On October 22, 1998, the City's first ASD Call Letter to Department Heads was issued by the Chief Administrative Officer. Department Heads were requested to identify candidates for ASD review, taking into consideration any items referred by Executive Policy Committee, Audit Committee, Standing Policy Committee or Council.

ASD is a key tool to support the City's efforts to achieve a more affordable municipal government. Administration is committed to an ASD process where the best candidates are identified, developed and implemented, consistent with Council direction.

The ASD Policy and Framework outlines ASD development in five (5) phases. Council approval is required for each initiative to progress to the next phase. The process is outlined on Appendix "A".

The Administration is requesting Council direction on the following list of ASD initiatives. Council is asked to consider the following questions pertaining to the list:

- Are the appropriate candidates listed?
- Are candidates missing from the list as it currently stands?
- Are candidates on the list that should not be?

A brief summary of the proposed initiatives are as follows.

1. Fleet Services

   This is a utility operation within the Equipment & Material Services Division of Public Works. The operation consists of two distinct parts, Equipment Supply and Shop Services. A fleet of approximately 2400 pieces of equipment is maintained (autos, pickups, dump trucks, motor graders, construction equipment, landfill compactors etc.) for all civic departments except: Emergency Response Services, Winnipeg Police Service, Regional Water and Sewer of Water and Waste, Assessment and Winnipeg Hydro. All potential ASD options to be explored as part of the feasibility study for this initiative.
   ASD Phase: Identification and Planning (II): Responsible: Public Works

2. Primary Materials

   This is the City's quarry operation in the Birds Hill area. It is a utility operation within the Equipment and Material Services division of Public Works. The operation supplies granular needs for streets maintenance, winter sanding, local water and sewer maintenance and other civic departments. The department is in the process of preparing a feasibility study on several ASD options for this service.
   ASD Phase: Identification and Planning (II): Responsible: Public Works

3. Winnipeg Transportation Utility

   A sub-committee of the Strategic Infrastructure Reinvestment Policy Implementation (SIRP) Committee has been established to review this option (as recommended in the SIRP report). The sub-committee will review the applicability of a "transportation utility" option for the City of Winnipeg. The mandate of this utility could include:

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- managing the financing, development, construction, maintenance and investment of the entire Winnipeg street system, including bridges, structures and transit corridors
  - transportation planning
  - public transit
  - parking authority
  - regulation of urban goods movement
  - control of access to the street system
  - all aspects of budgeting including ability to raise and apply revenues to deliver the services required, and expenditure of funds for these purposes.

ASD Phase: Generation (I): Responsible: Public Works/Transit

4. Assessment Department Options

Possible ASD options range from (a) looking at the entire operation of the department as a separate entity or as a partner with the Provincial Assessment Office to (b) evaluating individual service components for ASD viability. At the highest level the most likely potential outcomes are partnering or a SOA organization. For an ASD analysis of individual service lines, the most likely potential outcomes would be partnering and contracting out.
ASD Phase: Generation (I): Responsible: Assessment Department

5. Animal Services SOA

The services provided are animal control under The City of Winnipeg Act for issues around animal behaviour, stray animals, illegal animals, wildlife concerns, quarantine and impoundment of stray/unwanted animals to name a few. The department is currently finalizing a business plan and operating charter for establishing Animal Services as a SOA, in accordance with Council's directive of December 17, 1997.
ASD Phase: Development (III): Responsible: Community Services

6. Best Management Practices for Civic Owned and Operated Golf Courses

This initiative would treat City owned and operated golf courses as a portfolio of assets with elements of each operated in the fashion that maximizes the profitability of the portfolio. The City presently operates 5 municipal golf courses. The potential outcomes include the continuation of a line department, a SOA, contracting out or a government-owned/contractor operated operations.
ASD Phase: Identification and Planning (II): Responsible: Community Services

7. Assiniboine Park Zoo

The zoo provides visitors with increased knowledge, appreciation and enjoyment of wildlife and wildlife conservation through the exhibition of animals, related education and special events, and tourist and economic development. Potential outcomes of ASD analysis could include a SOA, a government-owned/ contractor operated arrangement, or an operating partnership between the City and the Zoological Society of Manitoba.
ASD Phase: Generation (I): Responsible: Community Services

8. Brady Road Landfill

The Solid Waste Disposal Utility owns and operates the Brady Road Landfill. The Landfill is licensed as a Class 1 landfill. The landfill is expected to receive 268,000 tonnes of refuse in 1999 from City and commercial haulers. The potential outcomes from an ASD analysis include: status quo, internal improvements, establishment of a landfill partnership, sale of the landfill or a SOA.
ASD Phase: Identification and Planning (II): Responsible: Water and Waste

9. Solid Waste Collection

This service is carried out by both private contractors and by City forces. Currently, private contractors pick up waste from 92,000 residential/small commercial premises and from 2100 apartment buildings that represent 93,000 apartment units. The City forces pick up waste from about 99,000 residential/ small commercial premises. The potential outcomes for an ASD analysis include: status quo, internal

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improvements, automated City collection, increased City collection, decreased City collection, managed competition, 100% contracting out, privatization of collection services or a SOA.
ASD Phase: Identification and Planning (II): Responsible: Water and Waste

