REPORT OF THE

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

DATED NOVEMBER 19, 1998

On motion of His Worship Mayor Murray, the Report of the Executive Policy Committee, dated November 19, 1998, was considered clause by clause.

Moved by His Worship Mayor Murray,
That the Consent Agenda, Clauses 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9 and 10 be adopted.

Councillor Timm-Rudolph requested that Clauses 5 and 10 be pulled from the Consent Agenda.

The motion to adopt the Consent Agenda, Clauses 1,2,3,4,6,7,8 and 9 was put and declared carried.

Award of Contract for Telephone Systems Infrastructure, Related Equipment and Systems, RFP No. 1722B - 97
File GL-9 (Vol. 12)

33 - 1. The Executive Policy Committee has been advised that existing contracts for telephone systems infrastructure, related equipment and systems were with Manitoba Telecom Services and will expire in November, 1998. Anticipating de-regulation of basic telephone service by the Canadian Radio Television Commission, Corporate Services and Materials Management started a two stage Request for Proposals process in October, 1997. The first stage, RFP 1722A-97, solicited suggestions from potential offerers as to how the City should structure a final RFP to allow any qualified offerer to best provide service to the City. The second and final stage, RFP 1722B-97, was issued in May, 1998, closing in July, 1998. As bids for this RFP involved regulatory approvals from the CRTC, Manitoba Telecom Services agreed that the existing contracts could be continued after the nominal expiry date should additional time be required to award and convert to any new service providers.

Final receipt of offers took place on July 17, 1998 with proposals being received from six offerers.

The RFP Package specified that the contract could be awarded as a whole or by section and offerers were not required to submit offers for all sections.

Section A - Centrex or Similar Telephone System

Proposals were received from three companies :

Manitoba Telecom Services Inc.
MetroNet Communications
Easton Communication Services Inc.

Easton Communication Services' proposal was incomplete, consisting only of a business case and requiring the City to address two major issues. These issues should have been raised in the preliminary stage of the RFP, but could not reasonably be dealt with in the context of the final stage. As a result, the bid was deemed non-responsive.

The other proposals were thoroughly analyzed and a cost summary of the analysis is on file in the office of the City Clerk. The recommended offerer (MTS) and terms (5 years) are the lowest cost and highest value solution and will save the City an average of approximately $210,000.00 per year (including taxes) over current rates.

Section B - Voice Mail System

Proposals were received from four companies.

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Manitoba Telecom Services Inc.
MetroNet Communications
Norstan Canada
Fine Line Communications Ltd.

Proposals were received for three and five year contracts. Three types of proposals were received. One type is the service bureau solution, like that which we have now from MTS, where the offerer would run all the equipment at their facility. The City would pay the Contractor a monthly fee for each mailbox it uses. MTS, Fine Line, and MetroNet proposed this type of service. Norstan Canada proposed a service bureau solution with the difference being that their equipment would be located in our building and they would provide on site support. The third type is an in-house solution where the City would purchase equipment and telephone facilities to run the voice mail system. MTS proposed a purchase solution as an alternate bid.

These proposals were thoroughly analyzed and a cost summary is on file in the office of the City Clerk. The recommended and lowest cost solution (MetroNet Communications, 3 year term) will involve a conversion effort from all City staff using voice mail services. Although this conversion will be disruptive, it will be mitigated by the fact that the "sound and feel" of the recommended service will be virtually identical to the current service.

The three year savings to the City of almost $300,000.00 including taxes over current costs, and $250,000.00 over the lowest cost proposed bid which would require no staff disruptions, warrant the short term aggravation of a conversion. The conversion cost in lost staff time is estimated as $26,670.00 (based on 30 minutes conversion time x $30 hour nominal x 1778 staff).

Cost differences between three and five year contracts are not substantial. However, the rate of change of technology in this area indicates a shorter contract duration is appropriate.

Section C - Long Distance Service

Proposals were received from three companies.

Manitoba Telecom Services Inc.
Sprint Canada
MetroNet Communications

Proposals were received for three and five year contracts. Two of the bidders, MTS and Sprint Canada, offered flat rate long distance services. MetroNet offered a structured long distance package based on calls within Manitoba, across the rest of Canada, and in the U.S. MTS also offered a variable rate long distance package of similar structure to that of MetroNet's.

