REPORT "A" OF THE

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

DATED MARCH 4, 1998

On motion of Her Worship Mayor Thompson, Report "A" of the Executive Policy Committee, dated March 4, 1998, was considered clause by clause.

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

Councillor Thomas requested that Clause 2 be pulled from the Consent Agenda.

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

"Marketing/Public-Relations" Strategy for the Merchants of the St. Norbert Area and St. Mary's Road, South of the Perimeter
File SB-13 (Vol. 3)

402 - 1. On June 25, 1997, Council referred to the Executive Policy Committee the following motion, namely:

Moved by Councillor Angus,
Seconded by Councillor Golden,

BE IT RESOLVED that the clause be amended by inserting the following between the first and second paragraphs of the motion proposed by Councillors Vandal and Steek;

"BE IT ALSO RESOLVED THAT Council direct an additional amount of $5,000 be reprofiled from the budget for the Provencher Bridge for the purposes of developing a "marketing/public relations" strategy for the merchants of the St. Norbert area and St. Mary's Road, south of the perimeter."

On July 2, 1997, the Executive Policy Committee referred the matter to the Board of Commissioners for report back on the possibility of establishing a policy for "Marketing/Public Relations Strategies" including the pros and cons.

On November 19, 1997, Council granted an extension of time of 90 days for further consideration of the matter.

On February 18, 1998, the Executive Policy Committee referred the matter to the 1998 Current Estimates deliberations.

On March 4, 1998, in conjunction with consideration of the 1998 Current Estimates, the Executive Policy Committee reconsidered the matter and recommends that this initiative not be proceeded with at this time and the matter be filed.

Adopted by consent.

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"Marketing/Public Relations" Strategy for the Merchants of Nairn Avenue
File SB-13 (Vol. 3)

403 - 2. On June 25, 1997, Council referred to the Executive Policy Committee the following motion, namely:

Moved by Councillor Timm-Rudolph,
Seconded by Councillor Thomas,

WHEREAS the merchants of Nairn Avenue have been impacted by over two years of road reconstruction;

AND WHEREAS these impacts and losses of revenues exist;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council provide an amount of $5000.00 for the purpose of developing a "marketing/public relations" strategy for the merchants of Nairn Avenue.

On July 2, 1997, the Executive Policy Committee referred the matter to the Board of Commissioners for report back on the possibility of establishing a policy for "Marketing/Public Relations Strategies" including the pros and cons.

On November 19, 1997, Council granted an extension of time of 30 days for further consideration of the matter.

On December 3, 1997, the Executive Policy Committee referred the matter to the Chief Administrative Officer for investigation of the possibility of a policy, subject to the legal ramifications including liability of what is being proposed for report back within 60 days.

On December 17, 1997, Council granted a further extension of time of 60 days.

On February 18, 1998, the Executive Policy Committee referred the matter to the 1998 Current Estimates deliberations.

On March 4, 1998, in conjunction with consideration of the 1998 Current Estimates, the Executive Policy Committee reconsidered the matter and recommends that this initiative not be proceeded with at this time and the matter be filed.

Moved by Councillor Angus,
Adoption of the clause.

The motion that the clause be filed was put.

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

Yea: Councillors Prystanski, Angus, O'Shaughnessy, Phillips, Silva, Deputy Mayor Eadie, Her Worship Mayor Thompson and Councillor Clement. 8

Nay: Councillors Golden, Lazarenko, Lubosch, Murray, Steek, Thomas, Timm-Rudolph and Vandal. 8

and the motion that the clause be filed was declared lost in accordance with Rule 58 of the Procedure By-law.

The motion proposed by Councillors Timm-Rudolph and Thomas was put.

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

Yea: Councillors Golden, Lazarenko, Lubosch, Murray, Steek, Thomas, Timm-Rudolph and Vandal. 8

Nay: Councillors Prystanski, Angus, O'Shaughnessy, Phillips, Silva, Deputy Mayor Eadie, Her Worship Mayor Thompson and Councillor Clement. 8

and the motion proposed by Councillors Timm-Rudolph and Thomas was declared lost in accordance with Rule 58 of the Procedure By-law.

City of Winnipeg Advisory Committee on Aboriginal Affairs Terms of Reference
File CR-4 (Vol. 1)

404 - 3. On April 30, 1997, Council adopted Clause 3 of the Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated April 23, 1997, approving in principle, the establishment of an Advisory Committee on Aboriginal Issues in the City of Winnipeg, and authorizing Her Worship the Mayor (or her designates) to meet with the Aboriginal Council of Winnipeg to negotiate terms of reference, committee structure, and other relevant details for subsequent approval of Council following the conclusion of negotiations.

In June, 1997, Mayor Thompson directed that the Business Liaison and Intergovernmental Affairs Department begin negotiating the Terms of Reference, committee structure and other relevant details of an Advisory Committee on Aboriginal Issues with the Aboriginal Council of Winnipeg. The Terms of Reference outlined on Appendix "A" are the direct result of these negotiations.

The Board of Commissioners had envisioned this development in the "New Directions" reorganization plan. The mandate of the new Business Liaison and Intergovernmental Affairs Department included a staff position designated at that time as a Manager of Aboriginal Affairs.

A part of this person's role would be to facilitate communication and interaction with the aboriginal community in Winnipeg.

On March 20, 1997, Council approved the City's current budget. A line item in the budget provided for the transfer of the Outreach Coordinator position and salary from the Corporate Services Department to the Business Liaison and Intergovernmental Affairs Department. This position has since been renamed the Coordinator of Aboriginal Affairs. A job description and classification for this position is currently ongoing.

The Director of Business Liaison and Intergovernmental Affairs and the Coordinator of Aboriginal Affairs will provide staff support to the Committee on Aboriginal Affairs.

The 1991 Census of Canada estimated the Aboriginal population in Winnipeg as approximating 43,000+ persons. Present indications suggest that the 1996 Census of Canada will estimate an aboriginal population in Winnipeg approximating 60,000 persons or roughly 10 percent of Winnipeg's total population. This represents the highest per capita representation of Aboriginal Peoples in any City in Canada. Winnipeg is often referred to as being the "largest reserve" in Canada.

A closer examination of these statistics reveals an important challenge and opportunity for this City. Up to sixty percent of the Aboriginal population is under the age of 30. The challenge in this will be to prepare these persons for jobs and entrepreneurial ventures. The opportunity will be to actualize the unique creativity, ingenuity and resourcefulness of these same people.

Meanwhile, the appearance of street gangs and the alienation of youth generally, must be dealt with. Aboriginal youth, in particular, are struggling with anti-social behaviour patterns. The Advisory Committee on Aboriginal Issues will facilitate the direct participation of aboriginal leadership working with non-aboriginal leadership in identifying solutions and creating the jobs and business opportunities that are required over the short and long term.

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Plan Winnipeg speaks to increasing the participation of Aboriginal Peoples in the mainstream of social and economic development in Winnipeg as well as to encouraging their representation on Civic Boards and Committees.

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That the Terms of Reference as outlined in Appendix "A" for the City of Winnipeg Committee on Aboriginal Affairs be adopted by Council.

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

For the information of Council, an amount of $15,000.00 has been identified for this Committee's utilization in fiscal year 1998.

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

Adopted by consent.

REPORT OF THE

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

DATED MARCH 11, 1998

On motion of Her Worship Mayor Thompson, the Report of the Executive Policy Committee, dated March 11, 1998, was considered clause by clause.