10. Winnipeg Police Service (WPS) Training

This service is responsible for all training of WPS personnel, which includes recruit, in-service and speciality courses of instruction. As training becomes more expensive for smaller agencies, the WPS may be able to capitalize on the central location of the City, in a region in which the WPS is the major municipal police force. Training courses that were partly or totally subsidized by other levels of government are on the wane. There is an opportunity for the Training Division to convert to an SOA within the WPS to address these training demands and become a centre of excellence in specific areas within Manitoba and Western Canada.
ASD Phase: Generation (I): Responsible: Winnipeg Police Service

11. Printing

Services targeted for ASD analysis would be those provided by the Internal Print Centre and may include Enterprise Electronic Print Services (mainframe printing). The main role of the Internal Print Centre is to economically deliver quality print reproduction of any or all of the City's time sensitive or confidential documents. The main role of Enterprise Electronic Printing Services is to provide critically accurate, variable print information in a timely fashion. Given the advances in technology there are a variety of potential ASD options for the City to consider including: status quo, contracting out, partnerships, and a SOA. It is recommended that the ASD process evaluate a combined print services model (ie. Mainframe and Internal Print Services) and include consideration of both to remain on-site or both to be moved to an off-site facility.
ASD Phase: Generation (I): Responsible: Corporate Services

12. Radio Shop

The services targeted for ASD analysis include radio and related telephone communications and general electronic services to City departments; and computer maintenance and data communications to Emergency Service departments requiring 24 hour/day support. Services include engineering, consulting and systems and unit maintenance for 2-way radio equipment, computers and peripheral equipment, local and wide area data networks, public address systems, closed circuit television systems, alarm systems, specialized electronic equipment such as radar guns, breathalysers and surreptitious monitoring systems. One quarter of the operating budget of the branch is recovered through financial work orders for various departments and specific service agreements with Transit, Emergency Services and Police. The potential outcomes of applying the ASD analysis include a SOA, multiple external out sourcing contracts and full internal cost recovery.
ASD Phase: Generation (I): Responsible: Corporate Services

13. Stores/ Inventory (Materials Management)

This initiative concerns the management of all aspects of the City's supply chain including specification, requisition, receipt, storage, dispersal, disposal and payment for goods and/ or services used by the City. This is a large and key component/aspect of the even larger Enterprise Resource Planning System. Potential outcomes include system development with related business process re-engineering, partnering, creation of SOA(s) and contracting out.
ASD Phase: Generation (I): Responsible: Corporate Initiative

14. Parking

This initiative would involve the review of, and probable change to the current governance model as well as the organizational consolidation of all aspects of parking operations and management for both on and off street parking facilities. The early definition and approval of an appropriate governance model for both policy setting and business operations is the most critical success factor. Potential outcomes include the creation of a quasi-independent parking authority/commission/board with a broad mandate to set parking policy. In respect of business operations, there is potential for various combinations of business process re-engineering, partnering, creation of SOA(s) and contracting out.
ASD Phase: Generation (I): Responsible: Property and Development, Public Works and Police

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15. Winnipeg Hydro Options

Review of organizational options as currently in process. Feasibility study requires update, request to follow under separate cover.

Council approval of initiatives in the "generation stage" will provide direction to Administration to begin work on feasibility studies in those areas. Council approval of initiatives in further stages of ASD development (Identification and Planning and Development stages) confirms urgency and priority for those listed initiatives. Documents will be presented to Council at milestone completion points as outlined in Appendix "A" consistent with the City ASD Policy and Framework for each initiative undertaken.

The above list, as presented, updates any earlier information presented to Council with respect to these initiatives.

One important alternative in the analysis of ASD options is a competitive model for service delivery in instances where contracting out is being considered. Appendix "B" provides an update on the City's Competitive Model for Service Delivery initiative.

The financial impact of each individual ASD initiative will be outlined as milestone documents come forward for Council consideration.

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That the list of proposed alternative service delivery candidates be approved to progress to the next phase of development as outlined in the City of Winnipeg Policy and Framework for Alternative Service Delivery - Appendix "A".

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 is on file in the office of the City Clerk.

Adopted by consent.

Proposal to Declare City-owned lands located on the south side of Almey Avenue at Ravelston Avenue West as surplus - East Kildonan-Transcona Community
File FI-2.4(33) (Vol. 2)

326 - 4. On January 20, 1999, the Executive Policy Committee laid over Clause 5 of the Report of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development dated January 8, 1999 in view of the fact that the recommendation was subject to the concurrence by the East Kildonan-Transcona Community Committee.

Inasmuch as the East Kildonan-Transcona Community Committee has not completed consideration of this matter, and in accordance with Section 61.5 of the Procedure By-law No. 5400/94 as amended, the Executive Policy Committee recommends that Council grant an extension of time of 30 days for consideration of this matter.

Adopted by consent.

Proposed Amendments to the Home Renovation Tax Assistance Program
Files FL (Vol. 5) & GG-2 (Vol. 23)

327 - 5. Since 1994 Council has passed by-laws in each year to establish a program of property tax credits to encourage and assist in the renovation of residential premises in the City of Winnipeg.

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As verified by the Tax Branch of the Corporate Finance Department, the previous four by-laws generated three separate five year terms for issuing tax credits to eligible property owners: 1996 - 2000, 1997 - 2001 and 1998 - 2002.

The following number of properties were approved for tax credits in the three terms:

1996 - 2000	253
1997 - 2001	113
1998 - 2002	77
Total	443

Due to the relatively low number of properties that were approved in each of the three terms, staff of the Property and Development Services Department were able to process Home Renovation Tax Assistance (HRTA) applications and perform their usual duties with minimal impact on the delivery of services.