These proposals were thoroughly analyzed and a cost summary is on file in the office of the City Clerk. The recommended offerer (MTS) and term (five years) provide the lowest cost and least disruptive service (no change in billing procedures). The City is estimated to save approximately $330,000.00 (including taxes) over the duration of this contract for long distance service. A clause will be negotiated guaranteeing that any future industry-wide reductions in cost are passed to the City.

The requirements for Bid and Performance Securities were waived for this purchase in accordance with the authority delegated to the Director of Purchasing by The Board of Commissioners on April 9, 1992 and February 9, 1995.

Manitoba Telecom Services Inc. has, by successfully performing the same work under the existing contract, demonstrated that they have the necessary qualifications and resources to perform the work of this contract.

MetroNet Communications has provided evidence, satisfactory to Corporate Services Department staff, that they have the necessary abilities and resources to perform the work of this contract.

Offers will lapse unless acceptance by December 21, 1998.

Should all recommendations be approved, the City's budgets should be reduced by $1.6 million over the next five years. These savings will be realized by all departments in proportion to their use of voice telephone service. A financial impact analysis is outlined on Schedule "A".

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As the total conditional amount, including PST and GST net of rebates, to be paid by the City pursuant to the contract exceeds $1,000,000 and the contract is for an interdepartmental purchase committing payments by the City from future operating budgets, the award of contract must be approved by Council.

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That contracts for telephone systems infrastructure, related equipment and systems for the period be awarded to the offerers whose proposals have been determined to be the most advantageous to the City based upon the criteria for evaluation set out in the Request for Proposals for each respective section as follows:

Manitoba Telecom Services Inc. (Five-year contract)

Contract duration - December 1, 1998 to November 30, 2003

- Section A - Centrex or Similar Telephone System
  Total Conditional Contract Amount Before Taxes $14,942,437.00

- Section C - Long Distance Service
  Total Conditional Contract Amount Before Taxes $189,363.00

MetroNet Communications (Three-year contract)

Contract duration - February 1, 1999 to January 31, 2002

- Section B - Voice Mail System
  Total Conditional Contract Amount Before Taxes $529,452.00

II. That the Manager of Materials, in conjunction with the City Solicitor, be authorized to negotiate details and prepare formal contracts with the successful offerers.

III. 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.

Alternative Service Delivery Proposal for Primary Material Services
File GL-5.6.1 (Vol. 1) [c/r CR-5 (Vol. 1)]

34 - 2. On December 17, 1997, the Executive Policy Committee laid over Clause 3 of the Report of the Standing Committee on Fiscal Issues dated December 8, 1997 and referred same to the Chief Administrative Officer for a detailed analysis and report on the following options for the Primary Materials Branch: 1) Alternate Service Delivery; 2) Sale; 3) Temporary Lease; 4) Contracting Out.

On March 25, 1998, Council granted an additional 90 day extension for consideration of this matter.

On June 24, 1998, Council adopted Clause 5 of the Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated June 15, 1998 recommending an additional extension of time of 120 days for consideration of this matter.

The business plan presented to the Executive Policy Committee was termed a feasibility study which examined alternative forms of operation for Primary Materials such as the continuation of a line function within the Equipment and Material Services Division, contracting out (Out Sourcing and Leasing) and Special Operating Agency. The feasibility study was presented to the Executive Policy Committee with the expectation of receiving direction on which alternative and delivery form should be pursued in terms of developing a comprehensive business plan. The one area the feasibility study did not consider was the sale of the operation.

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The Primary Materials operation consists, in part, of a gravel pit operation in the Pine Ridge area just north east of the City which supplies the granular material for the operation. This pit is a mine with an underground asset.

Similar to any mining operation the extent and quality of the "ore" must be evaluated in order to determine the sale value of the mine. The sale value of the mine must also be evaluated against the impact of buying the City's granular needs on the "open market".

A consultant was hired and is in the midst of evaluating the potential selling price of the gravel pit and the impact of the City acquiring all of its granular material from the private sector. The consultant will present a draft report to the Equipment and Material Services (EMS) Division in early December of 1998, with a final report being proposed in early January of 1999. Following completion of the study, the EMS Division will present a report to the Executive Policy Committee.