Moved by Her Worship Mayor Thompson,
That the Consent Agenda, Clauses 1 and 2 be adopted.

Carried.

Date of Tax Sale Number 103
File FL-2.4 (Vol. 13)

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

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That the next City of Winnipeg Tax Sale (Tax Sale No. 103) be held on November 18, 1998, for lands which are in arrears of taxes for any part of 1996, plus 1997 and 1998.

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

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

Adopted by consent.

Land Dedication Reserve Expenditure - Carroll Road Park - Assiniboia Community File EP-2 (Vol. 24)

406 - 2. The Executive Policy Committee has been advised by the Assiniboia Community that when St. James School Division sold the former Columbus School property to a developer, it had been promised that the land dedication from the subsequent subdivision (Columbus Holdings/Greentree Development) would be utilized toward the renovation of Carroll Road Park adjacent to the former school.

The Assiniboia Community has recommended that $31,000.00 be approved from the Assiniboia Land Dedication Reserve Fund for playground redevelopment of Carroll Road Park and for a new pathway leading into the park from Franklin Bay to Carroll Road.

The Executive Policy Committee concurs with the above and recommends that funds in the amount of $31,000.00 be approved from the Assiniboia Community Land Dedication Reserve Fund for the project.

Adopted by consent.

REPORT OF THE

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

DATED MARCH 18, 1998

On motion of Her Worship Mayor Thompson, the Report of the Executive Policy Committee, dated March 18, 1998, was considered clause by clause.

Moved by Her Worship Mayor Thompson,
That the Consent Agenda, Clauses 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10 and 11 be adopted.

Councillor Murray requested that Clauses 2 and 10 be pulled from the Consent Agenda.

Councillor Golden requested that Clause 3 be pulled from the Consent Agenda.

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

407 - Councillor Golden asked to be recorded as having voted against Clause 6, in accordance with Rule 50.7 of the Procedure By-law.

The motion to adopt the Consent Agenda, Clauses 1,4,6,7,8,9 and 11 was put and declared carried.

Approval to Acquire System Software Products File GK-3.2 (Vol. 6)

408 - 1. The Executive Policy Committee has been advised that CA-Telon, an enterprise system software online application development product, and CA-Easytrieve, an enterprise system software application reporting product, were acquired in 1985. In 1993, due to budget constraints, the City discontinued the maintenance contract for Telon and Easytrieve. Perpetual licence rights allowed the City to continue using these products, but vendor support services and product upgrades were no longer available. In 1997, Year 2000 planning identified the need to upgrade these products to year 2000 compliant versions. Computer Associates was contacted to discuss options to obtain the new versions of Telon and Easytrieve.

New versions of Telon and Easytrieve are required to implement Year 2000 fixes in the City's core computer applications. These applications include Assessment, Tax, Hydro and Water Billing, Financial Management, Payroll, Parking Tickets, and others. Since Telon and Easytrieve were used to develop these systems, no other products can meet the City's requirements. Computer Associates has the necessary resources to perform the contract in accordance with the City's requirements. There are no sub-contractors. Telon and Easytrieve can only be obtained from Computer Associates.

Computer Associates has proposed a three year Enterprise Licence agreement for $486,086 plus tax over three years. The Enterprise Licence agreement includes product use, maintenance, enhancements, and support of Telon and Easytrieve, plus three other Computer Associates products currently licenced by the City. This proposal is less costly than the single year purchase price of $547,670 plus tax for Telon and Easytrieve. The Enterprise Licence agreement will save the City $449,917 when compared to a single year purchase plus annual maintenance fees.

New versions of Telon and Easytrieve are urgently required to keep the City's core computer applications functioning past year 2000.

The City of Winnipeg Purchasing Policy requires that Council approve contracts which commit funds from future budgets.

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That approval be granted to contract a three year Enterprise Licence Agreement with Computer Associates Canada Ltd., to acquire system software products CA-Telon and CA-Easytrieve. The total value of this contract over 3 years is $534,695. After savings, the net cost over 5 years is $326,069. Funding for this acquisition will come from account 01 3377013 552505.

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

Adopted by consent.

Proposed Amendment to Plan Winnipeg By-law No. 5915/92 by redesignating lands located west of Waverley Street and north of the proposed Bishop Grandin Boulevard Extension from an "Industrial" Policy Area to a "Neighbourhood" Policy Area - Assiniboia Community
File EP-1.1 (PW 6/98)

409 - 2. The Executive Policy Committee has been advised that an application to amend Plan Winnipeg has been received on behalf of the owner, Trinity Development Group Inc.

The intention of the applicant is to redevelop this 42 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 independent outlets. From a Plan Winnipeg perspective, there are 2 issues.

The first is whether or not the proposed development constitutes a regional shopping centre. If so, it would be in clear conflict with Plan Winnipeg's intent to limit regional shopping centres to the current six. The scale of the development (approx 500,000 sq. ft.) is similar to shopping centre proportions but the nature of the proposed development is not. That is, it does not propose a contiguous development under one roof and it does not propose a full range of commercial outlets similar to a mall. Essentially, if each of the outlets was developed separately, under independent ownership, there would be no conflict with Plan Winnipeg.

The second issue, from a Plan Winnipeg perspective, is the use of land designated as "Industrial" for commercial purposes. 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 airport-related industrial growth in the north-west quadrant. 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 while maintaining a low absorption rate. That is why a portion of this industrial inventory, the 140 acre Linden Ridge site, was recently redesignated from an "Industrial" policy area to a "Neighbourhood" policy area. It was determined that this would not jeopardize the City's ability to meet the demand for industrial land in the south-west quadrant in the foreseeable future. While this application proposes to remove an additional 43 acres of land from the industrial land inventory, it is supportable for the same reason.

There is no financial impact.

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That the petition to amend Plan Winnipeg By-law No. 5915/92 by redesignating lands located west of Waverley and north of the proposed Bishop Grandin extension, from an "Industrial" policy area to a "Neighbourhood" policy area be approved in accordance with Schedule "A"; and that Council give first reading to the by-law.

II. In accordance with Sections 579(3) and 632 to 645 of The City of Winnipeg Act, Council instruct the Executive Policy Committee to hold a public hearing to consider the Plan Winnipeg Amendment and that a copy of the by-law be forwarded to the Minister for Urban Affairs.

III. That the public hearing on the accompanying rezoning be held by the Assiniboia Community Committee with final approval of the rezoning by-law being given only after the Plan Winnipeg By-law has received third reading.

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

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Moved by Councillor O'Shaughnessy,
Adoption of the clause.

Moved by Councillor Murray,
Seconded by Councillor Vandal,

WHEREAS "Power Centres" can have huge impacts on the retail market and on our ability to "re-urbanize" our City and revitalize downtown retail;

AND WHEREAS the City has a policy on managing regional malls and downtown revitalization that has not contemplated concepts like power centres;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the clause be laid over for 90 days;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development review the zoning by-laws and Plan Winnipeg to assess the impact of "Power Centres" on urban development and the existing retail market and the need for a policy review.

The motion proposed by Councillors Murray and Vandal to refer with instructions was put.

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

Yea: Councillors Lazarenko, Lubosch, Murray, Thomas and Vandal. 5

Nay: Councillors Angus, Golden, O'Shaughnessy, Phillips, Silva, Steek, Timm-Rudolph, Deputy Mayor Eadie, Her Worship Mayor Thompson and Councillor Clement. 10

and the motion to refer with instructions proposed by Councillors Murray and Vandal was declared lost.

