Meeting No. 19 Council Chamber
Winnipeg, October 9, 1998

A Special Meeting of Council was called this day at 9:34 a.m., all Members of Council having been notified in accordance with Section 22(1) of The City of Winnipeg Act.

The Speaker called the meeting to order.

Opening Prayer read by Councillor Lubosch.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: The Speaker Councillor Clement, Councillors Prystanski, Lazarenko, Lubosch, Murray, Phillips, Silva, Steek, Thomas, Timm-Rudolph, Vandal and Deputy Mayor Eadie.

Councillors Angus, Golden and O'Shaughnessy entered the meeting after roll call.

In attendance: Mrs. D. Browton, City Clerk and Mr. R. Kachur, Deputy City Clerk.

The Notice calling the meeting was read.

DELEGATIONS

1132 - Victor Vrsnik, on behalf of The Manitoba Taxpayers Association, appeared before Council with respect to the resolution pertaining to the "Study of the Privatization of Winnipeg Hydro." File H (Vol. 7)

MOTIONS

Moved by Councillor Lazarenko,
Seconded by Councillor Golden,

1133 - WHEREAS Winnipeg Hydro is a major City-owned utility with an annual operating budget in the range of $110M, contributing approximately $15M annually to the City's General Revenue Fund;

AND WHEREAS, in March 1997, the City commissioned a consultant's report on the privatization of Winnipeg Hydro;

AND WHEREAS the City's Administration received the consultant's report in February;

AND WHEREAS there is some indication that the report is incomplete;

AND WHEREAS the lack of information on the status of Winnipeg Hydro is causing speculation and confusion during the civic election campaign;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the consultant's report be made available immediately to all Members of Council.

In amendment,

Moved by Councillor Steek,
Seconded by Councillor Silva,

WHEREAS the objective of selling or retaining Winnipeg Hydro is to ensure maximum benefit for the citizens of Winnipeg;

AND WHEREAS certain information in the actual consultant's report could be prejudicial to maximizing this benefit;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chief Administrative Officer issue an executive summary of said report, highlighting options and trends exclusive of prejudicial information for City Council by Friday, October 16, 1998.

Moved by Councillor Timm-Rudolph,
That the Rule be suspended and that Council revert back to the order of business - "Delegations", to allow Theresa Ducharme to address Council with respect to the resolution pertaining to the "Study of the Privatization of Winnipeg Hydro".

Carried.

DELEGATIONS

1134 - Theresa Ducharme also appeared before Council with respect to the resolution pertaining to the "Study of the Privatization of Winnipeg Hydro."

Council here proceeded to continue to consider the order of business - "Motions".

Moved by Councillor Murray,
That Council recess to reconvene at the call of the Chair to allow members to participate in a Special In Camera Meeting of the Executive Policy Committee to discuss matters pertaining to the consultant's study on the privatization of Winnipeg Hydro.

Carried.

Council recessed at 10:15 a.m., and reconvened at 11:38 p.m., same members present.

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

In amendment,

Moved by Councillor Angus,
Seconded by Councillor Steek,

THAT the motion be amended by deleting the resolve and substituting therefore the following:-

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chief Administrative Officer be directed to, within 5 working days, provide all members of City Council, all nominated candidates for Mayor and Councillor and the general public, with the terms of reference for the consultants study, written comments by the Chief Administrative Officer respecting the release of the draft report, a communication from the consultants relative to the release of information and a status report on the progress of the Winnipeg Hydro study.

The amendment proposed by Councillors Angus and Steek was put.

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

Yea: Councillors Prystanski, Angus, Lubosch, Murray, O'Shaughnessy, Phillips, Silva, Steek, Thomas, Timm-Rudolph, Vandal, Deputy Mayor Eadie and Councillor Clement. 13

Nay: Councillors Golden and Lazarenko. 2

and the amendment was declared carried.

The motion proposed by Councillors Lazarenko and Golden, as amended, was put and declared carried.