In order to provide the requested information on the selling price of the gravel pit operation, an additional 120 day extension of time is required to provide this information.

The hiring of consultants does not have a financial impact to the City at this time, other than the expense of hiring them and the cost of exploratory drilling and excavation of the site.

In accordance with Section 61.5 of the Procedure By-law No. 5400/90 as amended, the Executive Policy Committee recommends that Council grant an additional extension of time of 120 days for consideration of this matter.

Adopted by consent.

Site Access Plan for access to the Forks
File FR-4.1 (Vol. 4)

35 - 3. 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.

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

Adopted by consent.

Municipal Board in order number A-97-292 - reassessment of properties located on the north side of Wellington Crescent
Files AB-2 (Vol. 9) and AA-3 (Vol. 7)

36 - 4. On February 25, 1998, 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 Steek,
Seconded by Councillor Lazarenko,

WHEREAS the Municipal Board in order number A-97-292 of October 21, 1997 ordered the City Assessor to reassess the properties located on the north side of Wellington Crescent between the intersection of Academy Road on the east and 1125 Wellington Crescent on the west;

AND WHEREAS the years for reassessment which apply for tax purposes are 1994 and each year thereafter up to and including 1997;

AND WHEREAS nine homeowners brought forward the appeal but thirty eight homes were ordered reassessed;

AND WHEREAS as many home owners had previously agreed to the assessed values of their homes with the Assessment Department in good faith;

AND WHEREAS the reassessment resulted in 19 homeowners realizing increased assessments, 8 remained neutral and 11 decreased;

AND WHEREAS those homeowners with decreased assessments have received refunds of approximately $40,000, while those with increased assessments have received tax bills totalling approximately $140,000;

AND WHEREAS those homeowners with increased assessments must have filed an appeal with the Board of Revision by February 24, 1998 and have until March 31, 1998 to pay retroactive property taxes for 1994, 1995, 1996 and 1997 at par;

AND WHEREAS 15 of the 38 reassessed properties have changed ownership and current owners would be liable for former owners retroactive taxes, or have the city place a lien against their property;

AND WHEREAS all property owners paid their property taxes in good faith and a retroactive reassessment is without precedent;

AND WHEREAS a retroactive reassessment will undermine the public confidence in the assessment process;

AND WHEREAS City Council by virtue of Section 242 of the City of Winnipeg Act can cancel in whole any taxes owing to the City;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that all taxes resulting from the above noted Municipal Board order for the years 1994, 1995, 1996 and 1997 be cancelled and all current and former home owners be notified.

On April 29, 1998, Council granted an extension of time of 60 days for further consideration of the matter.

On June 24, 1998, Council granted a further extension of time of 120 days for further consideration of the matter.

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Inasmuch as this matter is before the Court of Queen's Bench, the Executive Policy Committee recommends that Council approve an additional extension of time of 60 days for further consideration of the matter.

Adopted by consent.

Signs in Public Rights-of-Way
File SC-3.1 (Vol. 3)

37 - 5. On May 27, 1998, 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 Golden,
Seconded by Councillor Angus,

WHEREAS signs posted in public rights-of-way can be hazardous;

AND WHEREAS said signs are often discarded as litter;

AND WHEREAS said signs cannot be prohibited;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that all signs in public rights-of-way be subject to a licence with fees set at a rate to cover costs of administration; said fees not to be prohibitive.

On June 17, 1998, the Executive Policy Committee referred the motion to the Administration for comment and report back on issues of legality, costs, methodology and consideration of time frames for removal of signs.

On September 9, 1998, Council granted an extension of time of 60 days inasmuch as the report had not been received.

The Executive Policy Committee recommends that the motion be filed.

Moved by His Worship Mayor Murray,
That the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee, that the motion be filed, be adopted.

Moved by Councillor Eadie,
That the motion be referred back to the Executive Policy Committee.

Carried.