The motion for the adoption of the clause was put.

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

Yea: Councillors Angus, Golden, Lazarenko, Lubosch, O'Shaughnessy, Phillips, Silva, Steek, Timm-Rudolph, Vandal, Deputy Mayor Eadie, Her Worship Mayor Thompson and Councillor Clement. 13

Nay: Councillors Murray and Thomas. 2

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

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

Annual Review of New Home Buyers Municipal Tax Assistance Program
File GG-2 (Vol. 23) and FL (Vol. 5)

410 - 3. On March 26, 1997, Council adopted Clause 15 of the Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated March 26, 1997, approving a Municipal Assistance Program for New Home Buyers in Winnipeg from March 26, 1997 to March 25, 1998.

The New Home Buyers Municipal Tax Assistance Program is to be reviewed on an annual basis in order to evaluate the program's impact on the construction of new and infill homes in the City of Winnipeg and to annually analyze the financial implications of the program.

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The following is a brief history of the program:

New Home Buyers Municipal Tax Assistance Program Objectives:

- To increase the number of single family housing starts in Winnipeg both in real terms and as a proportion of starts in the Capital Region
- To ensure that the trend toward increased housing starts in 1997 is enhanced and sustained into subsequent years
- To encourage expansion of the long term residential assessment base of Winnipeg

Initial Program Financial Information Assumptions:

- forecast of 800 starts irrespective of program start up
- assumed 300 additional starts directly attributable to program
- each annual 300 incremental starts per year generates an additional $611,400 in revenue per year based on the 1996 mill rate
- the 1,500 incremental units generated in the five year program generates additional revenues of $3,057,000 in perpetuity
- program cost in year one for 1,100 units (800 base plus 300 incremental) is $2,200,000 program cost in year two is $3,300,000 ($2,200,000 plus $1,100,000)
- program cost in year three is $3,850,000 ($2,200,000 plus $1,100,000 plus $550,000)
- 300 incremental starts cost $3,850,000 in rebates and generates $611,400 in revenue.
- program payouts will last 7 years)
- Payback occurs in year 10 or 2007 (three years after program expires, present value not considered)

Year One Program Statistics

Payments made from the Mill Rate Stabilization Fund for the program as of December 31, 1997 were $110,073 on 119 applications. The 119 applications translate to a thirty-six month liability of $394,675. Nine applications were approved as infill with a commitment of $41,958 while 110 applications were for new housing with a financial commitment of $352,717. The average municipal tax rebate for infill housing was $4,662 over thirty-six months while the average for new homes was $3,206. An additional 225 applications are currently being processed. Experience now shows us that the maximum total rebate is almost being paid out for both infill and new housing.

The municipal property tax assistance is paid out in the following ways:

- by cheque if the property taxes have already been paid for the year
- as a reduction in the statement of adjustment sent out when the building has not been assessed
- a direct credit on the property tax bill

Approximately 35% of the homes projected to be sold in year one of the program have submitted applications. The percent of applications submitted to date would seem to reflect that the current marketing strategy is not effective enough.

The Tax Branch will make all those eligible aware of the program by sending out an application with the statement of adjustment or property tax bill for all those properties eligible that did not submit an application. Hopefully this strategy will prevent the cashflow for the program becoming too onerous in future years. The City can ill afford to have the majority of the cost of the initial program paid out when the second phase of the program is paying out the bulk of the associated assistance.

There were 731 starts from April 1 to December 31, 1997 in Winnipeg. The projected cost of the program for these starts will approximate $2,500,000. Starts projected for the first quarter of 1998 push the April 1, 1997 to March 31, 1998 projected starts to 950 which would result in an annual program cost of approximately $3,300,000 or almost a 1% tax increase over the program payout period.

Year One Program Cashflow Implications

The present value of the estimated payout of $3,300,000 for year one of the program (assuming that the municipal tax assistance is paid out over three years at $1.9 million in year one, $900,000 in year two, and 500,000 in year three) is $3,013,270. A rate of return of 6% was used. Incremental municipal taxation of $300,000 for 50 years

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has a present value of $4,728,558. A rate of return of 6% was used. 50 years was used as the typical life of a home in this example. The net benefit is $1,715,288, but taxpayers are immediately subsidizing a long term revenue stream.

Although the New Home Buyers Municipal Tax Assistance Program has only been in effect for 11 months the Business Liaison and Intergovernmental Affairs Department does not support its continuation in its present form. Although this type of program, for a variety of reasons, typically needs at least three years to be able to evaluate success, the Department does not believe that the City is in a financial position to continue implementation. The program did not change the portion of municipal starts relative to overall starts in Winnipeg and the surrounding R.M.'s (the percent of Winnipeg starts actually decreased 1997 - 76%, 1996 - 81% while starts in the surrounding R.M.'s increased from 19% in 1996 to 24% in 1997 - see Table I). The R.M. of Richot had 48 starts in 1997 but the number in Table I has been adjusted in an attempt to account for flood related starts.

The Department believes that the increase in starts from 681 in 1996 to 892 in 1997 was primarily attributable to economic performance, combined with the lowest available interest rates in over thirty years, rather than the impact of any incentive - municipal, provincial, or builder. This statement is inherently difficult to quantify as new home buyers were not asked what the main reasons that a new home purchase was made. While attractive to the new home purchaser, it is not clear what impact incentives have on the decision to buy a new or used home. The home buyer seems to be more affected by interest rates, location, services, modern amenities and warranty. Also, the payback on investment is too long term and that the City is not in an position to offer a potential $5,000 rebate per new home purchased considering that the program cost for 1,100 annual starts, based on the average new home cost of $140,000, approximates $3,850,000.

When trying to logically make a recommendation as whether to continue this program, economic variables, direct and indirect have to be considered.

Previous Municipal Forecast:

Housing starts in Winnipeg increased by 31% over 1996. However, the City of Winnipeg had forecast 800 starts in 1997 based on strong Provincial economic performance. Actual starts in the City of Winnipeg were 892 for 1997 which was 92 starts or 11.5% above forecast. The City is projecting 950 starts for April 1, 1997 to March 31, 1998. The incremental 150 starts over forecast do not meet the anticipated 300 start increase (looking for 1,100 starts during the first year of the program versus a base of 800 starts) anticipated when the program was implemented. This could be attributed to a variety of factors which include, lack of advertising, consumer concern about long term job stability, purchases of this type are typically considered over a long period, say 12 -18 months and the construction season and labour availability being compromised by the 1997 flood. The additional 150 starts above the City start forecast do not warrant supporting the program in its entirety. The incremental starts have a cost of approximately $3,300,000 associated with them or $22,000 per start. Incremental revenues for the 150 incremental starts approximates $300,000 in municipal taxes and the payback is between eleven and twelve years. When taking the present value of expense and revenue streams associated with the projected 950 units started in year one of the program the payback becomes almost eighteen years.

School Tax Collected by the City:

The City collects and keeps the Provincial portion of a tax bill until the home is assessed and put on the municipal roll. The adjustment period before the house is assessed and put on the roll is up to eighteen months for 1997 completions. Increased starts/completions means more revenue for the city during the adjustment period. The incremental starts would translate into additional revenues to the Mill rate Stabilization Fund. The school taxes collected and transferred to the Mill rate Stabilization Fund during the adjustment period would approximate $425,000.

