REPORT OF THE

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

DATED DECEMBER 2, 1998

On motion of His Worship Mayor Murray, the Report of the Executive Policy Committee, dated December 2, 1998, was considered clause by clause.

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

Councillor Steek requested that Clause 5 be pulled from the Consent Agenda.

Councillor Clement requested that Clause 7 be pulled from the Consent Agenda.

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

By-law to Authorize the Borrowing of Monies during the Year 1999 under Section 281(1) of The City of Winnipeg Act File FC-2 (Vol. 18)

113 - 1. The Executive Policy Committee has been advised that on December 16, 1992, Council adopted a policy whereby the annually approved short-term borrowing limit is established based on an analysis of cash flow projections and estimates requirements.

The short-term borrowing limit for 1998 was $250 million.

An analysis of the City's cash flow projections for the balance of 1998 and 1999, indicates that a short-term borrowing limit of $250 million will meet the City's requirements for 1999.

The City is authorized under Section 281(1) of The City of Winnipeg Act to pass a by-law to provide for the borrowing for capital and current purposes from banks or from any other persons or corporations in such amounts as the Council may deem necessary, and to issue promissory notes in respect thereof.

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That Council approve the By-law duly approved as to financial details by the City Treasurer and certified as to form by the City Solicitor/Manager of Legal Services authorizing the City of Winnipeg to borrow monies for capital and current purposes during the year 1999, not exceeding in the aggregate the sum of $250 million at any one time, and to authorize the issuance and delivery of promissory notes in respect thereof.

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

Adopted by consent.

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By-law to Authorize the Expenditure of Monies during the Year 1999 prior to adoption of the 1999 Estimates under Section 281(1)(d) of The City of Winnipeg Act File FE-1 (Vol. 30)

114 - 2. The Executive Policy Committee has been advised that budgeted expenditures adopted in 1998 for both current and capital purposes totalled $1,266,922,998. The by-law provides for spending in 1999 of amounts not exceeding 30% of $1,266,922,998 or $380,000,000 prior to the adoption of the 1999 annual estimates.

The City is authorized under Section 281 (1)(d) of The City of Winnipeg Act to pass a by-law authorizing the expenditure in any year prior to the adoption of the annual estimates for that year, of amounts not exceeding, in the aggregate, thirty percent of the estimate of expenditures adopted for the previous year.

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That Council approve the By-law duly approved as to financial details by the City Treasurer and certified as to form by the City Solicitor/Manager of Legal Services authorizing the expenditure of up to $380,000,000 in 1999 prior to the adoption of the 1999 annual estimates.

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

Adopted by consent.

1999 Local Improvement Interest Rates File SL-1 (Vol. 20)

115 - 3. The Executive Policy Committee has been advised that for many years all local improvements have been financed through the General Reserve Fund and it is appropriate that the 1999 interest rates be established before the end of 1998.

Section 357 of The City of Winnipeg Act states that when local improvements are financed by means other than issuing debentures, the City Treasurer shall determine the appropriate rates of interest and the interest rates are to be authorized by resolution of Council.

Section 380 of The City of Winnipeg Act states that the City may establish the interest rates for local improvement assessment at up to 1% above the City's cost of funds to cover the costs of assessment and collection.

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That the interest rates for local improvements in 1999 be established as follows:

Term	Current Market Interest Rate	Amount Added for Assessment and Collection	Total Interest Rate for Assessment
2 - 5 years	5.50%	1%	6.50%
6 - 15 years	5.75%	1%	6.75%
16 - 20 years	6.0%	1%	7.0%

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

Adopted by consent.

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Discount(s) to be Allowed for the Prepayment of 1999 Realty and Business Taxes File FL-2.1 (Vol. 2)

116 - 4. The Executive Policy Committee has been advised that it is necessary to establish a discount rate for the prepayment of 1999 realty and business taxes which will financially assist in accommodating the City's fiscal requirements, and at the same time provide an attractive investment opportunity for Winnipeg taxpayers.

The proposed rate is based on information received from the Financial Services Division, which takes into consideration the 5.05% current cost of borrowing funds for a five month period. Current deposit rates available to taxpayers range between 3.75% and 4.83% for a six month rate. A rate of 4.25% is considered to be fair to both the City and to the taxpayer.

The statistics on the prepayment of discounted taxes for 1998 and 1997 comparative are outlined in Appendix “A”.

The revenue generated by the prepayment of realty and business taxes (1998 total $16.9 million) reduces the City’s short term borrowing costs for the period January to June.

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That Council pass a by-law to provide for discounts on the prepayment of the City's 1999 realty and business taxes - such discounts to be allowed on prepayments received in the Tax Office during the months of January and February, 1999 and at the following discount rates:

	Face Value Discount Rate	Equivalent Annual Discount Rate
REALTY TAX - PAYABLE AT PAR UP TO JUNE 30		
January	1.70%	4.21%
February	1.40%	4.25%
BUSINESS TAX - PAYABLE AT PAR UP TO MAY 31		
January	1.40%	4.32%
February	1.05%	4.21%

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

Adopted by consent.

Vintage Locomotive Society Inc. File G-2 (Vol. 19)

117 - 5. The Executive Policy Committee has been advised that the Vintage Locomotive Society Inc. needs to raise $1.2 million in order for the Prairie Dog Central to provide for permanent operation as a tourist attraction.

The locomotive was built for the Canadian Pacific Railway Company in Glasgow, Scotland in 1882 and was originally CPR #22. It was purchased by the City in 1918 for use on the Winnipeg Hydro railway between Lac du Bonnet, Pointe du Bois and Slave Falls. It was taken out of service in 1962 with the completion of a road between Pointe du bois and Lac du Bonnet. Transportation between Pointe du Bois and Slave Falls is still by rail using a diesel-electric locomotive and a rail bus.

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The Vintage Locomotive Society Inc. leased the locomotive and coach from the City in 1969 and since 1970 has operated the equipment as part of the Prairie Dog Central. It was featured at Expo '86 as the oldest operating steam locomotive in Canada. The locomotive, coal tender and coach #103 continue to be owned by Winnipeg Hydro.

The locomotive is a unique historical asset with particular relevance to the City of Winnipeg. It is representative of Winnipeg's role as a major rail centre and is closely linked to the City's development of the Pointe du Bois and Slave Falls power plants on the Winnipeg River.

The Society has done admirable work in maintaining and operating the equipment over the years and in doing so, has created a valuable tourist attraction.

Canadian National Railway is abandoning the track that the Prairie Dog Central currently utilizes and the track will be dismantled unless the Vintage Locomotive Society purchases it at scrap value. A fund-raising campaign is currently underway to raise the required $1.2 million. To demonstrate its support for the Society and its objectives and to recognize the relevance to the City of Winnipeg, the City should consider this proposed donation.

The Vintage Locomotive Society has been successful in raising over $500,000 in private donations. Recently, the Provincial and the Federal Governments have announced that they will provide $300,000 each under the Economic Initiatives program. As well, this contribution should be considered as part of the City's role in the Capital Region development.

Due to the recent adjustment to the Power Agreement billing for 1994/95, 95/96 and 96/97, it is expected that Winnipeg Hydro can absorb the $100,000 in 1998 and still achieve the profit targets in the budget.

If this fund raising effort is not successful, in all likelihood, Winnipeg Hydro will have to take possession of its assets and build storage facilities for them on a site owned by the City. It is anticipated that the cost of such facilities would easily exceed $100,000.

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That Winnipeg Hydro make a donation of $100,000 to the Vintage Locomotive Society Inc. on a one-time only basis, toward purchasing approximately 25 kilometres of track to Warren and building a train shed and parking lot near Inkster Boulevard and the Perimeter Highway.

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.

The Speaker called the Deputy Speaker, Councillor Lazarenko, to the Chair in order to participate in the debate.

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

Appointment of a Member of Council to the Management Board of the Quartier Provencher Business Improvement Zone
Files FL-7.17 (Vol.) & GC-7 (Vol. 28)

118 - 6. Council at its meeting held on November 25, 1998, passed the following motion, namely:

Moved by Councillor Vandal,
Seconded by Councillor Thomas,

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;

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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;

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.