Indianapolis Competitive Model
File GG (Vol. 6)

38 - 6. On June 24, 1998 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 Lazarenko,
Seconded by Councillor Golden,

WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg wishes to improve municipal services, increase efficiency and reduce the cost of local government;

AND WHEREAS in 1991, the City of Indianapolis established the Office of Enterprise Development which introduced a system of private and public sector competition for the delivery of municipal services;

AND WHEREAS by 1993, this system of managed competition had saved Indianapolis approximately $100M, with equal or improved service quality;

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AND WHEREAS Indianapolis City staff proposals win approximately one-third of the competitions, still with average savings of more than 25%;

AND WHEREAS City staff proposals developed with union involvement win four out of five competitions bid;

AND WHEREAS in 1995, the Ford Foundation recognized union innovation when it presented its 1995 American Government Award jointly to the union and the City;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct the Administration to enquire into the Indianapolis competitive model with a view toward its application in Winnipeg.

On July 8, 1998, the Executive Policy Committee referred the motion to the Chief Administrative Officer for report back providing the required amendments and/or policy changes that would be necessary to implement the Indianapolis Competitive Model in the City of Winnipeg.

On September 9, 1998, Council granted an extension of time of 60 days inasmuch as the report has not been received to date.

Inasmuch as the report has not been received to date, the Executive Policy Committee recommends that an extension of time of 90 days be approved to consider this matter in accordance with rule 16.4 of the Procedure By-law No. 5400/90.

Adopted by consent.

Marketing - Public Relations Strategy for the merchants of Main Street between Higgins Avenue and the Disraeli Freeway
File SC-3.4 (Vol. 22)

39 - 7. Council at its meeting held on July 22, 1998, ruled automatic referral of the following motion to your Committee, under Rule 16.1 of the Procedure By-law No. 5400/90:

Moved by Councillor Prystanski,
Seconded by Councillor Silva,

WHEREAS the merchants of Main Street between Higgins Avenue and the Disraeli Freeway will be impacted by over six months of road reconstruction;

AND WHEREAS these impacts and losses of revenues exist;

AND WHEREAS City Council has supported marketing plans for Provencher Avenue;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council direct an amount of $5000.00 to be reprofiled from the budget for the Main Street reconstruction for the purpose of developing a "Marketing - public relations" strategy for the merchants of Main Street between Higgins Avenue and the Disraeli Freeway;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the area merchants, along with the Director of Public Works and the area Councillors develop the "Marketing - public relations" strategy.

On September 2, 1998, the Executive Policy Committee referred the matter to the Standing Committee on Fiscal Issues.

On September 22, 1998, the Standing Committee on Fiscal Issues considered and referred the matter to the Administration for review and report back.

On September 29, 1998, Council granted an extension of time of 60 days, inasmuch as the matter requires further consideration.

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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.

Adopted by consent.

Canada Packers Building - Fire Safety
File GF-1 (Vol. 16)

40 - 8. On September 9, 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:

Moved by Councillor Vandal,
Seconded by Councillor Silva,

That Council instruct the Fire Department to assess the risk of fire reoccurring at the Canada Packers site as well as offer suggestions of short and long-term fire prevention measures;

And that the Fire Department submit a report to the next Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services meeting and/or Executive Policy Committee meeting.

On September 14, 1998, the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services concurred with the intent of the motion and referred the matter to the Administration to prepare said report, and requested that the report be directed to the Executive Policy Committee for its consideration and report back to Council.

Inasmuch as the report has not been received to date, the Executive Policy Committee recommends that an extension of time of 30 days be approved to consider this matter in accordance with rule 16.4 of the Procedure By-law No. 5400/90.

Adopted by consent.

Establishment of the Transitional Neighbourhood Tax Investment Program
File EP-1.1(PW) (Vol. 13)

41 - 9. On September 9, 1998, 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 Vandal,
Seconded by Councillor Murray,

WHEREAS clause 5A-15 of Plan Winnipeg states that "the city shall promote compact urban development by: i) encouraging infilling of vacant land and the revitalization of existing neighbourhoods.";

AND WHEREAS residential development in older, transitional neighbourhoods can often be cost-prohibitive, due to requirements such as industry relocation and remediation, riverbank stabilization and other environmental requirements;

AND WHEREAS the tax recovery to the city can be increased significantly if the residential renewal is accomplished;

AND WHEREAS neighbourhood amenities such as schools, libraries, transit, fire protection service and community centres are already in place in older neighbourhoods;

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT a "Transitional Neighbourhood Tax Investment Program" be developed whereby a special investment fund would finance capital expenses such as acquisition, clearance and rehabilitation costs and other costs as defined, which are impediments to a specific "existing neighbourhood" redevelopment project. Financing under this initiative would be subject to the following criteria:

1) the capital expenses financed by the "investment fund" must clearly demonstrate that they are financial as well as neighbourhood impediments which render an existing neighbourhood redevelopment project unviable;

2) there must be an increase of tax revenue to the city once the project is complete;

3) there must be full repayment to the investment fund plus interest within ten years by augmentation of property tax revenue from the project;

4) the proposed project must have a maximum 5 years absorption into the market;

5) the project can be delivered in partnership with a non-profit Community Development Corporation (CDC).