Based on information received from the Tax Branch, the financial impact of the four previous By-laws will be as follows:

Term	Renovations Value	Actual Tax Credits	Future Tax Credits	Total Term Tax Credits
1996 - 2000	1,541,000	69,345	46,230	115,575
1997 - 2001	798,000	23,760	35,640	59,400
1998 - 2002	536,000	8,040	32,160	40,200
TOTAL:	2,875,000	101,145	114,030	215,175

The previous four By-laws included two eligibility criteria; firstly, a home had to be constructed before 1971 and, secondly, a property's assessment could not be higher than $80,000. As well, the maximum tax credit was limited to $750 over five years. As a result, the previous four by-laws generated a total of 443 eligible property files, and staff of the Property and Development Services Department were able to process the HRTA Program applications in addition to their regular duties.

The current By-law No. 7230/98 includes two eligibility criteria; firstly, a home has to be constructed before 1981 and, secondly, a property's assessment can not be higher than $100,000. As well, the maximum tax credit is $1,500 over three years. As a result of the more accommodating eligibility criteria and increased attractive financial incentives, a substantially higher number of HRTA Program applications were submitted by property owners than anticipated by the Property and Development Services Department. Accordingly, in early January of 1999, the Department established a HRTA Program office to process the overwhelming number of applications and to prepare a proposed program for 1999. On January 15, 1999, in accordance with Section 2 of the By-law, the Chief Administrative Officer appointed a Designated Office to manage the program office. As well, other staff were re-assigned to assist the Designated Officer.

As of February 5, 1999, the HRTA Program office has opened files and established a database for 1,730 applications. It is anticipated that the current number of applications will continue to rise because citizens have until February 26, 1999 to submit documents, such as receipts, for consideration under the current By-law. As well, the final number of property files will increase as Departmental inspectors confirm if renovations have been completed by various applicants.

At this stage, none of the HRTA applications have been audited to verify the eligible renovations amount and associated tax credit amount. As a result, it is difficult to provide any accurate information about the financial impact of the current by-law at this time.

However, it is reasonable to speculate that the current by-law will generate approximately 1750 eligible property files. If all 1750 applications were declared eligible for the maximum renovations amount of $10,000, the total tax credit amount over three years would be $2,625,000 (i.e. three annual tax credits of $875,000). If the average renovations amount for all 1750 applications was 50% less or $5,000, the total tax credit amount over three years would be $1,312,500 (i.e. three annual tax credits of $437,500).

It should be acknowledged that Section 11(2) of the current by-law states:

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> "The total amount of tax assistance provided by the City of Winnipeg under this and any other Home Renovation Tax Assistance Program shall not exceed $1,500.00 per eligible residential unit in any consecutive five year period."

This particular Section will have some impact on reducing the total tax credit exposure under the current by-law; however, it is likely to be minimal since most of the applicants are "first time" and did not receive tax credits under the previous four by-laws.

A final concern with respect to this by-law is retroactivity. On May 27, 1998, Council approved a new HRTA Program (i.e. the current By-law No. 7230/98), subject to the following recommendation:

> "VI. That the program come into effect retroactively to the 1998 cut-off of permits qualifying under the existing Home Renovation Tax Credit Program."

Section 25 of By-law No. 7230/98 states:

> "Notwithstanding any provision of this by-law, applications made in 1998 under By-law No. 7137/97 in relation to eligible renovations commenced after February 28, 1998 shall be deemed to have been made under this by-law."

The Designated Officer interprets Section 25 to mean that By-law No. 7230/98 will apply to HRTA applications, submitted after February 28, 1998, for eligible renovations commenced after February 28, 1998 (i.e. Section 25 is not intended to apply to HRTA applications, submitted after February 28, 1998, for renovations undertaken before February 28, 1998). This concern is being raised because the Department has received many HRTA applications, dated after February 28, 1998, for work that was clearly performed prior to February 28, 1998; as evidenced by receipts dated between 1994 and early January of 1998.

The proposed 1999 HRTA Program By-law replicates the current By-law No. 7230/98 with the exception of the following recommended amendments:

SECTION	RECOMMENDED AMENDMENT	REASON
2. "residential unit" (a)(iv)	Delete "one" in favour of "four".	In order to provide buildings, with more than one owner-occupied dwelling unit, with the same eligibility status as individual condominium units.
5.	Delete sub-sections (b) and (c).	Not applicable to the City of Winnipeg
6.(c)	Delete "or air exchanger".	Recommended by Departmental Building Inspectors.
10.	Delete sub-section (b).	This would allow citizens, that are not aware of the HRTA Program, to apply for a tax credit after renovations have been performed.
16.	Insert new sub-section (d): "whether an eligible renovation has been completed under Section 10.".	This authority is required by the Designated Officer in order to process an application in a comprehensive manner.
17. (1) and (2)	Change the "... latest date that all required proof of completion of eligible renovations must be received..." from "... not be earlier than February 20th in any year ..." to "... December 31 of the year prior to any year ...". Add new sub-section (2): "Notwithstanding any other provision of this by-law, all required proof of completion of eligible renovations must be received on or before December 31, 2000."	The Tax Branch of the Corporate Finance Department has instructed the Property and Development Services Department that all HRTA tax credit information has to be submitted by March 31st in order to be included on the annual property tax notification letters. Preparing the tax credit information for the Tax Branch involves two functions: firstly, processing "first time" applications under the current By-Law and, secondly, evaluating property files that were declared eligible under the previous four By-laws to verify if a tax credit should be allocated. In order to complete these functions in an accurate and comprehensive manner, staff of the Department require sufficient time; which is not possible with the current "no earlier than February 20th" provision.