On December 2, 1998, the Executive Policy Committee recommended that Councillor Vandal be appointed as the Council Member to the Management Board of the Quartier Provencher Business Improvement Zone and submits same to Council for approval.

Adopted by consent.

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Intervenor Status for The City of Winnipeg regarding Bill C-68 - Gun Control
File GG-1 (Vol. 27)

119 - 7. On December 2, 1998, the Executive Policy Committee passed the following resolution, namely:

WHEREAS The City of Winnipeg supports Bill C-68, Federal Government Legislation to regulate gun control;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that The City of Winnipeg file a motion in The Supreme Court of Canada on the City's behalf seeking Intervenor Status in the proceedings.

Council Policy C359, delegation of authority regarding legal proceedings, stipulates that any extraordinary or non-routine actions be forthwith reported to Council as information.

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

The Speaker here resumed the Chair.

The motion for the adoption of the clause was put.

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

Yea: Councillors Gerbasi, Lubosch, Prystanski, Smith, Steek, Deputy Mayor Thomas, Vandal, Eadie, His Worship Mayor Murray and Councillor O'Shaughnessy. 10

Nay: Councillors Clement, De Smedt, Golden, Lazarenko and Timm-Rudolph. 5

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

Council recessed at 11:53 a.m., and reconvened at 1:36 p.m., same members present.

Councillor Clement, Deputy Mayor Thomas and Councillor Timm-Rudolph entered the meeting after Council had reconvened.

REPORT OF THE

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

DATED DECEMBER 9, 1998

On motion of His Worship Mayor Murray, the Report of the Executive Policy Committee, dated December 9, 1998, was considered clause by clause.

Moved by His Worship Mayor Murray,

That the Consent Agenda, Clauses 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12 and 13 be adopted.

Councillor Smith requested that Clause 1 be pulled from the Consent Agenda.

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

Councillor Prystanski requested that Clause 7 be pulled from the Consent Agenda.

The motion to adopt the Consent Agenda, Clauses 2,3,4,5,8,9,10,11,12 and 13 was put and declared carried.

Proposed Amendment to Plan Winnipeg By-law No. 5915/92 by redesignating lands located south of McGillivray Boulevard and east of Kenaston Boulevard from an "Industrial" Policy Area to a "Neighbourhood" Policy Area
File EP-1.1(PW 7/98)(Vol. 1)

120 - 1. On September 9, 1998, Council adopted Clause 1 of the Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated September 2, 1998, approving a petition to amend Plan Winnipeg By-law No. 5915/92 by redesignating lands located south of McGillivray Boulevard and east of Kenaston Boulevard from an "Industrial" policy area to a "Neighbourhood" policy area in accordance with Schedule "A".

An application to amend Plan Winnipeg has been received from Fairweather Properties Inc. on behalf of the owner, Kleysen Transport Ltd.

The intention of the applicant is to redevelop this 52 acre site for commercial purposes. The specific nature of the commercial development is unknown at this time, however, it is expected to constitute a series of small to large scale retail outlets laid out in a "Power Centre" format. At their meeting of September 22, 1998, the Assiniboia Community Committee recommended that the majority of the subject site be rezoned to a "C4" Commercial District, pending the successful conclusion of this Plan Winnipeg Amendment.

Redesignation of the subject site to a "Neighbourhood" policy area could lead to residential, commercial or mixed development at this location. However, the applicant has indicated that they intend to develop approximately 400,000 square feet of commercial development on this site. In addition to this site, an adjacent site (approximately 38 acres) on the north east corner of Kenaston Boulevard and McGillivray Boulevard has been rezoned to "C2" for commercial development. In the same general area, a site (approximately 40 acres) at the north west corner of Waverley Street and Bishop Grandin Boulevard has been recently redesignated and rezoned (also to "C4") to accommodate commercial development. These sites represent a significant quantity of new commercial lands in the south west quadrant of the city. Interest to develop the lands at the north west corner of Kenaston and McGillivray can also be anticipated in the near future. The Planning and Land Use Division has concerns about the amount of potential commercial development in this quadrant of the city. The Division is concerned about the sustainability of the potential commercial developments in this area, as well as the impact it may have on the regional shopping centres, local commercial operations and the downtown as well as our local transportation systems. As a result, the Division is preparing to undertake a study of retail development in the city which will lead to a comprehensive review of the commercial development policies of Plan Winnipeg. The results of this proposed study are not expected for several months.

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From a local planning perspective, the redesignation of this site from an "Industrial" policy area to a "Neighbourhood" policy area can be supported. The site is contiguous with the Linden Ridge area, which was also recently redesignated to a "Neighbourhood" Policy area. The site is also surrounded on two sides by other "Neighbourhood" Policy Areas, the Linden Woods residential development and the Whyte Ridge residential development. Redesignating the subject site would ensure a compatibility of land uses with the adjoining residential areas to the north, east and west.

From a Plan Winnipeg perspective, the City of Winnipeg's approach to industrial development has been to ensure an adequate reserve of industrial land in each quadrant of the City. At present, the emphasis for industrial promotion is toward transportation and cargo related industrial growth around the airport in the north-west quadrant. To this end, 1,427 acres of land west of the airport was redesignated as an "Industrial" Policy Area. Meanwhile, the south-west quadrant, which includes the land addressed in this application, continues to hold an abundance of serviced and unserviced land available for industrial development. The south-west quadrant also maintains a low absorption rate. On this basis, a portion of this industrial inventory, the 140 acre Linden Ridge site, and the 43 acre site at the north-west corner of Waverley and Bishop Grandin, were recently redesignated from "Industrial" policy areas. At the time, it was determined that the City's ability to meet the demand for industrial land in the south-west quadrant would not be jeopardized in the foreseeable future. While this application proposes to remove an additional 55 acres of land from the industrial land inventory, it is supportable for the same reason. In addition, the 180 acre vacant sugar beet refinery can been added to the supply of available land, as well as the University of Manitoba "Smart Park", a 112 acre industrial park with a research and technology focus.

In conclusion, recent developments in the surrounding area make this parcel less suitable for industrial uses. Given its proximity to other residential and mixed use developments, a "Neighbourhood" policy area designation would allow for the site's redevelopment to more compatible land uses such as commercial or multiple family residential.

At the Public Hearing held on November 19, 1998, and adjourned to December 9, 1998, the following persons appeared in support of the application:

Mr. P. McNeil, DS-Lea Consultants Ltd.
Mr. Michael Nozick, on behalf of Fairweather Properties

The following persons appeared in opposition to the application:

Mr. Gordon McGonigal
Mr. Ken Klassen, Private Citizen

After considering all aspects of the Plan Winnipeg Amending By-law No. 7282/98, and after holding the Public Hearing and considering the representations and evidence, the Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That Council give second reading to By-law No. 7282/98, being a by-law of the City of Winnipeg to amend Plan Winnipeg By-law No. 5915/92, by redesignating lands located south of McGillivray Boulevard and east of Kenaston Boulevard from an "Industrial" Policy Area to a "Neighbourhood" Policy Area.

II. That Council direct the City Clerk to forward five certified copies of the by-law, as approved on second reading, together with a copy of the report and recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee respecting said by-law, to the Minister of Urban Affairs for approval in accordance with Section 580(1) of The City of Winnipeg Act.

III. That Council direct the City Clerk to serve the required written notice under Section 580(2) of The City of Winnipeg Act, to any person who made representation at the public hearing.

IV. That subject to provincial approval and third reading of Plan Winnipeg Amending By-law No. 7282/98 by Council, a plan be prepared for redesigning lands located south of McGillivray Boulevard and east of Kenaston Boulevard from an "Industrial" Policy Area to a "Neighbourhood" Policy Area; and that the Chief Administrative Officer be required to coordinate and do all things necessary in connection with the formulation of said plan such that it may be considered by Council.

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

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

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

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

Councillors Gerbasi and Smith asked to be recorded as having voted against the clause, in accordance with Rule 50.7 of the Procedure By-law.

Amendments to the Civic Employees' Pension Plan By-law (By-law No. 5300/89)
File GU-3.9 (Vol. 16)

121 - 2. The Executive Policy Committee has been advised that a number of housekeeping changes are required to be made to the Civic Employees' Pension Plan By-law, and Section 21 of By-law 5300/89 provides that subject to Sections 22 and 23, Council may, by by-law, from time to time, amend the By-law.