On September 16, 1998, the Executive Policy Committee referred the matter to the Administration for report on the mechanics and implications of implementing the proposed program.

Inasmuch as the report has not been received to date, 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.

Adopted by consent.

Preliminary 1999 Annual Capital Estimates
File FC (1999)

42 - 10. The Executive Policy Committee on November 19, 1998 passed the following resolution, namely:

WHEREAS on November 19, 1998, His Worship Mayor G. Murray presented and tabled the Preliminary 1999 Annual Capital Estimates with the Executive Policy Committee and distributed a copy to all Members of Council;

AND WHEREAS the Standing Committees have been requested to review the Preliminary 1999 Annual Capital Estimates and submit their recommendations to Executive Policy Committee by no later than December 2, 1998;

AND WHEREAS the Executive Policy Committee laid over consideration of the 2000-2004 Five Year Capital Forecast for 120 days;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Preliminary 1999 Annual Capital Estimates not be referred to the Community Committees due to time constraints;

and submits same to Council for approval.

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

The motion for the adoption of the clause was put.

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

Yea: Councillors Clement, De Smedt, Gerbasi, Lazarenko, Lubosch, Prystanski, Smith Steek, Deputy Mayor Thomas, Vandal, Eadie and His Worship Mayor Murray. 12

Nay: Councillors Angus, Golden, Timm-Rudolph and O'Shaughnessy. 4

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and the motion for the adoption of the clause was declared carried.

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MOTIONS

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

43 - WHEREAS a global reduction in emissions of greenhouse gases (GHG) is necessary to protect against climate change and possible adverse effects on human health, the physical environment, economy and quality of life;

AND WHEREAS industrialized countries, gathered at the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development in 1992, ratified a Convention on Climate Change committing countries to stabilizing greenhouse gas emissions at 1990 levels by the year 2000;

AND WHEREAS industrialized countries, realizing initial commitments were inadequate to protect the Earth's climate system, agreed in December 1997 to the Kyoto Protocol which, if ratified, commits Canada to reducing its greenhouse gas emissions six per cent below 1990 levels between 2008 - 2012;

AND WHEREAS current forecasts predict that Canada's greenhouse gas emissions could be in the order of 13 percent above 1990 levels by the year 2000 if no action is taken, thus falling short of its commitments;

AND WHEREAS Federation of Canadian Municipalities and the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives have established a Partners for Climate Protection to provide a forum for municipal governments to demonstrate their leadership on climate change issues and undertake to share their knowledge and experience with other municipal governments;

AND WHEREAS Partners for Climate Protection members commit to working towards reducing greenhouse gas emissions in municipal operations by 20 per cent below 1990 levels, and at least six percent reductions below 1990 levels throughout their municipal area within ten years of joining the program;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that The City of Winnipeg communicate to FCM its support for the Partners for Climate Protection Program and its interest in participating in the PCP Program.

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

Moved by Councillor Clement,

That the rule be suspended to allow consideration of the motion at this time.

Carried.

The motion was put and declared carried.