The Property and Development Services Department submitted the following options for creating a better awareness of the Program to be approved.

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1. Instruct Application Centre Representatives of the Department's Zoning and Permits Branch to ask all permit applicants if they are aware of the HRTA Program and the potential tax credit benefits.

2. Arrange for establishment of a permanent HRTA Program Office with "Info. Line" to address citizen inquiries.

3. Prepare City of Winnipeg information brochure for distribution to any permit applicants.

4. Arrange information brochure distribution locations such as commercial lumber yards or hardware stores.

5. Prepare promotional information for insertion in the Real Estate News.

6. Advertise the program in print media such as the Free Press, Sun and community "Metro" newspapers.

7. Announce the program on various radio stations.

8. Promote the program on the City of Winnipeg website.

9. Prepare promotional information for insertion in the newsletters of relevant organizations such as the Manitoba Renovation Contractors Association and the Manitoba Home Builders Association.

10. Prepare promotional information for insertion in the City of Winnipeg property tax bills or utility bills.

On May 27, 1998, Council approved the Home Renovation Tax Assistance (HRTA) Program, subject to the following recommendation:

> "VIII. That the Home Renovation Tax Assistance Program be reviewed on an annual basis by the Executive Policy Committee."

On February 10, 1999, the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development recommended that the proposed amendments as prepared by the Legal Services Division be approved with the following amendment namely:-

> 10 (b) The eligible renovation must be commenced after an application for tax assistance has been made pursuant to this by-law.

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That the 1999 Home Renovation Tax Assistance Program be approved with the amendments as outlined by the Legal Services Division including the following amendment as recommended by the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, namely:

> 10 (b) The eligible renovation must be commenced after an application for tax assistance has been made pursuant to this by-law.

II. That the Designated Officer notify any applicant, under By-law No. 7230/98, that an application will be declared ineligible if renovations are performed before March 1, 1998.

III. That property owners must apply in person for the 1999 Program, to the Property and Development Services Department, prior to performing any renovations.

IV. 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.

Moved by Councillor Clement,
That the clause be referred back to the Executive Policy Committee.

The motion to refer the clause back to the Executive Policy Committee was put and declared carried.

Site Access Plan for Access to the Forks

File FR-4.1 (Vol. 4)

328 - 6. 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.

Inasmuch as the matter requires further consideration, the Executive Policy Committee recommends that an extension of time of 60 days be approved to consider this matter in accordance with rule 16.4 of the Procedure
By-law No. 5400/90.

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

Carried.

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Establishment of Committee of Council - Implementation of the City's Special Operating Agency Initiative
File GL-5.6.1 (Vol. 1)

329 - 7. On February 17, the Executive Policy Committee passed the following resolution, namely:

WHEREAS Council at its meeting on September 24, 1997 adopted Clause 3 of the Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated September 17, 1997, providing for strategic direction for the implementation of the City's SOA initiative;

AND WHEREAS Council at its meeting held on March 26, 1998, adopted the following policy:

> *"The City of Winnipeg is committed to providing quality services at an affordable cost on a sustainable basis. To this end, the City will systematically review its programs, services, and delivery mechanism, and will pursue the most appropriate methods and structures for providing services to achieve the best value for the municipal tax dollar and the optimal balance of overall benefits to the City and its Community."*

AND WHEREAS Bill 36, an amendment to The City of Winnipeg Act, which received Royal Assent on June 29, 1998, provided for the City to establish Special Service Units (SSUs) and for Council to delegate certain functions or responsibilities with respect to SSUs to a Committee of Council;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT a Committee of Council be established on an annual basis; comprised of four members of Council appointed by the Mayor, with responsibilities as follows:

a) recommend through the Executive Policy Committee to Council the ASD Review Agenda;
b) evaluate feasibility studies to establish SSUs and submit through Executive Policy Committee to Council those SSU proposals that the Committee recommends;
c) review business plans and submit recommendations through Executive Policy Committee to Council for approval;
d) receive and submit through Executive Policy Committee to Council the annual report of any SSU established by Council;
e) ensure completion of 3 year effectiveness review;
f) any other function or responsibility deemed necessary by Executive Policy Committee and Council.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the foregoing, including the preparation of amendments to By-law Nos. 7100/97 and 5850/92 in order to place the jurisdiction of alternate service delivery under the aforementioned Committee of Council.

and submits same to Council for approval.

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

Carried.

One-Tier Project: Agreement for the transfer of social assistance programming from the City of Winnipeg to the Province of Manitoba
File EH-2 (Vol. 19)

330 - 8. The Executive Policy Committee has been advised that in November, 1996 the Province passed legislation covering the transfer of social assistance programming from the City of Winnipeg to the Province. The legislation indicated that the transfer was to occur on a "relatively cost-neutral" basis with the City continuing to pay its share of annual social assistance costs. The Manitoba Government would "determine an amount, or establish a formula to determine an amount, payable by the City of Winnipeg to the Government of Manitoba as a contribution toward the costs of providing that general assistance and the costs for staff, administrative services, development and other related costs" and would determine the timing, terms, conditions,

and manner of payment. At the Legislative Amendment Hearings for Bill 36, Winnipeg Council went on record in support of the program transfer. However, Council also expressed serious concern about the financial implications of the transfer and requested the opportunity to negotiate the terms for the transfer, in particular the definition of cost-neutrality, with the Province.