The Civic Employees' Pension Plan was established effective December 31, 1988, by merging a number of pension plans that had existed under The City of Winnipeg, area municipalities and The Metropolitan Corporation of Greater Winnipeg.

The Civic Employees' Pension Plan has been amended on several occasions, the last amendments having taken place in 1994.

The amendments being recommended by the Employee Benefits Board at this time were approved by the Board at their meeting held on May 8, 1998.

Although there are quite a large number of amendments being recommended, they are all of a housekeeping nature. All of the proposed by-law amendments flow from one of the following:

- changes required by Revenue Canada to maintain the Civic Employees' Pension Plan's approval as a registered pension plan under The Income Tax Act
- changes resulting from amendments to The Income Tax Act announced in the 1995 and 1996 federal budgets
- changes resulting from amendments to The Manitoba Pension Benefits Act
- changes resulting from reorganization of the City's structure
- reallocation of certain responsibilities between the City and the Employee Benefits Board
- changes resulting from certain policy decisions adopted by the Employee Benefits Board
- inclusion of operating policies followed by the Employee Benefits Board in the management of the Long Term Disability Plan
- correction of various errors in the wording of the existing By-law
- clarification and refinement of wording to improve interpretation and administration of the Program
- deletion of certain obsolete provisions of the existing By-law

A detailed spreadsheet which provides explanations for all of the proposed by-law amendments is outlined in Schedule "A".

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Subsection 22(4) of By-law No. 5300/89 provides that no amendment to the Employee Benefits Program shall be made until City Council has received a report thereon from a qualified actuary. In this regard, a letter has been received, dated April 3, 1998, from Mr. Donald M. Smith, of Western Compensation and Benefits Consultants, stating that the draft amendments, if adopted, will not result in any material change in the financial position of the Employee Benefits Program.

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That City Council enact the amendments to the Civic Employees' Pension Plan By-law (By-law No. 5300/89), as outlined in Schedule "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 attachment referred to in the above clause is on file in the office of the City Clerk.

Adopted by consent.

Approval to participate in a partnership with the Province to Lease a Vehicle for the use of Victim Services Unit of the Winnipeg Police Service
File GF-2 (Vol. 50)

122 - 3. The Executive Policy Committee has been advised that in September of 1998, the Victim Services Unit of the Winnipeg Police Service was approached by the Province to provide further services to victims of crime. This has also been a desire of the Victim Services Unit, however transportation has always been an issue.

The Province, having designated a certain budget for victims of crime, proposed funding the lease of a vehicle for the Victim Services Unit of the Winnipeg Police Service.

In October of 1998, the Community Services Division costed out a three-year vehicle lease to include taxes, insurance, gasoline and service. These inquiries verified the cost would be $8,125.00 per year for three years.

The contract or letter of understanding to be signed with the Province would allow for the leasing of a 1999 Dodge Caravan, 7-passenger van for three years.

The cost of leasing the vehicle, along with the taxes, insurance, gasoline and servicing, will be assumed by the Province.

The leasing of this vehicle will allow members of the Victim Services Unit to expand their contact with the victims of crime by attending major incident scenes and home visits.

This arrangement will allow the Victim Services Unit of the Winnipeg Police Service to expand their involvement in the community and enhance their image. There is a demand for this service and the Province is eager for Victim Service Units in Winnipeg and across the province to expand their services.

There is an obvious urgency to receiving approval to proceed with this contract in that the Province is motivated to commit to this funding. Delay could cause the Province to commit their funds to a different program.

Since the authorization being sought is for a multi-year intergovernmental agreement, Council approval is required.

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That the Winnipeg Police Service participate in a partnership with the Province, whereby the Province will supply the Winnipeg Police Service with sufficient funds for the leasing of a vehicle, based on a three-year lease.

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

Adopted by consent.

Award of Contract for the provision of Cellular Telephone Network Services and Paging Services RFP No. 934-98
File GL-9 (Vol. 12)

123 - 4. The Executive Policy Committee has been advised that existing contracts for cellular telephone network services and paging services were with Rogers Cantel Inc. for cellular telephone network services, and with Shaw MobileCom Inc. for paging services and will expire on January 31, 1999. Corporate Services and Materials Management issued a Request for Proposals for these services in October of 1998, closing in November of 1998.

Final Receipt of offers took place on November 20, 1998 with proposals being received from five 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 - Cellular Telephone Network Services

Proposals were received from two companies :

MTS Mobility Inc.
Rogers Cantel Inc.

Proposals were from two to five years and were received for the provision of cellular telephones and cellular air time plans and associated telephone features for both analog and digital cellular technologies.

Both 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 Mobility Inc.) and terms (3 years) are the lowest cost and highest value solution and will save the City approximately $280,000.00 in 1999, and $400,000.00 in 2000 and 2001 over current rates.

Section B - Paging Services

Proposals were received from five companies :

Shaw MobileCom Inc.
Rogers Cantel Inc.
MTS Mobility Inc.
Fine Line Communications Ltd.
Integrated Messaging Inc.

Proposals were from two to five year terms and were received for the rental of pagers and air time, and for the outright purchase of pagers and the monthly provision of air time only.

All proposals were thoroughly analyzed and a cost summary of the analysis is on file in the office of the City Clerk. The recommended offerer (Shaw MobileCom Inc.) and terms (3 years) are the lowest cost and highest value solution and will save the City an average of approximately $21,000.00 per year (including taxes) over current rates.

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.

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MTS Mobility Inc. has provided evidence, satisfactory to Corporate Services Department staff, that they have the necessary technical abilities and financial resources to perform the work of this contract.

Shaw MobileCom 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.

Offers will lapse unless acceptance by February 20, 1999. Existing contracts, however, expire January 31, 1999 and a full month preparation time is appropriate for the change in cellular vendor.

Should all recommendations be approved, the City's budgets should be reduced by $1.2 million over the next three years. These savings will be realized by all departments in proportion to their use of cellular telephone network services and paging services. A financial impact analysis is outlined on Schedule "A".

The City's guidelines for deployment of cellular telephones are currently being reviewed by the individual departments' controllers. This award should not interfere with any recommendations they might make.

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 cellular telephone network services and paging services 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 :

MTS Mobility Inc. (Three year contract)

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

- Section A - Cellular Telephone Network Services
  Total Conditional Contract Amount Before Taxes $1,357,215.34

Shaw MobileCom Inc. (Three year contract)

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

- Section B - Paging Services
  Total Conditional Contract Amount Before Taxes $96,669.00

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.

Funding for Acquisition of 616 Broadway
- City Centre Community
File FI-2(32) (Vol. 5) & EP-2 (Vol. 25)

124 - 5. On September 29, 1998, Council amended and adopted Clause 4 of the Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated September 16, 1998 in which the Committee recommended that an expenditure of $40,000.00 be approved from the Land Dedication Reserve Fund to assist with the cost of acquisition of 616 Broadway by the West Broadway Development Corporation subject to:

I. The availability of funds from the City Centre Land Dedication Reserve Fund.

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II. The Legal Services Division confirming that the Land Dedication Reserve Funds can be allocated to this project.

III. The City entering into an agreement with the West Broadway Development Corporation to appropriately protect the Citys investment.

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

Council amended the above recommendation by adopting the following motion:

WHEREAS on September 16, 1998, the Executive Policy Committee recommended an expenditure of $40,000.00 be approved from the Land Dedication Reserve Fund to assist with the cost of acquisition of 616 Broadway by the West Broadway Development Corporation;

AND WHEREAS one of the conditions recommended by the Executive Policy Committee was for Legal Services Division confirming that the Land Dedication Reserve Funds can be allocated to this project;

AND WHEREAS the Legal Services Division have now advised that the proposed grant from the Land Dedication Reserve Account to assist in the acquisition of 616 Broadway does not fall within this policy;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that City Policy 335, the policy governing the expenditure of funds from the Land Dedication Reserve Account, be waived in this instance to allow the expenditure of $40,000.00 to assist with the cost of acquisition of 616 Broadway by the West Broadway Development Corporation.