Moved by Councillor Vandal,
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Thomas,

44 - WHEREAS Council on September 29, 1998, adopted By-law No. 7310/98, a By-law of The City of Winnipeg to designate a Business Improvement Zone to be known as the "Quartier Provencher Business Improvement Zone" and establish a Management Board for the Zone;

AND WHEREAS Section 6(1)(b) of the By-law provides that the membership shall consist of eight (8) members who each shall be from a business which is located in the Zone, and who shall be appointed in accordance with the process provided in Sections 8 to 11 inclusive of By-law No. 7310/98;

AND WHEREAS nominations for Zone Board members were received in the Office of the City Clerk from eight (8) persons from amongst the businesses in the Zone;

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AND WHEREAS Section 9(4) of the By-law provides that if the number of persons nominated is eight (8) or less, then those nominated shall be considered to be selected by *acclamation* and the names of those persons selected by acclamation shall be forwarded to Council for appointment;

AND WHEREAS Section 7(c) of the by-law provides that the initial term of office of the six Zone Board members shall be as follows:-

1. Four (4) Zone Board members shall hold office from the date of appointment to the first meeting of Council in January, 2000;

2. Four (4) Zone Board members shall hold office from the date of appointment to the first meeting of Council in January, 2001;

AND WHEREAS the eight persons declared selected by acclamation are:

James Ali
Paul d'Eschambault
Valerie Anne-Owen
Dave A. Labelle
Barry Lucyk
Franco Magnifico
Mary Anne Shore
Hélène Bulger

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following Zone Board members hold office from the date of appointment to the first meeting of Council in January, 2000, namely:

James Ali
Hélène Bulger
Barry Lucyk
Mary Anne Shore

AND FURTHER THAT the following Zone Board members hold office from the date of appointment to the first meeting of Council in January 2001, namely:

Paul d'Eschambault
Dave A. Labelle
Franco Magnifico
Valerie Anne-Owen

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the matter of appointment of a Member of Council to the Management Board of the Quartier Provencher Business Improvement Zone be referred to the Executive Policy Committee for recommendation.

Carried.

Moved by Councillor Steek,
Seconded by Councillor Golden,
45 - WHEREAS Council at its Organizational Meeting on November 12, 1998, referred to the Executive Policy Committee the matter of recommending the appointment of one member of Council to the Winnipeg Taxicab Board;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Councillor Lazarenko be appointed to the Winnipeg Taxicab Board.

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

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

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The motion to suspend the rule was put.

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

Yea: Councillors Angus, De Smedt, Golden, Lazarenko, Prystanski, Steek, Timm-Rudolph and O'Shaughnessy. 8

Nay: Councillors Clement, Gerbasi, Lubosch, Smith, Deputy Mayor Thomas, Vandal, Eadie and His Worship Mayor Murray. 8

and the motion to suspend the rule was declared lost in accordance with Rule 58 of the Procedure By-law.

Council here reverted to the order of business - "Introduction and Welcome of Guests and Announcements."

INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME OF GUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

46 - The Speaker introduced a Family Study Group from the Red River School Upward Bound Program together with their teacher Colleen Kachur.

Council here proceeded to continue to consider the order of business - "Executive Policy Committee - Question Period".

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QUESTION PERIOD

47 - Councillor Timm-Rudolph inquired if direction had been provided to the Chief Financial Officer and the Administration for preparation of the City's two year current operating budgets and, if so, asked what decreases are contemplated.

His Worship Mayor Murray advised that the present Council would inherit $8 million of new policing costs, $8 million of new fire costs and $8 million in new debt costs, in addition to funds that the last Council committed to without funding sources identified in 1999. He advised that he was committed to a five year plan to achieve a ten percent tax cut and favoured phasing out the new homeowner tax credit program to fund the Arts with the resultant savings. He further stated that he would be focussing on 2000 to 2002, and beyond, to achieve those goals and that he believed that is where Council will have its greatest impact.

Councillor Timm-Rudolph further questioned if direction had been given to the Administration to prepare a three percent reduction in property taxation.

His Worship advised that there had been no direction given to the Administration at this point, noting that Council had not been briefed on where the current budget stood. He further advised that the current direction in place would be the financial plan as approved by the previous Council, and also advised that the Chief Administrative Officer was looking to achieve a tax freeze.

Councillor Timm-Rudolph requested that His Worship advise Council of the City's current financial situation.

His Worship advised that the Chief Administrative Officer and the Chief Financial Officer had been asked to prepare a report, which would be shared with all Members of Council, when available.

Councillor Angus questioned the jurisdictional responsibility of a capital budget motion passed by the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services that should have fallen under the purview of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development.

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His Worship noted that Council had a very tight time frame to prepare the budget and noted that stricter practices would be enforced. Councillor Vandal further noted that the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services addressed the Canada Packer's building matter as a result of fire protection concerns.