The Province has advised that the municipal social assistance program transfer will occur on March 31, 1999. It is critical that the City and Province finalize an agreement on the financial and staffing terms for the transfer. In the absence of such an agreement, the Province has the legislated authority to establish the terms and to proceed with the program transfer unilaterally.

For almost three decades, the City of Winnipeg and the Province of Manitoba have discussed the possibility of having a one-tier social assistance program in Winnipeg. A formal City report on the proposal, dating back to Unicity in 1972-74 and a Provincial Task Force Report in 1983, both recommended a one-tier welfare system.

The nation-wide waves of recession in the 1980's and early 1990's, lead to substantial increases in Winnipeg's social assistance caseload and associated costs. In turn, this prompted City Council to indicate a desire to end the City's involvement in social assistance programming. This desire was captured in a number of formal reports including Plan Winnipeg-Toward 2010, New Directions, the Reshaping our Civic Government report as well as various budget guideline reports in the early-mid 1990's.

In 1993 the Province passed legislation which standardized municipal social assistance programs. It was touted as a significant first step towards a one-tier welfare system.

During the mid-late 1990's, two other Provinces moved to one-tier systems. In Ontario, the responsibility for social assistance delivery was shifted to municipalities, with the Province and municipalities sharing the costs. In Nova Scotia, the Province took over social assistance delivery, with municipalities continuing to contribute towards program costs. In all other provinces, municipalities have not been involved in social assistance delivery for several decades.

On March 15, 1995, the Province of Manitoba announced its intent to integrate municipal and provincial social assistance programs in Winnipeg. At that time, the City indicated its support for the integration and Provincial and City officials began work on the One-Tier Project.

In January 1997, the Mayor and Chairperson of the Planning and Community Services Committee, together with the Ministers of Family Services and Urban Affairs, approved the business case report on the integration.

Between January 1997 and the present, under direction from the City's Executive Policy Committee, City officials have been meeting with Provincial officials to resolve service issues and to negotiate the financial and staffing terms for the program transfer.

Financial Terms for the Transfer

- Base settlement:

  The City's future contribution towards social assistance costs for City residents who are in need will be $18.5 million annually. This contribution will be made through a reduction in the Province's unconditional grant to the City.

- Transition Costs:

  The Province agrees to cover actual costs up to $0.42 million required to finalize City social assistance accounts, records, outstanding facilities and related transfer/closure matters.

  The Province agrees to cover a share of the City's actual labour costs related to fulfilling the terms of the collective agreements and facilitating the smooth transfer of affected civic employees to the new One-Tier organization to a maximum of -

  $2.243M April 1, 1999 to March 31,2000
  $0.660M April 1, 2000 to March 31, 2001
  $0.3225M April 1, 2001 to March 31, 2002

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The City will cover the remaining share of the labour costs related to fulfilling the terms of the collective agreements and facilitating the smooth transfer of affected civic employees to the new One-Tier organization.

Estimates of this portion of the costs are as follows:

$1.289M - $3.969M April 1, 1999 to March 31, 2000
$0.560M - $1.032M April 1, 2000 to March 31, 2001
$0.2115M - $1.3695M April 1, 2001 to March 31, 2002

NOTES: On an accrual basis, steps have been taken to cover $1.7 million of the City's labour transition costs identified for 1999 out of 1998 budget savings.

Labour transition costs are expected to be in the lower range of these estimates. In the highly unlikely event that a situation occurs which would lead to the upper end of the range, the City has a number of available options with which to mitigate these costs.

- Other:

The Province agrees to assume full responsibility and funding for the City's Community Home Services Project. (Offers free home and yard maintenance services for low-income senior citizens and persons with disabilities.)

The City retains responsibility for the Community Services Worker Project. (Offers janitorial service, icemaking and groundskeeping help for local community centres) Current budget - $0.5 million/yr.

Remaining social services, including a response capacity for City residents who are victims of disaster or larger scale emergency, community concerns, local and national social issues, interface and support for local social agencies, is being transferred from the City Social Services Department to the Community Services Department upon transfer of the social assistance program to the Province. Annual budget - $0.5 million (approx.)

Facilities: The Province is taking over two existing City office sites at 391 York and 896 Main Street and associated leases immediately. The lease at 705 Broadway expires at the end of April, 1999. 1760 Main Street is a City-owned facility. Space used at 219 Provencher (City-owned) is relatively small and needed by the principle civic tenant.

· Office Furnishings, Equipment and Inventory:

The City retains all office furnishings, equipment and inventory.

Transition costs to be borne by the City are primarily targeted at fulfilling the terms of the collective agreements with civic unions as they pertain to City employees who are impacted by the transfer.

STAFFING:

An Employee Transition Agreement (ETA) has been developed by City and Provincial officials. Key features in the agreement include:

- Employment Security:

Virtually all permanent City staff affected by the transfer (approx 150 people) will receive job offers for regular positions in the new Provincial One-Tier organization. These employees will be covered by the transfer terms in the ETA. The Province also expects to make job offers to a number of the City's temporary employees who are impacted by the program transfer (up to 60 people.) Social Services employees who are on disability will have their situations addressed on an individual basis.