On December 1, 1998, the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development considered a report from the Manager of Planning and Land Use, which recommended as follows:

> "That $12,000.00 be transferred from the account established for purchase of property at the northeast corner of Assiniboine Avenue and Navy Way (03-118117-6495010715), to finance the shortfall in the City Centre Land Dedication Reserve Fund to assist with the cost of acquisition of 616 Broadway by the West Broadway Development Corporation."

The Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development recommended that the above recommendation not be concurred in, and that the shortfall of $12,000.00 be funded from future monies allocated to the City Centre Land Dedication Reserve Fund.

The Executive Policy Committee has concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development that the shortfall of $12,000.00 be funded from future monies allocated to the City Centre Land Dedication Reserve Fund.

Adopted by consent.

1999 Transit Fare Options
File TT-2 (Vol. 11)

125 - 6. On July 16, 1998, the Chief Financial Officer directed that all Departments prepare Preliminary 1999 and 2000 Current Estimates based on Council approved programs, effectively maintaining 1998 service levels.

The Transit Department has prepared its Preliminary 1999 Current Estimates based on a number of important assumptions:

- 1999 ridership will be the same as projected 1998 ridership.
- 1998 service levels will be maintained in 1999.

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- The 1999 Provincial Transit Operating Grant will be the same as the 1998 Grant of $16,339,000.00.

- The Transfer from General Revenue (the Mill Rate supported Grant) should be no greater than budgeted in 1998.

There are a number of major factors affecting operating costs in the Transit Department's Preliminary 1999 Current Estimates. These include:

- Wage increases contained in the ATU and CUPE collective agreements - $660,000.00.

- A change to the sick leave plan for ATU members - $700,000.00.

- An increased contribution to the Bus Replacement Reserve (to permit the City to pay cash for its share of the cost of replacement buses by the year 2000) - $720,000.00.

- The projected revenue shortfall due to projected 1998 ridership being slightly less than budgeted - $600,000.00.

The total increased cost of these four contributing factors amounts to $2,680,000.00.

In addition to this amount, there are a number of other inflationary increases being experienced. Partially offsetting these increases are savings due to downsizing, favourable insurance and diesel fuel costs, as well as a variety of other economies achieved in the operation. The net effect of these factors is an increase of $1,674,000.00 in the required Mill Rate Supported Grant.

The following options are presented for consideration in order to achieve a balanced 1999 budget for the Transit Utility.

OPTION 1

A $.05 increase in transit fares effective January 1, 1999. This option would generate an additional revenue of $1,679,000.00 which would achieve a balanced budget for 1999.

Under the transit fare formula approved by Council on February 22, 1995, that relates all other fares to the cash fare, a $.05 increase would result in the following transit fare structure for 1999:

Fare Category	1998	1999
Cash	$1.50	$1.55
Adult Ticket	$1.45	$1.50
Adult Weekly Pass (5 days)	$13.05	$13.50
Adult Super Pass (7 days)	$14.50	$15.00
Adult monthly pass	$55.85	$57.75
Reduced Ticket*	$0.85	$0.90
Reduced Super Pass* (7 days)	$8.50	$9.00
Reduced Monthly Pass*	$32.75	$34.65
Handi-Transit Cash	$1.50	$1.55
Handi-Transit Ticket	$1.45	$1.50
Handi-Transit Monthly Pass	$55.85	$57.75

* *Eligible to those 16 years and under, or 21 years and under attending a Winnipeg High School and showing a valid GO Card, or to those 65 years of age or older and showing a valid Winnipeg Transit Seniors Photo ID card or a Federal Government Social Security Card*

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Appendix “A” shows the history of transit fare increases in recent years.

Appendix “B” shows a comparison of current transit fares across Canada.

OPTION 2

Leave fares at 1998 levels, and increase the Mill Rate supported Grant by $1,674,000.00 (a 6.7% increase over 1998).

OPTION 3

In addition to Option 1 as outlined, consider re-introducing a reduced cash fare.

The reduced cash fare category was eliminated January 1, 1998. In order to minimize any revenue loss associated with the re-introduction of a reduced cash fare category, it is suggested that the reduced cash fare be set at a rate of 80% of the adult cash fare. Should the adult cash fare be increased to $1.55, the reduced cash fare at 80% would be $1.25.

For this Option to generate revenues at least equal to those of Option 1, ridership in the reduced fare categories would have to increase by 2%. If increased ridership does not materialize to this extent, there is an approximate $100,000.00 revenue risk involved in this Option, using a best estimate of ridership increase. (If the reduced cash fare were re-introduced at 60% of the adult cash fare ($0.95), the revenue loss relative to Option 1 is estimated to be $465,000.00.)

OPTION 4

In addition to Option 1 as outlined, consider introducing a reduced monthly pass for University/College students.

There has recently been considerable discussion regarding the introduction of a reduced monthly pass for University and College students. If, for example, these students (who currently pay a regular adult fare) were to receive a 20% discount from the regular adult monthly pass rate, it would reduce Transit revenues by approximately $1.0 million to $1.5 million annually.

In order to balance the Transit Utility budget, this Option would require either an offsetting increase in the Mill Rate supported Grant, an increase to all other fare categories to offset the revenue decrease, or offsetting alternative revenues from the University/ College student group. Since such an Option would not likely go into effect until September 1, 1999, there is time available to undertake the appropriate discussions and consultations.

OPTION 5

If deemed appropriate, the issue of 1999 transit fares could be deferred until the overall Preliminary 1999 Current Estimates are dealt with by Council in the new year. This would allow Council to consider this revenue issue concurrently with all other revenue and expenditure issues for 1999. If this Option is chosen, it would reduce the potential increased revenue available from a $.05 increase, by approximately $140,000.00 per month.

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FINANCIAL IMPACT

Fare Option	Additional Revenue Generated	Increased Mill Rate Support Over 1998
Option 1 ($0.05 increase)	$1,679,000.00	$ 0.00
Option 2 (no change)	$ 0.00	$1,674,000.00
Option 3 ($0.05 increase and re-introduce reduced cash fare at $1.25)	$1,674,000.00	$ 0.00 ($100,000.00 potentially under best estimate)
Option 4 ($0.05 increase combined with University/College reduced fare)	INDETERMINATE	INDETERMINATE
Option 5 (Defer decision until Preliminary 1999 Current Estimates are considered)	INDETERMINATE	$140,000.00 per month after January 1, 1999

Since the earliest date that any 1999 transit fare may be approved by Council is December 16, 1998, there will be a requirement to delay the distribution of January monthly passes, weekly passes for weeks 1 and 2 of 1999, and the new 1999 tickets, until Thursday, December 17, 1998. This delay may cause some inconvenience for the private sales outlets and transit customers wishing to purchase passes and tickets at their normal time. However, this inconvenience is considered to be acceptable. In addition, the Transit Department will experience some minor increased costs due to overtime, etc., resulting from the condensed time frames involved.

For the information of Council, the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works has been requested to undertake the formation of a working group, including representatives from University/College students and the Transit Department to review and submit recommendations on a discount transit fare package prior to September 1999.

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That effective January 1, 1999, transit fares be increased by $.05, as outlined in Option 1 above.

II. That effective January 1, 1999, reduced cash fares be re-introduced and same be set at a rate of 80% of the adult cash fare, as outlined in Option 3 above.

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

Copy of attachments referred to in the above clause are on file in the office of the City Clerk.

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

In amendment,

Moved by Councillor Gerbasi,
Seconded by Councillor Smith,

THAT the clause be amended by renumbering Recommendations III to IV, and adding the following recommendation:

III. That the Transit Department be directed to explore and report to the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works by March 31, 1999, on options for increased ridership with the intent to reduce transit fares for the year 2000.

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In amendment to the amendment,

Moved by Councillor De Smedt,
Seconded by Councillor Clement,

THAT the amendment be amended by deleting the recommendation and substituting the following:

> "THAT the Transit Department be directed to explore and report to the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works by May 1, 1999 on strategies to increase ridership and stabilize transit fares. The aim of achieving reduced fares without increasing the mill rate support during forthcoming years would be given priority."

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 amendment to the amendment was put and declared carried.

The motion for the adoption of the clause, as amended, was put.

