REPORT OF THE

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON

PROTECTION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

DATED JUNE 11, 1999

On motion of Councillor Vandal, the Report of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services, dated June 11, 1999, was considered clause by clause.

Moved by Councillor Vandal,
That the Consent Agenda, Clauses 1,2,3 and 4, be adopted

Carried

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

649 - 1. 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:

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

   Associated Manitoba Arts Festivals for:
   Golden Jubilee Concert at the Pantages Playhouse Theatre on August 18, 1999 and
   Grand Award Concert at the Pantages Playhouse Theatre on August 21, 1999

   Manitoba Registered Music Teachers' Association for:
   Canadian Federation of Registered Music Teachers Association Convention 99 at the Fort Garry Hotel on July 5 to 10, 1999

   Troyanda Ukrainian Dance Ensemble Inc., for:
   20th Anniversary Performance at the Pantages Playhouse theatre on October 9, 1999

   Folk Arts Council of Winnipeg Inc., for:
   Folklorama at various Winnipeg venues on July 10 to July 17, 1999
   Folklorama Opening Ceremonies at the Pantages Playhouse Theatre on July 9, 1999
   F.A.C.E.S. of Folklorama at Le Rendezvous on November 20, 1999
   F.A.C.E.S. Tri-Campus Event at the University of Manitoba Multi-Purpose Room on September 11, 1999

   The Winnipeg Singers for:
   Earth, Sky and Sea at First Presbyterian Church on October 3, 1999
   Christmas with the Winnipeg Singers at All Saints Church on December 5, 1999
   Lament, Laughter and Love at first Presbyterian Church on February 13, 2000
   Requiem, by Alfred Schnittke at Westminster United Church on April 16, 2000

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

Adopted by consent.

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Community Incentive Grant Application - Corydon Avenue Business Improvement Zone File PR-2.6(32) (Vol. 6)

650 - 2. The Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services has been advised that the City Centre Community Committee, at its meeting on May 11, 1999, considered an application from the Corydon Avenue Business Improvement Zone for a Community Incentive Grant in the amount of $4,987.50, to assist with the costs of benches on Corydon Avenue.

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

The City Centre Community Committee recommended approval of a Community Incentive Grant to the Corydon Avenue Business Improvement Zone in the amount of $4,987.50, for the purpose requested.

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 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 $4,987.50, not to exceed a maximum of fifty percent (50%) of the total project cost, be approved to the Corydon Avenue Business Improvement Zone 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 intent of the foregoing.

Adopted by consent.

Community Incentive Grant Application - Corydon/Wilton Merchants Association File PR-2.6(32) (Vol. 6)

651 - 3. The Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services has been advised that the City Centre Community Committee, at its meeting on May 11, 1999, considered an application from the Corydon/Wilton Merchants Association for a Community Incentive Grant in the amount of $6,000.00, to assist with the cost of purchasing and installing flower containers on Corydon Avenue.

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

The City Centre Community Committee recommended approval of a Community Incentive Grant to the Corydon/Wilton Merchants Association in the amount of $6,000.00, for the purpose requested.

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

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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;

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;

d) 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 in the amount of $6,000.00, be approved to the Corydon/Wilton Merchants Association for the purpose requested, subject to the following conditions:

a) Confirmation of other funding sources;

b) Approval of final plans and specifications of 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 intent of the foregoing.

Adopted by consent.

Renewal of Maintenance Agreement for Ameritech Library Services
File L-1 (Vol. 15)

652 - 4. The Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services has been advised that in 1989, Council approved a purchase and maintenance agreement between Dynix Library Systems Inc., and the City of Winnipeg, Library Department. Dynix became Ameritech Library Services (Canada) Inc., in November, 1996.

In 1997, the Library exceeded agreed upon capacity limits and as a result lost its performance guarantees. In the same year the Library installed new hardware to increase the capacity and performance of the automated system and to enable the re-instatement of performance guarantees. The hardware was funded from the Community Computer Access Program (CCAP) and enables the Library to provide windows and web-based services. Upgrading the hardware also reduced ongoing maintenance costs.

A new 5 year contract was prepared to reflect new performance standards and the increased capacity required by the Library.

Ameritech is a world leader in automated library systems and their software products and performance continues to be the most economical and suitable available. Included in the maintenance costs are continuous upgrades to existing modules which have resulted in improved service to Library users since installation in 1989.

A new maintenance agreement is required so performance guarantees can be re-established. This agreement may be extended at the agreement of Ameritech and the City. It also may be terminated with 90 days notice prior to the annual renewal date.

Financial Impact: the ongoing operating costs associated with this agreement will be funded through the Department's operating budget for all 5 years.

All contracts for the Community Services Department must be approved by the Chief Financial Officer and as the purchase agreement commits payment by the City from future operating budgets, the purchase agreement must be approved by Council.

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The Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services recommends:

I. That the maintenance agreement be renewed between Ameritech Library Services (Canada) Inc., and the City of Winnipeg. The total agreement for 5 years would cost $641,453.00, including taxes.

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

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PROTECTION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

653 - On motion of Councillor Vandal, By-law No. 7467/99, 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)

Councillor Golden asked to be recorded as having voted against all three readings of By-law No. 7467/99, in accordance with Rule 50.7 of the Procedure By-law.

The Speaker advised that Council would proceed to consider the order of business - "Report of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services".