- Staff Loan:

  The agreement with the Province includes an interchange arrangement whereby City staff are on loan to the Province for the period April 1- December 31, 1999 with regular employment with the Province commencing January 1, 2000. The loan facilitates a smooth program transition and provides time for resolution of outstanding issues, in particular, pensions. It also enables affected staff to experience employment with a new Provincial organization while retaining their rights and benefits as City employees. Affected employees also will have an opportunity to secure more complete information and access expert advice about their options before September, 1999 when they will be required to make a final decision about accepting regular employment with the Province and leaving the employ of the City.

- Salary Protection:

  Where applicable, City staff moving into lower-grade positions in the new Provincial organization will have over-range salary protection up to March, 2001.

- Benefits:

  The Province and the City have reasonably comparable benefit packages (eg vacations, sick leave coverage, dental, vision, etc). City staff will be able to transfer some accumulated credits (eg. vacation) and retain some of their seniority rights (eg. The Province uses seniority in lay-off situations but not for promotions.) Waiting periods for benefits such as group insurance are being waived. Representatives for various stakeholders are currently discussing resolution of pension issues.

On May 26th, 1996, City Council adopted a recommendation which reads, in part:

> "Therefore be it resolved that the Committee on Planning and Community Services request Executive Policy Committee to commence negotiations with the Province of Manitoba on the timing, service, staffing and cost implications of the proposal to integrate municipal and provincial social assistance programs in Winnipeg."

Based upon direction from the City's Executive Policy Committee, City officials now have concluded negotiations with Provincial officials on the terms for the program transfer. Council approval is required to conclude the agreement with the Manitoba Government and associated agreements with the bargaining agents for the affected City employees.

The target date for the transfer of responsibility is March 31, 1999.

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That the financial and general staffing terms for the transfer of social assistance programming from the City of Winnipeg to the Province of Manitoba, be approved.

II. That the Chief Administrative Officer or designate of the City have the authority to amend any specific terms in the Employee Transition Agreement (ETA) between the City and the Province to reflect consultations with the bargaining agents for the affected employees, provided such amendments are concurred with by the proper officers of the Province, if necessary, and can be accommodated within the approved financial terms for the transfer.

III. That the Chief Administrative Officer or designate of the City take all appropriate action to fulfill the terms of the approved agreement.

IV. That, subsequent to the transfer of social assistance programming from the City of Winnipeg to the Province, the Chief Administrative Officer or designate of the City take all appropriate action to finalize accounts, records, systems, facilities, inventory and to close the Social Services Department in a timely fashion.

V. That the Chief Administrative Officer or designate be directed to approach the Province of Manitoba to discuss flexibility on the time frames for the Employee Transition Agreement (ETA) in consultation with CUPE.

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VI. 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.

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 and declared carried.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

MOTIONS

Moved by Councillor Angus,
Seconded by Councillor Lazarenko,
331 - WHEREAS the Executive Policy Committee, at its meeting of February 16, 1999, identified a schedule for the adoption of the 1999 Current Estimates;

AND WHEREAS the schedule provides for delegations to make representation to Executive Policy Committee at its meeting of March 3, 1999;

AND WHEREAS the schedule also provides for Council to deliberate the budget at a special meeting to be held on March 15, 1999;

AND WHEREAS the detailed estimates will not be available until March 1, 1999, leaving little time for the delegations to review the estimates;

AND WHEREAS the Standing Committees and some Community Committees will be reviewing the estimates after March 3, 1999;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Policy Committee allow for delegations on budget matters on March 10, 1999;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council deliberate the budget at a special meeting to be held on March 22, 1999.

(See Minute No. 366 for attachment)

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

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

The motion to suspend the rule was put.

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

Yea: Councillors Angus, Golden, Lazarenko, Prystanski, Smith and Timm-Rudolph. 6

Nay: Councillors Clement, De Smedt, Gerbasi, Lubosch, Steek, Deputy Mayor Thomas, Vandal, Eadie, His Worship Mayor Murray and Councillor O'Shaughnessy. 10

and the motion to suspend the rule was declared lost.

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

Moved by Councillor Steek,
Seconded by Councillor Golden,
332 - WHEREAS:

(a) Pursuant to its By-law No. 7331/98, The City of Winnipeg authorized the expropriation of the land described therein and executed a Declaration of Expropriation, dated the 16th day of December, A.D. 1998; and

(b) Notice of Intended Expropriation was served by The City of Winnipeg upon all owners and interested parties in the land intended to be expropriated and published in the newspapers, pursuant to Section 1 of Schedule “A” to The Expropriation Act; and

(c) A Notice of Objection to the intended expropriation has been served upon the Confirming Authority by only one of the owners pursuant to Section 3 of Schedule “A” to The Expropriation act;

(d) The aforesaid objection related only to the compensation being offered to said owner; and

(e) An inquiry conducted pursuant to Schedule “A” of The Expropriation Act is restricted from considering any matter or question relating to the due compensation that would be payable if the expropriation continued:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Declaration of Expropriation, dated the 16th day of December, 1998, executed pursuant to By-law No. 7331/98, and expropriating respectively the following lands:

Firstly: Lot R Plan 475 WLTO, together with a Right of Way for all purposes and as appurtenant to said Lot R over and upon all that portion of Lot T shown on said Plan 475 lying to the north of a straight line drawn Wly from a point in the Eastern limit of said Lot T distant Nly and along the Eastern limit of Lot L shown on said Plan, 55.48 feet from the SE angle of said Lot L said line making on its Southern side with the said Eastern limit of Lot T an angle of 102 degrees and 54 minutes which lies to the South of a straight line drawn across said Lot T from a point in the Eastern limit of said Lot T distant Sly 44 feet from the Northern limit of said Lot T, the said line forming an interior angle on the Northern side of 77 degrees 26 minutes with the said Eastern limit in RL 35 Parish of Saint John

Secondly: SP Lot 6 Plan 32688 WLTO in RL 35 Parish of Saint John

Thirdly: SP Lot 5 Plan 32688 WLTO in RL 35 Parish of Saint John

Fourthly: All those portions of Lots lettered L and T Plan 475 WLTO, contained within the following limits: Commencing at a point in the Eastern Limit of said Lot lettered L distant Nly along said Eastern limit 22.68 feet from the SE corner of said Lot lettered L, thence Nly along said Eastern limit of said Lot lettered L and of said Lot lettered T, 32.8 feet, thence Wly on a course which forms an interior angle on its Southern side with the last described course of 102 degrees and 54 minutes to the Western limit of said Lot lettered T, thence Sly along said Western limit and along the Western limit of said Lot lettered L, 30 feet thence Ely in a straight line to the point of commencement, together with a Right of Way for all purposes as appurtenant to the land above described over and upon a strip of land 10 feet wide extending Wly from Austin Street 80 feet along the Northern limit of the land above described, the said Northern limit joining the Southern limit of Said Right of Way, in RL 35 Parish of Saint John

Fifthly: All that portion of Lot T as shewn on Plan 475 WLTO which lies to the North of a straight line drawn Wly from a point on the Eastern limit of said Lot T distant Nly thereon 55.48 feet from the SE angle of Lot L as shewn on said Plan, the said line forming an interior angle of 102 degrees and 54 minutes on its Southern side with the said Eastern limit of said Lot T and lying to the South of a straight line drawn from a point on the Eastern limit of said Lot T distant Southerly thereon 44 feet from the NE angle of said Lot T the said line forming an interior angle of 77 degrees 26 minutes on its Northern side with the said Eastern limit of Lot T; Subject to a Right of Way for all purposes

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over and upon the most Ely 80 feet in depth of the herein described land measured along the Sly limit of said herein described land as appurtenant to all those portions of Lots L and T as shewn on said Plan 475 described as follows: commencing at a point in the Eastern limit of said Lot L distant Nly thereon 22.68 feet from the SE angle of said Lot L, thence Nly along the Eastern limit of said Lots L and T a distance of 32.8 feet to the Southern limit of the herein described land; thence Wly along the said Southern limit to the Western limit of said Lot T thence Sly along the Western limits of said Lots L and T a distance of 30 feet thence Ely in a straight line to the point of commencement. Also subject to a Right of Way for all purposes and as appurtenant to Lot R as shewn on said Plan 475 over and upon the whole of the herein described land.

Is hereby confirmed.

The aforesaid lands are expropriated free and clear of all encumbrances except mines, minerals and names substances which are excepted from or not included in the Certificate of Title of the registered owner of the surface under the Real Property Act or are not owned by the owner of the surface under the Registry Act, and except reservations in favour of the Crown as excepted from the Title of the owner of the owner of the surface, or to which Title is subject by implication under the provisions of the Real Property Act.

Carried.

Moved by His Worship Mayor Murray,
Seconded by Councillor Vandal,

333 - WHEREAS Council at its meeting of January 27, 1999, appointed two Citizen Members to the Winnipeg Arts Advisory Council;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed desirable to increase the Citizen Member representation for a limited time;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Christian Delaquis be re-appointed to the Winnipeg Arts Advisory Council for a two year term to expire December 31, 2000.

Carried.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

QUESTION PERIOD

334 - Councillor Timm-Rudolph requested an update on the Winnipeg Hydro Study and when it would be ready for review.

His Worship Mayor Murray took the question under advisement but noted that the administration was indicating that it would be 60 to 90 days before the report would be complete and tabled with Council.

Councillor Timm-Rudolph asked if each member of council would be provided with a copy of the report.

Mayor Murray indicated that everyone would be getting an executive summary of the report, but that the report itself would be an In Camera item on file in the City Clerk's Department. Mayor Murray advised that there has been a request under the Freedom of Information Act for the report to be released but the Ombudsman, after reviewing the request, stated that very little of the report could be released publicly because it would compromise the financial position of the Utility. He stated that most of the report would be In Camera because of the legal nature and financial exposure. He further noted that he would try to make some arrangements for the information to be available and would respond to Councillor Timm-Rudolph with the information sharing process.

The Speaker noted that under the current procedural guidelines, once an item appears on an agenda, In Camera or not, a Council member could request of the Clerk, a full copy.

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Councillor Angus noted the Mayor's recent business trips and requested a written report of the accomplishments.

Mayor Murray advised that he would submit a written report on what had occurred and provided a brief summary of the travel. He stated that the trip to Chengdu China, Winnipeg's sister city, was to increase trade and noted that Kraus Compressed Natural Gas Fuelling Systems had negotiated an agreement while there. Mayor Murray stated that they also went to Nanjing and Shenzhen, two Winnport cities, to try and secure investment partners and to establish additional cargo business. He advised that they also went to Taiwan and Tai-chung and met with corporate executives of information technology companies.