The Speaker advised that the recommendations, as amended, would be voted on separately, at the request of Councillor Prystanski.

Recommendation I, "transit fare increase", was put.

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

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

Nay: Councillors Golden, Prystanski and Timm-Rudolph. 3

and Recommendation I, "transit fare increase" was declared carried.

Recommendation II, "reduced cash fares", was put and declared carried.

The motion for the adoption of the clause, as amended, was put and declared carried.

Councillors Golden, Prystanski and Timm-Rudolph asked to be recorded as having voted against the clause, as amended, in accordance with Rule 50.7 of the Procedure By-law.

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

126 - 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;

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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.

On November 25, 1998 Council granted an additional extension of time of 60 days.

On December 7, 1998 the Standing Committee on Fiscal Issues considered a report from the Chief Financial Officer dated November 16, 1998 and recommended that the report be received as information and the motion filed.

The Executive Policy Committee concurs in the recommendation and 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.

Carried.

Property Tax Bill Format
File FL-2 (Vol. 14)

127 - 8. The City of Winnipeg Act requires the City's tax bill to be in a bilingual format. As outlined in Section 210(2) of The City of Winnipeg Act, Provincial approval of the overall tax bill format proposed to be used by the City is required. The City's Standing Committee on Fiscal Issues is being requested to approve the suggested format prior to it being sent to the Province for approval.

Clarification as to who is responsible for the school and municipal portions of tax bills has been an outstanding issue for the City's Councillors. It is believed that this new format will be more easily read and understood, and that responsibility and accountability for the respective school and municipal portions is clear.

The form will be printed in a bilingual format with English on one side, and French on the other.

Currently, the City is in the process of implementing a new tax collection computer system. As part of this process the format of the tax bill will be coded into the system. Approval of this new format must be obtained from all levels prior to January 31, 1999 in order to implement this change for 1999. If approval is denied, or approval given after January 31, 1999, the old format as outlined in Appendix II will be used for 1999.

The Standing Committee on Fiscal Issues has recommended as follows:

1. That the format of the sample property tax bill, as outlined on Appendix I, be amended to include the following:

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a) a separate colour-coded section for both the School Division Taxes and the Provincial Education Support Tax;

b) a Provincial Telephone No. for enquiries vis-a-vis the Provincial Education Support Tax;

c) a corresponding colour-coded pie chart together with a disclaimer to the effect that same identifies average portions, which will differ slightly dependent upon the respective School Division;

2. That approval from the Province of Manitoba of this format be requested.

The Executive Policy Committee concurs in the recommendation of the Standing Committee on Fiscal Issues and recommends:

I. That the format of the sample property tax bill, as shown on Appendix I, be amended to include the following:

a) a separate colour-coded section for both the School Division Taxes and the Provincial Education Support Tax;

b) a Provincial Telephone No. for enquiries vis-a-vis the Provincial Education Support Tax;

c) a corresponding colour-coded pie chart together with a disclaimer to the effect that same identifies average portions, which will differ slightly dependent upon the respective School Division.

II. That approval from the Province of Manitoba of this format be requested.

III. 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 are on file in the office of the City Clerk.

Adopted by consent.

Tax Rebate to Veteran's Associations enacted by Bill 36 amending the Municipal Assessment Act File FL-2.5 (Vol. 11)

128 - 9. On September 29, 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 Steek,

WHEREAS the Provincial Government enacted Bill 36 to amend the Municipal Assessment Act for the purpose of creating equality between tax exemptions for veterans' associations under sub-section 23(1)(f) and exemptions for other non-profit organizations under sub-section 23(1)(i);

AND WHEREAS Bill 36 received Third Reading on November 2, 1995 and Royal Assent on November 3, with the equity provision to come into force on January 1, 1996;

AND WHEREAS the City's Assessment Department did not comply with the intent of the legislation for 1996 and, consequently, the City is in receipt of tax money wrongfully collected from veterans' associations;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, under the authority of Section 242 of The City of Winnipeg Act, the City rebate to veterans' associations that money wrongfully collected for the taxation year of 1996 - the full year for School Tax and from April 1 to December 31 for Municipal Tax.

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On November 19, 1998 the Executive Policy Committee referred the matter to the Administration for report back.

Inasmuch as the matter requires further consideration, 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.

Remuneration for Members of Council
File GC-2* (Vol. 3)

129 - 10. On September 29, 1998, Council referred the following motion of which notice has been given to the Executive Policy Committee:

Moved by Councillor Golden,
Seconded by Councillor Lazarenko,

WHEREAS members of City Council are placed in a perceived conflict of interest by Provincial legislation relative to determining their annual remuneration package;

AND WHEREAS City Council on April 28, 1993, requested the Provincial Government to pass legislation which would place this responsibility in the hands of an independent appointed body;

AND WHEREAS the Provincial Government turned down this request;

AND WHEREAS shortly thereafter, the Provincial Government set up an independent committee to determine the annual compensation for members of the Legislature;

AND WHEREAS it is undesirable to have the remuneration of elected officials (City Councillors, School Trustees and members of the Legislature) set by themselves for themselves;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that City Council request the members of the body appointed to determine compensation for members of the Legislature be also requested to determine proper levels of remuneration for members of City Council;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the determination of said Committee be applicable only to the new Council to be elected October 28, 1998.

On November 19, 1998, Executive Policy Committee referred the matter to the Administration for report back including potential options as to what other cities have done.

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)

130 - 11. 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:

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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.

On November 25, 1998, Council granted an extension of time of 30 days to consider this matter.

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.

Indianapolis Competitive Model
File GG (Vol. 6)

131 - 12. 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;

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.

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On November 25, 1998, Council granted an additional extension of time of 90 days for consideration of the matter.

On December 9, 1998, the Executive Policy Committee considered a report from the Chief Financial Officer dated November 30, 1998.

The Executive Policy Committee has concurred in the recommendations contained therein, namely:

I. That the matter of a Competitive Model for Service Delivery be referred to the Joint CUPE-Council Committee for consideration and report back in 120 days.

II. That the Joint Committee be mandated to conduct further research into the Indianapolis model specifically with a view to the development of a framework and policy for a similar City of Winnipeg model. This would include an examination of costing parameters and techniques, performance measurement, employment and compensation policies, bid preparation and evaluation processes and approval mechanisms and processes.

For the information of Council the Administration has been requested to report back on the implementation of a public participation process.

Adopted by consent.

Extension of Contract - Community Outreach Co-ordinator - Community and Race Relations Committee
File CR (Vol. 10)

132 - 13. Council on May 22, 1996 adopted Clause 1 of the Report of the Executive Policy Committee, dated May 15, 1996 engaging Sheri Musa as the Community Outreach Co-ordinator for the Community and Race Relations Committee, on a contractual basis under a personal services contract for a one year duration commencing July 1, 1996 to June 30, 1997, with a provision for renewal on an annual basis.

On October 22, 1997, Council adopted Clause 3 of the Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated October 15, 1997 which extended the personal services contract of Sheri Musa for a period of one (1) year, to terminate on December 31, 1998.

On June 4, 1998, the Community and Race Relations Committee passed the following motion:

> "That the Community and Race Relations Committee recommend to Executive Policy Committee that favourable consideration be given to renegotiation of the personnel contract for the Community Outreach Co-ordinator to provide for additional remuneration at the rate of $4,000.00 per annum, effective July 1, 1998; and
>
> That in order to ensure adequate funds to provide for said additional remuneration, an additional appropriation to the Committee's 1998 budget, in the amount of $2,000.00, be given favourable consideration; and
>
> That all necessary action be taken to initiate a review of the Community Outreach Co-ordinator position and contract for the Community and Race Relations Committee in order to determine the appropriate amount of remuneration to be provided under the terms of the contract."

On June 17, 1998, the Executive Policy Committee referred the matter to the Standing Committee on Fiscal Issues to review the terms of the contract and to determine the availability of funds.

On July 13, 1998, the Standing Committee on Fiscal Issues referred the matter to the Chief Financial Officer for report back.

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On November 20, 1998, the Standing Committee on Fiscal Issues concurred in the recommendations of the report of the Chief Financial Officer dated October 23, 1998, as follows:

1. That the Compensation and Classification Branch, Human Resource Services Division of the Corporate Services Department initiate a review of the Community Outreach Coordinator position.