Resale Market:

Resales in all categories over $90,000 increased market share in 1997 versus 1996 which dispels the notion that the New Home Buyers Municipal Tax Assistance Program detracted from sales in theses price categories.

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1997 vs 1996 - Quarterly:

It is interesting to note that there were 161 starts in the first quarter of 1997, an increase of 209% over the 77 starts in the first quarter of 1996. The flood may have played a significant role in the lower percentage increases of the remaining three quarters. The second quarter of 1997 was up 29.6%, the third quarter of 1997 was up 23.5% and the final quarter of 1997 was only up 6.7%.

C.M.H.C. Forecasts:

The Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) forecast for 1998 is 1,200 starts. in the City of Winnipeg and surrounding R.M.'s. The forecast does not represent a significant increase over 1997 actuals. The 1997 forecast was approximately 900 to 950 single detached starts. Actual starts for 1997 were 1,192 an increase 25%-32% over forecast. In 1996 C.M.H.C. forecast 800 starts while actual starts were 838 and in 1995 C.M.H.C. forecast 1,100 starts while actual starts were 840 for Winnipeg and surrounding municipalities. CMHC forecasts did not include Headingley.

Construction Trends:

The 1997 starts in the surrounding R.M.'s, versus starts in Winnipeg were also examined. This data shows development activity comparisons in areas closer to Winnipeg rather than the larger Capital Region. It is assumed that the majority of commuters migrate to Winnipeg from the surrounding municipalities. It is interesting to note that the single detached unit development in the R.M.'s was fairly static until 1997 when starts increased 85% from 166 in 1996 to 307 in 1997 (Headingley has been included for comparative purposes). 1997 represents the largest number of starts in surrounding R.M.'s since 1988. 1997 starts in Winnipeg increased 31% from 681 starts in 1996 to 892 starts in 1997. The Municipal Home Owner Tax Assistance Program did not curb increased development in the surrounding R.M.'s The starts in the surrounding municipalities are also increasing proportionally relative to the remainder of the Capital Region. Historically, the surrounding municipalities have accounted for approximately 40%-45% of starts while in 1997 they accounted for 59% of the starts in the Capital Region.

Housing Affordability Index:

The Housing Affordability Index measures the number of persons currently renting accommodations in Winnipeg that could afford a starter home. As of December 31, 1997, 25,000 renters or 44.2% could afford to purchase a starter home. This is up by 1,600 persons over the first half of 1996. Most of these purchases would be resales but some would be in new developments. The increase in Affordability has not translated into new home sales.

Employment/Unemployment:

Annualized employment in Winnipeg for 1997 was 353,000, an increase of 6,900 jobs or 2.0% over 1996 annualized employment of 343,100. Winnipeg City unemployment dropped from 8.4% in 1996 to 7.5% in 1997.

Demographic:

Generally speaking the economic picture for the City and the Province is bright with forecasts for 1998 and 1999 being positive. Unfortunately this does not translate into housing starts. People are releasing their purchasing power in lower end asset purchases like automobiles, and household goods. It seems consumer confidence is not yet at the level that people are confident enough in their future employment to make a long term financial commitment.

Information on population projections for Winnipeg indicate that demand for additional housing is expected to continue to remain weak due to an aging population and low immigration. Construction will only occur if demand exists and given population trends and consumer confidence, it would seem that demand is not strong even in these times of very low interest rates. Fundamental increases to population, perhaps through immigration would have a more dramatic and sustainable affect on the market.

Demand for Housing:

Downtown vacancy rates have decreased from 8.2% in December, 1996 to 7.9% in December, 1997. Steady declines in mortgage rates in the past year, despite a 1.75% increase in the Bank of Canada rate since October, 1997, have made home ownership more affordable for many of Winnipeg's renters. However, weak demand is

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resulting from a lack of consumer confidence. People are still worried about jobs and salary cut backs. Suburban vacancy rates of 4.3% in December, 1997 were the same as in December, 1996.

A table representing a history of single family housing starts in Winnipeg and surrounding rural municipalities is shown on Schedule "A".

A table representing a history of single family housing starts in Winnipeg and the surrounding Capital Region is shown on Schedule "B". Although the development in the Capital Region seems to be fairly static starts in Winnipeg have been decreasing through to 1996.

Current Inventory

As of December 31, 1997, the City estimates that there are approximately 722 unserviced lots zoned R1 (September 30, 1996 - 491) and an additional 4,259 lots which have received Council approval of block plans of subdivision and will become unserviced R1 lots as soon as a short form subdivision is filled out by the developer (September 30, 1996 - 4,481). These 4,981 unserviced lots are estimated to have a market value of $5,000 each. There has been little change in this inventory.

In addition, there are approximately 1,431 (September 30, 1996 - 1,852) serviced lots zoned R1 which have an estimated market value of $35,000 each as of December 31, 1997. The decrease can be attributed to the increase in City of Winnipeg starts from 681 in 1996 to 892 in 1997.

C.M.H.C. has confirmed that there are approximately 139 unoccupied homes constructed and available for immediate possession in Winnipeg as of January 31, 1998. This represents a 26.8% reduction in the inventory of 190 homes as of January 31, 1997. C.M.H.C. indicates that the average cost of a new home is approximately $140,000.

The 1997 municipal mill rate of 32.966 with 45% portioning is used to calculate the municipal portion of realty tax. The approximate municipal taxes on an unserviced lot valued at $5,000 is $74.17 (1996 - $72.77). The approximate municipal taxes on an serviced lot valued at $35,000 are $519.21 (1996 - $509.37). The approximate municipal taxes on an unoccupied newly constructed single detached housing unit valued at $140,000 are $2,076.86 in 1997.

The Provincial Retail Sales Tax Rebate Program provided up to $2,500 per unit province-wide for first time buyers and has been extended to March 31, 1999. Utilization from April 20, 1994 through to January 31, 1998 in Winnipeg has been 1,200 units for a total of $2.65 million or an average rebate of $2,208.

Other Considerations:

R-2000 Program: The Province of Manitoba through Energy and Mines would like to piggyback on the City program if continued. The premise is that the municipal tax rebate, or portion thereof, would be tied into meeting R-2000 standards. Any additional cost to meet R-2000 standards is recovered in immediate energy savings.

The Business Liaison and Intergovernmental Affairs Department has identified the following options which were referred to the Ad Hoc Committee on Business Liaison for consideration namely:

1) The existing program be extended for another year (March 26, 1998 - March 25, 1999).

2) That the program be discontinued effective March 26, 1998.

3) That a revised program be implemented for March 26, 1998 - March 25, 1999, which would target infill and new construction in the Winnipeg core area (core area to be defined).

4) That a revised program be implemented for March 26, 1998 - March 25, 1999, which would target infill, new construction and condominiums in the Winnipeg core area (core area to be defined).

5) That continuation of the program in any form reduce the overall rebate program by 50% as to reduce the associated financial implications.

6) That the infill program be limited to a defined "core area".

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7) That continuation of the program in any form provide a preferential rebate structure for those new homes meeting R-2000 standards. (100% rebate for R-2000 specifications being met and only a 50% rebate for those properties not meeting R-2000 specifications)

The Ad Hoc Committee on Business Liaison has considered the matter and recommends approval of Option 1 - that the existing New Home Buyers Municipal Tax Assistance Program be extended for another year from March 26, 1998 to March 25, 1999.