Mayor Murray referred to his trip to Mexico and pointed out that Winnipeg, along with about
17 American and Mexican cities were funding the Mid-Continental Trade Corridor and had opened up a trade office there. He stated that officials met to look at the next step in developing trade and that he had also met with representatives of Mexican universities to identify skills and training problems and to look at developing trade and investment.

Councillor Angus commended Executive Policy Committee and the Administration for bringing forth a zero based budget while experiencing $5 million in increased expenditures and questioned how Council Members would identify what the administration cut and what service levels were going to be affected if they don't have adequate opportunity to examine the detailed budget.

Mayor Murray noted there was a budget summary and that they hadn't yet dealt with the detailed budget books. He stated that the budget detail would be available on March 1. He indicated that $12 million in adjustments had been made administratively. Mayor Murray stated that this was a difficult budget in a short timeframe, but that there was an effort to try and get this budget done quickly so that they would have a full year to prepare a three year budget of which Councillors would be involved with on the ground floor. He advised that he would like to get Councillors to move towards the big picture and not pay so much attention to the detail in the budget, to search out real savings of millions of dollars.

Councillor Angus questioned the amount of time that Councillors would have to discuss the details of the budget.

Mayor Murray referred to the budget timeframe and noted that it was in fact short. He apologized for the process but noted that he had faced a $33.5 million problem when he took office in November. He stated that he felt that a reasonably good job had been done and that the input received from Councillors through the priority setting sessions was being recognized. He further noted that there was a general consensus amongst the majority of Councillors to get through this budget and get onto a three year budget plan where they would be dealing with big numbers, and that he was prepared to meet with Councillor Angus to discuss any of his specific budget concerns.

Councillor Golden questioned who was the Mayor of the City of Winnipeg who established the sister city relationship with Chengdu, China.

Mayor Murray thought it was former Mayor Bill Norrie, but noted that it could have even been former Mayor Steve Juba. He cited the importance of trade and that China, Taiwan, Mexico and the United States offered the best chances for growth for Winnipeg businesses and export trade.

The Speaker confirmed that it was in fact, former Mayor Stephen Juba that established the twinning between Chengdu and Winnipeg.

Councillor Timm-Rudolph questioned the decision behind the proposed closure of Fire Hall No. 21 at Pandora Avenue and Plessis Road which had been identified in the budget and the study which gave rise to the recommended closure.

Mayor Murray noted that in 1986 when Fire Hall No. 25 was being built, it was being constructed as a replacement for Station No. 21. The replacement was never made and both stations remained open. He noted the response time concerns to South Transcona which was being solved through negotiations with some private land owners to give direct access to Fire Hall No. 25 across private property into South Transcona.

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Councillor Timm-Rudolph stated that it was her understanding that the reports never did call for the closure of Fire Station No. 21 and requested a copy of the report and stated that the previous Fire Chief had identified an amalgamation of two fire halls and the opening of a new fire hall to provide better fire services for the residents of Transcona and the northeast part of Winnipeg. This would have been done through the closure of the Dawson Road Fire Station and the existing Station No. 21 and amalgamating them near the corner of Regent Avenue and Peguis Street. She cited that what was being proposed at this time was completely contrary to the former Fire Chief's recommendations and questioned the basis for the proposed closure.

Mayor Murray advised that the recommendations of the current Fire Chief and senior management while reviewing the situation was that they would have to look at significant restructuring while maintaining services, and that the Fire Chief himself had verbally brought forward the recommendation. Mayor Murray also advised that the Fire Chief felt it was time for a comprehensive city-wide risk assessment review of where equipment and facilities were, as it was felt that a better job could be done in the long term. Mayor Murray reiterated that he would like to get focussed on the long term at both improving the affordability and quality of response times of fire and emergency services, and suggested that Councillor Timm-Rudolph may wish to meet with the Fire Chief to discuss these matters.

Councillor Timm-Rudolph referred to the recent announcement of the closure of Unisys Canada Inc. and questioned if the Mayor had looked into what issues had impacted on the closing and what could have been done to prevent the closing and loss of jobs for the individuals.

Mayor Murray advised that he was disappointed by the closing and that Economic Development Winnipeg was reviewing the situation to identify the impacts, and the questions. He referred to the changing information and technology market and the attempt to attract new businesses to locate here and noted that that was why he had gone to China and Taiwan.

Councillor Angus questioned what Executive Policy Committee's strategy was on the Capital Region and what the status of it was.

Councillor Murray advised he would send Councillor Angus a copy of the meeting minutes once available, together with a copy of the presentation made. Mayor Murray also advised of a working group formed with the Reeves of all Capital Region municipalities and their agreement to co-fund a common research base.

Councillor Angus questioned whether the Mayor had any information on the next Legislative session and whether any City of Winnipeg items would be on the Legislative Agenda.

Councillor Eadie advised that it had been indicated to the City in writing, that there would not be any City of Winnipeg Act amendments brought forward to the 1999 Spring Legislative session. He further noted that the Provincial Government, in partnership with the City, was currently reviewing The City of Winnipeg Act with the expectation of introducing major change in the 2000 session.

Councillor Angus questioned if there had been any communication from the Legislative Assembly and the Treasury Board on the amount of the 1999 grant to the City of Winnipeg.

Councillor Eadie advised that the City was advised in writing by the Minister of Urban Affairs that there would be no increase in any of the Provincial block grants, and that the City should budget utilizing the 1998 status quo.