2. That the Community Outreach Coordinator be provided with additional remuneration of $4,000 effective January 1, 1999, upon renewing her contract, or such other additional remuneration resulting from the review of the position.

3. That the funding required for the additional remuneration be found within the 1999 allocated budget for the Community and Race Relations Committee or alternatively be referred to the 1999 Budget Process.

On December 2, 1998, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendations from the Standing Committee on Fiscal Issues.

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That the personal services contract of Sheri Musa be extended for a further period of one (1) year, to terminate on December 31, 1999 with additional remuneration of $4000.00 effective January 1, 1999, to be found within the 1999 allocated budget for the Community and Race Relations Committee.

II. That the City Solicitor/Manager of Legal Services be requested to prepare the necessary contract extension between the City of Winnipeg and Sheri Musa.

Adopted by consent.

REPORT "B" OF THE

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

DATED DECEMBER 9, 1998

On motion of His Worship Mayor Murray, Report "B" of the Executive Policy Committee, dated December 9, 1998, was considered clause by clause.

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

Councillor Timm-Rudolph requested that Clause 4 be pulled from the Consent Agenda.

The motion to adopt the Consent Agenda, Clauses 1,2 and 3 was put and declared carried.

Supply and Delivery of Automated Fingerprint Identification System - RFP No. 507-98 File GF-2 (Vol. 50)

133 - 1. The Executive Policy Committee has been advised that the automated fingerprint identification system project, which was approved by Council for the 1999 to 2003 Capital Forecast, now forms part of the 1999 Capital Estimates. The total cost of the project is budgeted at $1,828,000. It is critical that the existing system be replaced prior to year end 1999 as it is not year 2000 compliant.

A Request For Proposals was issued prior to budget approval because of the critical time line for installation and testing the new system. Award of contract is conditional upon Council approved funding.

Offers are open to acceptance until February 14, 1999. Bids were received from:

NEC Technologies Inc.
Cogent Systems Inc.
Printrack International Inc.
Digital Descriptors Systems Inc.
Sagem Morpho Inc.

Bid bonds were not requested. Bid evaluations consisted of two stages: the first was to determine compliance with specifications, the second was rating of responsive bids against pre-established evaluation criteria. The following bids were determined to be non-compliant with the specifications listed and are therefore non-responsive:

Digital Descriptors Systems Inc. - Sections SP.3.7, 10.3b, 10.3c, 10.3d, 12.1b and B1.17.1
Sagem Morpho Inc. - Sections B1.6.4.d, SP.3.1a, 3.1c, 3.1g, 3.1h, 3.1l & 3.8, SP 4.1, SP 5.3 and SP 9.4, 9.5, 9.6 & 9.7

These two bids did not advance to the second evaluation stage.

The second stage evaluation criteria and the evaluation results of the three responsive bids are on file in the office of the City Clerk. Cogent Systems Inc., the recommended bidder, received the highest rating. Service members have reviewed the contract work with Cogent Systems Inc., conducted site testing and contacted current users of Cogent systems. They are of the opinion that Cogent Systems Inc. has the necessary resources to perform all the work in accordance with the requirements of the specifications. This firm will not be using subcontractors in the performance of the work.

The recommendation to award contract at this time is made in order to expedite supply and installation of the AFIS. Time is of the essence, not only with respect to meeting year 2000 requirements, but also because the data storage capacity of the existing system is near sated. Additionally, a timely award of contract will enable the new system to be fully functional before the Pan Am Games. There will be a substantial increase on demands for service on the AFIS as a result of the Games. The new technology can process fingerprint matching at least 25 times faster that the existing system. This will enhance the Service's ability to meet the anticipated demand increase for fingerprint services.

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If a contract award recommendation is made after the budget is adopted there will not be enough time for the work to be completed prior to the Games.

The total cost of the contract is well within the AFIS capital budget estimate of $1,828,000. In addition, there will be current budget annual savings for maintenance of approximately $67,000. The Financial Impact Analysis is outlined on Schedule "A".

Total consideration to be paid by the City is in excess of $1,000,000 and funding for this project is not yet in a budget approved by Council. Pursuant to the Purchasing Policy, Council is the approval authority for purchases where funding is not yet in a budget approved by Council.

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That Council approve an award of contract to Cogent Systems Inc., at a total cost including all taxes, administration and interest fees not to exceed $1,690,998, for the supply and delivery of an automated fingerprint identification system (AFIS).

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.

Transfer of Public Health Nursing Managed Services to the Winnipeg Community and Long Term Care Authority (WCA) File EH-1 (Vol. 19)

134 - 2. The Executive Policy Committee has been advised that since the inception of the new City of Winnipeg in 1972, public health services have been provided within a split jurisdiction. The City of Winnipeg had responsibility for the provision of public health services within the inner city, while the Province of Manitoba was responsible for the provision of public health services in Winnipeg's suburban areas. This split jurisdiction of public health service provision has been a long standing issue.

The Province of Manitoba has been undertaking significant reform measures within the health care system in recent years. The reshaping efforts revolve around a new system of management and governance with the adoption of a Regional Health Authority model, in order to more fully coordinate health services. The Regional Health Authorities Amendment and Consequential Amendments Act S.M. 1997, Chapter 41, authorized the establishment of two such health authorities within Winnipeg, namely, the Winnipeg Hospital Authority and the Winnipeg Community and Long Term Care Authority. The Winnipeg Hospital Authority will oversee and fund Winnipeg hospitals on a system-wide basis and the Winnipeg Community and Long Term Care Authority will promote linkages and fund Winnipeg's community health and long-term care services.

On March 5, 1998, the Winnipeg Community and Long Term Care Authority announced that its enabling legislation would take effect on April 1, 1998, providing the Authority with the mandate to take responsibility for the provision of all community health services in Winnipeg.

On April 29, 1998, Council unanimously adopted Clause 8 of the report of the Executive Policy Committee dated April 22, 1998. The Clause authorized that negotiations be commenced with the Winnipeg Community and Long Term Care Authority on the timing, service, staffing and cost implications of the legislated transfer of public health nursing managed services to the WCA. The Clause also states that the transfer should be completed no later than December 31, 1998.

A. Overview of Urban Health Reform:

This legislation directly affects The City of Winnipeg's Public Health Nursing Services/Community Health Centres/Dental Services. Approximately 82 City employees, represented by three different bargaining units, provide these services with a net annual budget of approximately $4.1 million for 1998.

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In addition, the Province of Manitoba is preparing to proclaim legislation that amends The Public Health Act and The City of Winnipeg Act. These changes will further effect the delivery of community health services within Winnipeg. The amendments awaiting proclamation focus on: the transfer of the responsibility for the provision of Medical Health Officer services in Winnipeg's core area, from the City of Winnipeg to the Province of Manitoba; the power of the City of Winnipeg to make by-laws respecting the provision of health services; and the responsibility delegated to the City of Winnipeg for the delivery of health services within the core area of Winnipeg. These amendments and the potential impact for the City of Winnipeg are currently being investigated and will be the subject of a further report.

At this point, Chapter 41 does not address responsibility for the delivery of Environmental Health Services (public health inspection services). However, through the Partners in Public Service Initiative, the City of Winnipeg and the Province of Manitoba have entered into discussions relating to the transfer of responsibility for Environmental Health Services for all of Winnipeg to the City of Winnipeg.

B. Transfer of Public Health Nurse Managed Services to the Winnipeg Community and Long Term Care Authority:

The subject of this report focuses on the transfer of the City of Winnipeg's Public Health Nurse Managed services to the Winnipeg Community and Long Term Care Authority. This transfer process includes two phases. Phase I involves the negotiations for transfer of Public Health Nurse Managed Services to the WCA. The information and recommendations contained within this report specifically concern phase one of this two phased process. Phase 2 will necessitate negotiations with the Province of Manitoba Department of Urban Affairs related to effecting a reconciliation of the Unconditional Grant.