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That the recommendation of the Ad Hoc Committee on Business Liaison be concurred in, namely, that the existing New Home Buyers Municipal Tax Assistance Program be extended for another year from March 26, 1998 to March 25, 1999 with a requirement for the home owner to make application under the New Home Buyers Municipal Tax Assistance Program within 60 days of occupancy of the home.

II. That if the existing New Home Buyers Municipal Tax Assistance Program rebate is modified in any manner, all applicants from year one of the program are entitled to the original assistance structure.

III. That any option proposed be reviewed on an annual basis as to assess its effectiveness.

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

Moved by Councillor O'Shaughnessy,
Adoption of the clause.

In amendment,

Moved by Councillor Golden,
Seconded by Councillor Lazarenko,

THAT Recommendation No. I of the clause be amended to include:-

"That the Tax Assistance Program apply to all new owner occupied residences including those constructed in converted industrial and commercial buildings, regardless of the manner of title."

The Speaker called the Deputy Speaker, Councillor Prystanski, to the Chair in order to participate in the debate, and after speaking, resumed the Chair.

Council recessed at 11:59 a.m., and reconvened at 1:30 p.m., same members present.

Councillors Angus, O'Shaughnessy, Steek, Vandal and Her Worship Mayor Thompson entered the meeting after Council had reconvened.

Moved by Councillor Phillips,
That the amendment be referred to the Executive Policy Committee.

The motion to refer the amendment was put.

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

Yea: Councillors Phillips and Silva. 2

Nay: Councillors Prystanski, Angus, Golden, Lazarenko, Lubosch, Murray, O'Shaughnessy, Steek, Thomas, Timm-Rudolph, Vandal, Deputy Mayor Eadie, Her Worship Mayor Thompson and Councillor Clement. 14

and the motion to refer was declared lost.

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The amendment proposed by Councillors Golden and Lazarenko was put.

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

Yea: Councillors Prystanski, Golden, Lazarenko, Lubosch, Murray, O'Shaughnessy, Steek and Vandal. 8

Nay: Councillors Angus, Phillips, Silva, Thomas, Timm-Rudolph, Deputy Mayor Eadie, Her Worship Mayor Thompson and Councillor Clement. 8

and the amendment was declared lost in accordance with Rule 58 of the Procedure By-law.

The motion for the adoption of the clause was put.

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

Yea: Councillors Prystanski, O'Shaughnessy, Phillips, Silva, Steek, Timm-Rudolph, Deputy Mayor Eadie, Her Worship Mayor Thompson and Councillor Clement. 9

Nay: Councillors Angus, Golden, Lazarenko, Lubosch, Murray, Thomas and Vandal. 7

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

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

1998 Civic Election: Advance Voting
File GK-2 (Vol. 24)

411 - 4. The Executive Policy Committee has been advised that Section 89.3.1 of The City of Winnipeg Act states as follows:

Advance polls and mail vote

89.3.1 For the purpose of accommodating electors at an election, the returning officer

(a) shall open and keep open an advance polling place at City Hall, during regular office hours and such other hours as the council may prescribe by by-law, between the last day on which a candidate may withdraw under section 51 of The local Authorities Election Act and the day before election day;

(b) shall open and keep open additional advance polling places at such central locations as the council may prescribe by by-law

(i) on such days other than holidays as may be prescribed by the by-law, between the last day on which a candidate may withdraw under section 51 of The Local Authorities Election Act and the day before election day, and

(ii) during such hours as may be prescribed by the by-law, which shall include 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. on at least one day in the three days before the day preceding election day, and on any other of the three days on which the advance polls are prescribed under the by-law.

With the introduction of automated voting for the 1995 Civic Election, the number of days for advance poll voting was expanded to include an advance poll at City Hall with voting from Monday to Friday from October 2 - 23, 1995. Advance Polls were also held in each of the Community Committee areas from Monday, October 16 to Saturday, October 21. Voter turn out at the City Hall location numbered 2,354 persons and in the community areas, 2,546 persons, for a total of 4900 advance poll voters.

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In an attempt to facilitate voting opportunities for seniors who may have ambulatory or transportation problems, a vote by mail campaign was conducted and moving polls at senior locations were held on Election Day. A total of 8,452 persons voted at the 149 seniors locations as identified on the "Winnipeg Seniors Housing Directory". The moving polls utilized portable ballot boxes which were returned to Election Headquarters where the ballots were fed into automated voting machines and read and compiled at 8:00 p.m. at the poll closing.

For the 1998 Civic Election, it is proposed to visit senior locations in advance of Election Day, and to provide these residents with an opportunity to utilize the automated voting machines. An advance poll will be established at the seniors locations as identified on the "Winnipeg Seniors Housing Directory" with more than 50 residents. It is planned that an advance poll will be held at these locations on one specific day for a period of three hours between October 13 through October 23. The Returning Officer has contacted each of the residences and with their concurrence, arranged a date and time for each poll.

A Vote By Mail campaign will be utilized to facilitate voting at Personal Care Facilities.

Special Hospital polls will be conducted at the eight hospital locations on Election Day, utilizing a portable ballot box.

The Ad Hoc Committee on Election Review therefore recommends the establishment of Advance Polls for the dates, times and locations, as outlined in the Advance Polls By-law.

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That Council enact a By-law with respect to Advance Polls for the 1998 civic election to provide for the establishment of Advance Polls for the dates, times and locations, as outlined in the Advance Polls By-law.

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

Adopted by consent.

City of Winnipeg Fire Fighter Recruitment and Training Policy File GF-1 (Vol. 16)

412 - 5. On March 17, 1997, City Council adopted the 1997-98 budget recommendations contained in the report entitled "Reshaping our Civic Government", wherein the following cost reduction initiative was included:

- *pursue the option of having all fire recruit training done in the Brandon Provincial Facility (Manitoba Emergency Services College) in order that future hiring of graduates from that facility will eliminate the requirement to pay for fire fighters to take basic training.*

On January 12, 1998, the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services passed the following motion:

> "That the Chief Administrative Officer be requested to allow one or two more recruitment classes to provide a full compliment of fire fighters for the Fire Department (Emergency Response Department) in the event that there are insufficient recruits obtained from the City of Brandon's (Manitoba Emergency Services College) training classes."

The 1998 Current Budget allows for the hiring of up to an additional 60 firefighters in 1998.

The current administrative amalgamation of the Fire Department and the Ambulance Department has triggered a review of both entry level and on-going staff training needs of the new Emergency Response Department.

The current Richardson Study of Fire and Ambulance services will likely call for a review of training priorities and standards for the new Emergency Response Department. The report is due in April of this year.

The Winnipeg Hospital Authority will be operational effective April 1, 1998 and will impact on the responsibilities for emergency medical services provided by the City of Winnipeg and therefore the City's training priorities and standards.

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Recruit training by the Manitoba Emergency Services College or equivalent facility avoids the City's current financial burden of paying recruits during the course at a weekly per recruit cost including benefits of $704.00. As an example, a class of 30 for a six week period would cost the City of Winnipeg approximately $126,720.00.

This policy would also shift the initial training obligation from the City as the employer to the recruit as the potential employee, in a similar manner as the obligations of most technical and professional employees of the City of Winnipeg.

1) External Recruit Training

Historically, the City of Winnipeg has conducted its own in-house training of recruits for three basic reasons:

a) *the absence of a viable third party training alternative*

It appears now that the Manitoba Emergency Services College can be a viable alternative to in-house training, particularly recruit training. The College, part of the Office of the Fire Commissioner special operating agency, currently provides training in Fire Fighting Practices, Fire Service Instructor, Public Safety, Rescue, Hazardous Materials, Driver/Operator, Institutional Fire Protection, Fire Officer, Fire Investigation Program, Building Standards and Fire Prevention. The Office of the Fire Commissioner has adopted the National Fire Protection Association for Fire Fighter Professional Qualifications, NFPA 1001, as minimum standards for the delivery and certification in Manitoba. Certified First Responder (or equivalent) training is currently available through Red River Community College or the Manitoba Emergency Services College.

b) *control over the quality of recruits*

The City would continue to have final control over the selection of recruits for City employment, but the selection process would occur after graduation from the Manitoba Emergency Services College. The City of Winnipeg should be able to influence College selection criteria that are consistent with the City's own criteria for final selection of graduates by the City.

c) *control over the content of training programs*

The Fire Chief is currently a member of the Board of the Manitoba Emergency Services College, and Fire Department staff regularly consult with staff of the College. It would be expected that the College would be responsive to the training needs and requests of the City of Winnipeg, given that the College's success and viability will be in part determined by the number of graduates hired by the City of Winnipeg. The Fire Department would continue to conduct a three week orientation course for selected recruits to become familiar with equipment, protocols and procedures.

2) Transition from In-house to College Training

An issue that has emerged during a review of the transition period between the "in-house" training model and the "College" training model involves the potential short-term shortage of graduates from the Manitoba Emergency Services College or equivalent facility. The College has provided a list of graduates for the last three years including 24 who are expected to graduate in the end of March. It should be noted that the majority of the current class at the College are Winnipeg residents. Every effort will be made to review these graduates for consideration for the initial 30 positions to be filled in the first half of 1998. Another 30 positions would be filled in the second half of 1998.

Another issue that has emerged relates to the perceived obligation to a short-list of recruits that were expecting to be part of an "in-house" class when funding became available. Councillors have received numerous calls on this issue and a representation by Mr. David Blair was made to Executive Policy Committee during the 1998 Current Budget deliberations. Many of these individuals have taken courses such as First Responder on their own initiative and after consultation with the Fire Department. It should be noted however that the Fire Department in no way, made representation to any individuals that they were selected for a potential in-house training class.

Given these two issues, it is proposed that an in-house "transition class" be conducted as a bridge in the short term, while arrangements are finalized with the Manitoba Emergency Services College for long term training that meets the city's technical training requirements.

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3) Employment Equity Objectives

The City of Winnipeg Fire Department has been actively pursuing an Employment Equity Policy that attempts to increase the number of Aboriginals, females and visible minorities in its workforce.

Winnipeg Fire Department Employment Equity record is very good compared to comparable Canadian cities. Winnipeg is first in terms of the number of female fire fighters. It is also first in terms of Aboriginal fire fighters. Of the last class of 24 in 1995, 5 were females, 7 were Aboriginal, and 2 were visible minorities.

Therefore, it is further proposed that this "transition class" focus primarily on recruits from these three target groups. But it is further recommended that discussions begin immediately with the Manitoba Emergency Services College to develop a long term strategy to meet the City's needs in this regard; including aggressive recruitment of students, bursary programs and special pre-enrollment skills upgrading courses. The College has, or is able to gain, access to special funding programs either through the Federal or Provincial governments. As well, the City of Winnipeg should be prepared to make funding available through the Winnipeg Development Agreement Program 5C- Employment Equity to accelerate this strategy.

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That a policy be established, as soon as is practicable, that all fire fighter recruits for the City of Winnipeg Fire Department (Emergency Response Department) be required to possess an appropriate Fire Fighter Level II certificate, or equivalency from an accredited Canadian training facility such as the Manitoba Emergency Services College.

II. That the Fire Department (Emergency Response Department) conduct an in-house "transition class" as soon as possible in order to bridge the City's short-term need for recruits that cannot be met by graduates of the Manitoba Emergency Services College.

III. That the demographic make-up of this "transition class" focus on implementation of the employment equity objectives of the City of Winnipeg by targeting Aboriginal, female and visible minority candidates.

IV. That the City of Winnipeg aggressively discuss new programs and program changes, both in content and duration, with the Manitoba Emergency Services College in order to ensure an appropriate quality and number of graduates required by the City of Winnipeg to deliver emergency services to its citizens.

V. That the Manitoba Emergency Services College be made aware of the employment equity objectives of the City of Winnipeg, and that the College be challenged to develop a program strategy that would create a pool of graduates from which the City could recruit to meet those objectives.

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

Moved by Councillor Silva,
Adoption of the clause.

Moved by Councillor Lubosch,
Seconded by Councillor Vandal,

WHEREAS the clause states that:

"The 1998 Current Budget allows for the hiring of up to an additional 60 firefighters in 1998.

The current administrative amalgamation of the Fire Department and the Ambulance Department has triggered a review of both entry level and on-going staff training needs of the new Emergency Response Services Department.

The current Richardson Study of Fire and Ambulance Services will likely call for a review of training priorities and standards for the new Emergency Response Services Department. The report is due in April of this year.

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The Winnipeg Hospital Authority will be operational effective April 1, 1998 and will impact on the responsibilities for emergency medical services provided by The City of Winnipeg and therefore the City's training priorities and standards;"

BE IT RESOLVED that the clause (specifically sub-clauses I, III, IV, and V) be referred to the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services for full review including a cost benefit analysis comparison between The City of Winnipeg Firefighter training program and the optional Manitoba Emergency Services College in Brandon, Manitoba.

In amendment,

Moved by Councillor Murray,
Seconded by Councillor Thomas,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the clause be amended to add the following recommendations:

1. A broader employment policy be developed to ensure Winnipeg citizens have access to employment in the City of Winnipeg Fire Department on at least as equitable a basis as non-resident applicants;

2. A strategy be developed by the City modelled on the recruitment policy of the Winnipeg Police Service to create a Fire Department that better reflects the diverse face of the City and is accessible to citizens of modest means.

The Speaker called Deputy Mayor Eadie to the Chair in order to participate in the debate, and after speaking, resumed the Chair.

The motion proposed by Councillors Lubosch and Vandal to refer with instructions was put.

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

Yea: Councillors Lubosch, Murray, Thomas and Vandal. 4

Nay: Councillors Prystanski, Angus, Golden, Lazarenko, O'Shaughnessy, Phillips, Silva, Steek, Timm-Rudolph, Deputy Mayor Eadie, Her Worship Mayor Thompson and Councillor Clement. 12

and the motion to refer with instructions was declared lost.

The amendment proposed by Councillors Murray and Thomas was put.

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

Yea: Councillors Lazarenko, Lubosch, Murray, Thomas and Vandal. 5

Nay: Councillors Prystanski, Angus, Golden, O'Shaughnessy, Phillips, Silva, Steek, Timm-Rudolph, Deputy Mayor Eadie, Her Worship Mayor Thompson and Councillor Clement. 11

and the amendment proposed by Councillors Murray and Thomas was declared lost.

The motion for the adoption of the clause was put.