Phase One: Negotiations for Transfer of Public Health Nurse Managed Service to the WCA

Guiding Principles:

A transfer negotiation team was established. The following '*Guiding Principles'* for the transfer management were agreed to:

That the transfer of Public Health Nursing managed services be completed expeditiously.
That there be no adverse economic impact on the City of Winnipeg.
That the transfer be transparent to the service clients and citizens.
That the transfer be conducted in a manner that minimizes adverse public impact.
That the City convey to the Winnipeg Community and Long Term Care Authority the necessity to maintain Public Health Nursing managed levels, prioritizing for the high needs population of inner city Winnipeg.

Interim Service Agreement:

An interim service agreement was negotiated and signed by both parties in June of 1998, in order to allow the City of Winnipeg to continue to provide public health nurse managed services during the transition period. Contained within the interim service agreement is a clause that stipulates that the City of Winnipeg will no longer be responsible for funding public health nurse managed services after December 31, 1998. Service delivery systems can function on a short-term basis only under an interim operating agreement. However, long term service provision requires alignment with the mandated authority in order to ensure effective and efficient operating systems.

The mandated authority for the provision of public health nurse managed service is the Winnipeg Community and Long Term Care Authority.

Notification of Unions:

In accordance with the collective agreements of the affected unions contracts (WCNA – Local 1 MNU; CUPE – Local 500; WAPSO) notification of the intent to transfer all public health nurse managed services to the WCA occurred June 25, 1998. Notification was required to officially inform the unions of the City of Winnipeg's intent to transfer staff and services to the WCA. Subsequent meetings were held with the unions in order to keep them apprised of the process and status of the transfer negotiations. It should be recognized that this transfer has been conducted over a short period of time and has required intense negotiations with the WCA in order to meet the

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December 31, 1998 deadline. Regular staff meetings were also held with all staff within the public health nurse managed service areas to provide progress reports and to directly address concerns of the staff.

Issues Agreed to 'In Principle':

On November 17, 1998 the WCA advised that they have concurred with the following issues agreed to in principle as detailed below:

Human Resources:

Staffing Complement: The WCA has agreed to take all employees and their seniority dates as December 31, 1998.

Union Contracts: The WCA has agreed to assume the three union contracts as is for the duration of the existing collective agreements including the terms and conditions contained within the said agreements.

Employee Benefit Board Rehabilitation Program (EBR) Positions: The WCA has agreed to assume the employment of any persons in EBR positions presently assigned to the public health nurse managed service area for the duration of their rehabilitation, and will discuss with the EBB the necessary arrangements for these positions.

Sessional Dentists and Physicians: The WCA will meet and discuss directly with these professionals the service requirements of the WCA. The sessional dentists and physicians have been advised of this intent.

Finance:

Buildings: The WCA will rent from the City of Winnipeg, the civic-owned buildings located at 385 River Avenue and 601 Aikins Street for a term of three years, with a further option of two years. Rental costs charged by the City for the 385 River Avenue and 601 Aikins Street properties should be no more than the amount contained in the budget information provided to the WCA. Rental would be on a turn-key operation basis, with details of the actual rent to be determined by the Property and Development Department, and then agreed to by the WCA.

Leases: The WCA will assume the lease of the building at 490 Hargrave Street. The WCA will assume the lease of the photocopier equipment. The Property and Development Department will be required to determine the details of the lease being assumed by the WCA.

Office Furnishings, Equipment and Inventory: The WCA will purchase from the City all office furnishings, equipment assets and all inventory and supplies within the PHN managed service area. The WCA will secure commitment from Manitoba Health by November 30, 1998, regarding purchasing office furnishings, equipment and inventory. Financial compensation to the City of Winnipeg for furnishings and office equipment will be based on an independent appraisal of said office furnishings and equipment. Inventory will be purchased based on actual inventory in stock as of December 31, 1998.

Holidays Accrued: The WCA will assume the accrued holidays as of December 31, 1998 for all staff transferred.

Earned Payment of Sick Leave Cashout: The City of Winnipeg is the responsible authority for the earned payment of sick leave cashout to employees as required under the terms of the collective agreement, for employees under the defined PHN managed service area transferred to the WCA as of December 31, 1998 for which payment will be provided as part of the transfer. The contracts for all three Union agreements representing employees in the Public Health Nurse Managed service area have provisions for earned payment of sick leave cashout on transfer of the service to another jurisdiction or authority.

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Communications:

Joint Communications Strategies: The WCA and City of Winnipeg representatives have agreed that prior to any communication affecting the transfer being issued that the other party will be consulted. To date, there has not been any joint or separate communications issued. Both parties have agreed that the transfer negotiations process should be kept internal until final agreements are in place. An official transfer communication program will be established once there has been agreement between the City of Winnipeg and the WCA.

Internal Communications Strategies: Meetings have been held with all three unions prior to official notification of the transfer. A number of meetings have been held with all staff to update them on the process for the transfer.

Phase Two: Negotiations with the Province of Manitoba – Department of Urban Affairs (Unconditional Grant)

Phase two will require the City of Winnipeg to enter into negotiations with the Province of Manitoba Department of Urban Affairs to reconcile the effect of the transfer of public health nurse managed services to the WCA.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

A key management principle in the transfer of the public health nurse managed services to the WCA was that there be no adverse economic impact on the City of Winnipeg. The issues agreed to in principle and the recommendations contained within this report meet that objective.

Specifically, the City of Winnipeg will be responsible for earned payment of sick leave cashout to affected employees. The WCA will be assuming all accrued holiday time for employees; assuming the lease of 490 Hargrave; renting civic-owned buildings at 385 River Avenue and 601 Aikins Street; and purchasing from the City of Winnipeg office furnishings, equipment and inventory.

Provincial legislation was enacted on April 1, 1998 which provided the Winnipeg Community and Long Term Care Authority (WCA) with legislated authority for the provision of public health nurse managed services. This change in Provincial legislation removed the City of Winnipeg's legal authority to provide public health nurse managed services.

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That Council approve the transfer of the City of Winnipeg's Public Health Nursing Managed Services to the Winnipeg Community and Long Term Care Authority effective December 31, 1998, in accordance with the following 'Issues Agreed to in Principle' between the two parties:

1.1 That the Winnipeg Community and Long Term Care Authority assumes all Public Health Nurse Managed Service employees and their seniority dates.

1.2 That the Winnipeg Community and Long Term Care Authority assumes the three Union contracts for the duration of the existing collective agreements including the terms and conditions contained within the said agreements.

1.3 That the Winnipeg Community and Long Term Care Authority assumes the employment of any persons in Employee Benefit Board Rehabilitation Program (EBR) presently assigned within the Public Health Nurse Managed Service area for the duration of their rehabilitation.

1.4 That the Winnipeg Community and Long Term Care Authority rents from the City of Winnipeg, the civic-owned buildings located at 385 River Avenue and 601 Aikins Street for a term of three years, with a further option of two years; and further, that the Winnipeg Community and Long Term Care Authority assumes the lease agreement for the 490 Hargrave Street building.

1.5 That the Winnipeg Community and Long Term Care Authority will purchase from the City of Winnipeg all office furnishings and equipment assets within the Public Health Nurse Managed service area; and will also assume any existing equipment lease(s).

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1.6 That the Winnipeg Community and Long Term Care Authority will purchase from the City of Winnipeg all inventory and supplies within the Public Health Nurse Managed Service area.

1.7 That the City of Winnipeg is the responsible authority for the earned payment of sick leave cashout to employees, as required under the terms of the collective agreements for employees under the defined Public Health Nurse Managed Service area transferred to the Winnipeg Community and Long Term Care Authority as of December 31, 1998, for which payment will be provided as part of the transfer.

1.8 That the Winnipeg Community and Long Term Care Authority will assume the accrued holidays as of December 31, 1998 for all Public Health Nurse Managed Service area staff transferred to the WCA.

II. That Council authorize the Director of the Property and Development Services Department (in consultation with the City Solicitor/Manager of Legal Services) to negotiate, approve and execute the leasing/assignment of the subject properties as is deemed appropriate.

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

Adopted by consent.