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

Yea: Councillors Prystanski, Angus, Golden, Lazarenko, O'Shaughnessy, Phillips, Silva, Steek, Timm-Rudolph, Deputy Mayor Eadie, Her Worship Mayor Thompson and Councillor Clement. 12

Nay: Councillors Lubosch, Murray, Thomas and Vandal. 4

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

Winnipeg Development Agreement Funding Approval For "Portagescape" File FR-3.2(PA-11) (Vol. 1)

413 - 6. The Executive Policy Committee has been advised that CentrePlan's "Portage Avenue Action Team" was formed to implement actions directed at revitalizing Winnipeg's primary avenue. Coriolis Consulting was retained to provide an analysis and strategy for Portage Avenue Revitalization. The recommendations contained in the Coriolis report were endorsed by CentrePlan Committee in May/June of 1997.

As an outgrowth of the Coriolis report the Portage Avenue Property Owners Association (PAPA) was formed in the summer of 1997 to initiate a business promotion, retention and recruitment strategy and to administer a business and storefront improvement program.

On September 24, 1997, City Council approved the allocation of $825,000 from the Winnipeg Development Agreement to an investment fund to be administered by PAPA. Funding from the program is to be matched by property owners at a ratio of at least 1:1 for the improvement of street level interiors and exteriors along Portage Avenue from Spence to Main Street.

To complement these two initiatives on September 26, 1997, PAPA sponsored a design charette for the improvement of the Portage Avenue streetscape which involved representatives of the MAA, MALA and MPPI. One of the outcomes of the process was support of the functional plan option advanced by the City and currently under consideration.

In October, 1997, PAPA hired a coordinator to undertake the business promotion, retention and recruitment component of the Coriolis strategy.

In mid-October, 1997, based on the results of PAPA's design charette and on the functional plan prepared by the City, a preliminary budget estimate of $6 million was prepared for undertaking the project.

Between mid-November, 1997, and early-January, 1998, the City prepared draft terms of reference for the Portagescape project which addressed merchant consultation, preliminary and detailed streetscape design and engineering, cost estimates, construction contract documents and contract administration. A technical steering committee (TSC) was formed with representation from City departments, PAPA, the Portage Avenue Working Group and the Downtown BIZ.

In early January of 1998 CentrePlan Committee recommended approval of funding in the amount of $500,000 towards the project. Subsequently the Executive Policy Committee approved the expenditure of $75,000 from this budget for completing a Traffic Impact Analysis by the end of February. The work was direct-assigned to UMA under the direction of the City's Streets and Transportation Department.

On March 18, 1998, the Executive Policy Committee approved $92,200 plus GST towards Portage Avenue merchant consultation, preliminary design and preliminary cost estimates from the remaining $425,000 in WDA funding recommended by CentrePlan Committee for "Portagescape".

The health of Winnipeg's downtown is a function of the perception of the condition of Portage Avenue, the signature street of the downtown and of the entire City. Much of Portage Avenue has changed from a vibrant commercial centre of activity to an area in decline. Vacant storefronts, deteriorating buildings, and a reduction in pedestrian volumes are some of the symptoms of the decline. As the connector between major downtown department stores and shopping centres, the vitality of Portage Avenue is a critical structural issue which must be addressed.

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Both the Coriolis report and PAPA have identified the following conditions associated with Portage Avenue:

- a street which is neither attractive nor comfortable for pedestrians
- a perceived problem with safety and comfort for pedestrians due to undesirable street activity
- properties being allowed to deteriorate and ineffective marketing efforts
- a high ground floor and upper floor vacancy especially between Hargrave and Fort
- virtually no recent leasing activity and a risk of increasing vacancy
- a substantially eroding City tax base

This proposed streetscaping project is an integral component of a revitalization strategy which has been formulated with and agreed to by PAPA to address these issues. The other components, the storefront improvement investment fund, and the hiring of a co-ordinator to undertake business recruitment, retention, and promotion, have already been approved by City Council.

Portage Avenue must be viewed as an economic asset to the City. The Portage Avenue strategy is the key around which many of the ongoing CentrePlan efforts are organized, including, for example, the entertainment strategy currently being prepared which will have an emphasis on using downtown entertainment as an urban economic development tool. The level of private investment along Portage Avenue and the potential tax base represented by that investment is unique in the City. The erosion of this tax base has been very significant over the last number of years.

PAPA has submitted information indicating that the property tax assessment base, which was about $300,000,000 in 1991, has dropped by over 40% along the portion of Portage Avenue represented by them to about $179,000,000 in 1998. In addition, PAPA has undertaken an analysis of potential business tax from existing vacant space along the avenue. PAPA estimates that there is about 139,500 square feet of ground level space and about 325,000 square feet of upper level space that is vacant. Their analysis has assumed a gross ground level rent of $15.00 and a gross upper level rent of $10.00, which they believe to be reasonable. If these rents were realized, then business tax would increase by about $20,000 for every 10% of ground level space filled and by about $31,000 for every 10% of upper level space filled.

The need to revitalize Portage Avenue is extremely high, not just from the point of view of creating a more pedestrian-friendly environment, but even more so from the point of view of protecting and ultimately rebuilding the City's economic assets downtown. It is crucial, then, that the streetscaping project proceed in a fashion that will have the maximum chance of success.

Under the terms of the Winnipeg Development Agreement, Council is the authority for approving funding for capital projects valued in excess of $100,000.
For the information of Council, Executive Policy Committee has requested the Standing Committee on Fiscal Issues to review the financial implications and alternative funding sources.

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That $330,000 be approved from the Winnipeg Development Agreement "Downtown Revitalization" Program 11 budget towards implementing "Portagescape", a streetscaping project proposed along Portage Avenue between Fort/Notre Dame and St. Mary/Spence.

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

Adopted by consent.

(See Minute No. 407 for opposition recorded by Councillor Golden)

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Alternative Service Delivery Proposal for Primary Material Services
File CR-5 (Vol. 1)

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

On January 28, 1998, Council granted an extension of time of 60 days for further consideration of the matter.

Inasmuch as the Chief Administrative Officer has been requested to provide a detailed analysis and report; and in accordance with Section 61.5 of the Procedure By-law No. 5400/90 as amended, the Executive Policy Committee recommends that Council grant an additional extension of time of 90 days for consideration of this matter.

Adopted by consent.

Subdivision and Rezoning of Land Bounded by the Perimeter Highway on the West, Charleswood Road on the East, the Abandoned CNR Cabot Subdivision (Ridgewood Corridor) on the North and the CNR Mainline/Wilkes Avenue on the South - Assiniboia Community
File DASZ 7/91

415 - 8. Council at its meeting held on December 15, 1993, granted the Executive Policy Committee an extension of time of 120 days to deal with Clause 6 of the Report of the Committee on Planning and Community Services, dated May 11, 1992, relative to the above.

On October 5, 1994, the Executive Policy Committee referred the matter back to the Committee on Planning and Community Services, whereupon the matter was laid over until the September 5, 1995 meeting of the Committee on Planning and Community Services, or until such time as TransPlan 2010 was to be adopted by Council.

On January 28, 1998, Council granted a further extension of time of 60 days inasmuch as it was anticipated that TransPlan 2010 would be completed in the near future

Inasmuch as TransPlan 2010 is near completion, and in accordance with Section 61.5 of the Procedure By-law No. 5400/90 as amended, the Executive Policy Committee recommends that Council grant a further extension of time of 90 days for consideration of this matter.

Adopted by consent.