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

135 - 3. At the adjourned meeting of the Executive Policy Committee held on December 11, 1998, the following resolution was passed, namely:

WHEREAS Council has advertised for appointment of citizens to Boards and Commissions, including seven citizen appointments to the Access Advisory Committee;

AND WHEREAS the application process closed on November 20, 1998 and the Selection Committee will be reviewing applications in the imminent future;

AND WHEREAS the complement of citizen members of the Access Advisory Committee is limited which has made meeting a quorum extremely difficult impeding the ongoing activities of the Committee;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following citizen appointments be made to the Access Advisory Committee, effective immediately:

For the balance of a 2-year term expiring December 31, 1999

Timothy McIsaac
Ben Harnish

For a 2-year term expiring December 31, 2000

Susan Morrow
David Strong
Teresa Swedick
Shelley Saunders
Mary Pankiw

and submits same to Council for approval.

Adopted by consent.

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Airport Area Business Improvement Zone
File FL-7.15 (Vol. 1)

136 - 4. The Executive Policy Committee has been advised that the Airport Business Improvement Zone held their Annual General Meeting on December 10, 1998 to consider the proposed program, budget and levy for the coming year (the "Budget"). At that time, the Budget was overwhelmingly defeated by the membership, thus, the Airport BIZ is not able to operate for the coming year.

At the Airport Annual General Meeting, approximately 150 members voted to defeat the Budget, while 32 voted in favour. The meeting itself was properly advertised and fairly held. There can be no question that the members understood precisely what they were doing in voting as they did.

Consequence of the Budget Vote:

The proposed Budget prepared by the BIZ Board showed that $90,000 was being brought forward from fiscal year 1998 to 1999. This is permitted under the legislation, as there is a provision providing for unexpended funds to be brought forward into the next fiscal year.

However, under the provisions of The City of Winnipeg Act, Council cannot approve a BIZ program, budget and zone levy in any year unless those proposals have first received the support of the BIZ members.

The result of the Annual General Meeting held December 10, 1998 is that there is now a Board made up of volunteers which cannot do anything, as their program cannot be approved by Council, holding some $90,000 of public funds. It is suggested that this is not good public policy, nor is it fair to the Board members.

Section 24 of the By-law reads:

> *If this By-law is repealed, the Board shall cease to exist and its undertakings, assets and liabilities shall be assumed and taken over by the City.*

As a result, it is recommended that the By-law creating the Airport BIZ be repealed. That would permit the Board members to have their obligations removed as soon as possible.

Secondly, it is recommended that the Administration assume responsibility for an orderly winding down of the undertakings of the BIZ, and dealing with any liabilities. For example, the BIZ has some staff which will have to be released, and obligations such as a lease which will have to be addressed.

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That Council repeal By-law No. 7024/97, being a By-law of The City of Winnipeg to designate a business improvement zone to be known as "the Airport Area Business Development Association Inc. Business Improvement Zone" and establish a management board for the Zone.

II. That the Chief Administrative Officer be instructed to assign to the appropriate individual the management of any funds under control of the Board, wind down the operations of the Airport Area Business Improvement Zone ("Airport BIZ") and arrange an independent final audit.

III. 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 advised that Council would 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 Airport Area Business Improvement Zone.

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Council recessed at 3:38 p.m., and reconvened at 4:24 p.m., same members present.

Council continued to consider the order of business - Clause 4 of Report "B" of the Executive Policy Committee dated December 9, 1998.

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

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

MOTIONS

Moved by Councillor Golden,
Seconded by Councillor Lazarenko,

137 - THAT City Council request the Executive Policy Committee to rescind its decision to seek intervenor status in the Supreme Court of Canada, File # 26933;

AND FURTHER THAT the Mayor be requested to supply information on this matter that he feels relevant to one of Manitoba's Member of Parliament.

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

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

The motion to suspend the rule was put and declared lost, not having received the required two-thirds vote of the members present in accordance with Rule 3 of the Procedure By-law.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

138 - On motion of His Worship Mayor Murray, By-law No. 7282/98, a by-law of The City of Winnipeg to amend By-law No. 5915/92, a By-law establishing Plan Winnipeg, being a statement of the City's policy and general proposals in respect of development or use of land in the City, was read a second time.

His Worship Mayor Murray moved that this constitute the second reading of By-law No. 7282/98, which motion was carried.

139 - On motion of His Worship Mayor Murray, the following by-laws were read a first, second and third time, the rule being suspended for the third reading of each by-law, and were passed and ordered to be signed and sealed, namely:

By-law No. 7339/98, a by-law of the City of Winnipeg to authorize the expenditure of monies in 1999 before the adoption of the 1999 annual estimates. File FE-1 (Vol. 30)

By-law No. 7340/98, a by-law of the City of Winnipeg to authorize the borrowing during the year 1999 of monies not exceeding the sum of $250,000,000.00 in aggregate for capital and current purposes, and to authorize the issuance and delivery of promissory notes as security for such borrowing. File FC-2 (Vol. 18)

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By-law No. 7347/98, a by-law of the City of Winnipeg to provide for discounts where Realty or Business Taxes are prepaid. File FL-2.1 (Vol. 2)

140 - On motion of His Worship Mayor Murray, the rule was suspended and the following by-laws were read a first, second and third time, the rule being suspended for the third reading of each by-law, and were passed and ordered to be signed and sealed, namely:

By-law No. 7348/98, a by-law of the City of Winnipeg to amend By-law No. 5300/89, being a by-law establishing "The Civic Employees' Pension Plan". File GU-3.9 (Vol. 16)

By-law No. 7349/98, a by-law of the City of Winnipeg to repeal By-law No. 7024/97. File FL-7.15 (Vol. 1)

INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME OF GUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

141 - The Speaker recognized in attendance in the gallery, Brock Richard Golden, son of Councillor Golden.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

QUESTION PERIOD

142 - Councillor Timm-Rudolph expressed concern with the delay in the issuance of a Civic Charities permit for the Manitoba Epilepsy Association due to the Association contracting with a particular company to assist them with their fundraising. She requested that the Mayor's office look into the matter to see what could be done to assist the Manitoba Epilepsy Association.

His Worship Mayor Murray stated that he would look into the matter.

Councillor Timm-Rudolph referred to the audit of the Main/Norwood Bridges and noted that the Standing Committee had received a copy of the terms of the audit. She questioned who prepared the report on the audit on the Main/Norwood Bridges.

His Worship noted that the terms of reference for the audit were determined by the City Auditor and were prepared for the Audit Committee and approved at the last Audit committee meeting on Monday, December 14.

Councillor Timm-Rudolph questioned if the City had already entered into agreement with Deloitte Touche to start the process prior to the Audit Committee approving the terms, and questioned under what authority was this undertaken.

His Worship advised that the Auditor had the authority to undertake any audit and that the Chief Administrative Officer and the Mayor could raise audit concerns with the Auditor and if the Auditor concurred, an audit would be conducted. He stated that he requested an audit when he saw the cost overruns and that the Auditor had concurred with this request. He noted that the original request went to Deloitte Touche, the City's external auditor, but it was felt that an auditor who was not in contractual obligation to the City should undertake the audit. He further noted that it was the Auditor's decision and that he supported that decision.

Councillor Timm-Rudolph questioned when they would be provided with a copy of the actual terms of reference for the audit.

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His Worship advised he would circulate the draft terms of reference for the audit that were presented at Audit Committee. He reminded all Members of Council to respect the in camera nature of the information. His Worship noted that there would have to be a proposal call. He stated that the City Auditor would advise which company received the audit contract and would present to the Audit Committee information on the scope of the audit and the final terms of reference. He further noted that any report of the Auditor cannot be touched, tampered with, amended or interfered with by the Audit Committee and that such report would go to all members of Council through the Audit Committee.

Councillor Timm-Rudolph questioned whether informal meetings of Executive Policy Committee were being convened.

His Worship advised that there were times when Executive Policy Committee needed to meet informally. He also noted that 90% of the agenda items do not receive any prescreening. His Worship stated that there are working sessions with the Administration from time to time with different members of Executive Policy Committee, as well as other members of Council. He noted that he was trying to move to informal working sessions of Council as was done with the Capital Budget and that it was his intention that those replace informal workings sessions of the Executive Policy Committee.

Councillor Timm-Rudolph requested that when Executive Policy Committee occasionally meets informally, that members of Council be provided with dates and issues being dealt with at the information meeting.

His Worship Mayor Murray took the question under advisement.