Agreement with Rogers Cantel Inc. regarding Cellular Telephone Service in Police Response Units to improve Efficiency and Police Service
File GF-2 (Vol. 49)

416 - 9. On January 28, 1998, Council referred back Clause 9 of the Report of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services dated January 12, 1998 for further consideration. On February 4, 1998, the Executive Policy Committee referred the matter to the Chief Administrative Officer for report back.

On February 18, 1998, the Executive Policy Committee laid over and referred the matter to the Standing Committee on Fiscal Issues for review, and directed that the Chief of Police be requested to be in attendance when the matter is considered in order to provide additional information.

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On March 2, 1998 the Standing Committee on Fiscal Issues considered an administrative report dated February 25, 1998 and concurred in the recommendation contained therein and therefore recommended that Clause 9 of the Report of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services dated January 12, 1998 be amended by withdrawing reference in Recommendation I. to authorization of the Chief of Police to enter into a minimal cost Agreement with Rogers Cantel Inc.

Inasmuch as the Executive Policy Committee has requested the Chief Administrative Officer to report back on a policy regarding acceptable and non acceptable coverage of corporate sponsorships, and in accordance with Section 61.5 of the Procedure By-law No. 5400/90 as amended, the Executive Policy Committee recommends that Council grant an extension of time of 60 days for consideration of this matter.

Adopted by consent.

Installation of Metered Parking on Portage Avenue File ST-2 (Vol. 21)

417 - 10. On February 18, 1998, the Executive Policy Committee laid over Clause 10 of the Report of the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works dated February 10, 1998.

In accordance with Section 61.5 of the Procedure By-law No. 5400/90 as amended, the Executive Policy Committee recommends that Council grant an extension of time of 60 days for consideration of this matter.

Moved by Councillor Timm-Rudolph,
Adoption of the clause.

Carried.

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

418 - 11. On January 25, 1995, Council adopted Clause 20 of the Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated January 18, 1995, approving the new terms of Reference for the Access Advisory Committee including the composition of said Committee as follows:

- two members from City Council
- eight members with disabilities
- two members who may or may not have a disability, but are interested in access issues
- the Mayor as an ex-officio member

Council, at its organizational meeting held on November 5, 1997, referred the appointment of 5 citizen members to the Access Advisory Committee for a 2 year term expiring December 31, 1999 to the Selection Committee.

On January 28, 1998, Council approved the appointment of the following citizen members to the Access Advisory Committee for a two year term to expire on December 31, 1999:

Diane E. Caley
Marilyn Hendzel
David Lloyd Rapson
Ms. Theresa Anne Swedick

The Executive Policy Committee recommendations that Lloyd Terry be appointed to fill the one remaining vacancy on the Access Advisory Committee for a two year term to expire on December 31, 1999 and submits this appointment to Council for adoption.

Adopted by consent.

REPORT OF THE

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

DATED MARCH 25, 1998

Moved by Her Worship Mayor Thompson,

That the rule be suspended to allow consideration of the Report of the Executive Policy Committee, dated March 25, 1998.

The motion to suspend the rule was put.

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

Yea: Councillors Prystanski, Angus, Lazarenko, O'Shaughnessy, Phillips, Silva, Steek, Timm-Rudolph, Deputy Mayor Eadie, Her Worship Mayor Thompson and Councillor Clement. 11

Nay: Councillors Murray, Thomas and Vandal. 3

and the motion to suspend the rule was declared carried.

1998 Business Tax Rate
File FL-1 (Vol. 10)

419 - 1. On March 12, 1998, Council froze the 1998 Business Tax rate at 9.75%, keeping the rate at its 1996 level.

The amount to be raised from 1998 Business Tax as indicated in the 1998 current budget estimates is $47.55 million. Holding the rate at 9.75% will be adequate to support the budget requirements as well as provide a significant allowance to be set aside for assessment appeals and Business Tax write-offs.

The City Assessor forecasts a Business Assessment Roll with a projected annual rental value of $555 million with approximately 85% of the roll complete. The remaining 15% to be done resides primarily in the core area which in this reassessment is experiencing a reduction from former assessed values. Therefore, it can be anticipated that the $555 million forecast will be reduced somewhat.

Additionally, appeals on 1998 Business Assessment have yet to be filed and heard and therefore cannot be quantified at this time. As mentioned earlier, a significant allowance should be set aside for this purpose as well as an increased allowance for movement of business and business closing. This is based on the 1997 experience. There is also a need for an allowance for write-off on uncollectible Business Tax.

Section 180(2) of the City of Winnipeg Act provides that the City of Winnipeg may by by-law prescribe the annual rate of Business Tax to be levied, not exceeding 15% of the annual rental value of any premises.

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That Council approve by by-law, a 1998 Business Tax Rate of 9.75%.

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

Moved by Councillor Angus,

Adoption of the clause.

Carried.

Councillor Thomas asked to be recorded as having voted against the clause, in accordance with Rule 50.7 of the Procedure By-law.

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1998 School Tax Levies and Mill Rates
File FL-3 (Vol. 10)

420 - 2. The Executive Policy Committee has been advised that in order to comply with the requirements of The Public Schools Act, Schedules “A”, “B”, “C” and “D” being submitted are pertinent to the subject by-law and include information in comparison with that for the prior year.

The amounts required to be raised by Council include the City's share of the Province's Education Support Program, and the additional requirements of the twelve School Divisions which serve Winnipeg - such additional requirements ("special levies") representing portions of their costs which have been determined to be entirely the City's responsibility to collect, i.e. those parts of a school division's expenditures which do not qualify for Provincial government assistance under its province-wide support Program.

Some of the more significant results of the provisions for provincial/municipal sharing of school costs in 1998 as they apply to Winnipeg are hereunder itemized:

(1) Property taxes for school levies in Winnipeg will total $356,771,022 in 1998 which is $537,402 or 0.2% more than in 1997.

(2) The Provincial Education Support Levy for residential property owners increased by $445,483 resulting in a 0.7% increase.

(3) The Provincial Education Support Levy for non-residential property owners has decreased by $4,636,557 resulting in a 6.7% decrease in the levy.

(4) The City's twelve School Divisions' Special Levy requirements total $232,016,164, an increase of $4,728,476, and range from a decrease of 1.7% in Norwood School Division Number 8, to an increase of 9.6% in Seine River School Division Number 14. In 1998, the comparison between the 1997 and 1998 mill rates would not provide meaningful information as the reassessment in 1998 changes the reference year the assessment values are based on from 1991 to 1995.

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That in compliance with the mandatory provisions of The Public Schools Act, Council pass the by-law required to fix and impose taxes sufficient to meet that portion of the cost of education that is to be raised through levies on assessable property within the City of Winnipeg in 1998 as outlined in Schedule “A”.

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

Moved by Councillor Angus,
Adoption of the clause.

Carried.

(See Minute No. 490 for attachments)

Exchange District Business Improvement Zone - Proposed Program, Zone Levy and Budget Estimates - 1998
File FL-7.1 (Vol. 3)

421 - 3. The City of Winnipeg Act CAP 10 S.M. 1989-90 Subsection 200(8) and Subsection 200(6) states the following:

“Approval of estimates.
200(8) Subject to Subsection (6), Council may pass a By-law approving all or part of the Board's proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates and, upon that approval, may direct the payment to the Board or on behalf of the Board of an amount not exceeding the amount approved.

Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated March 25, 1998

Notice of objection.

200(6) Council shall not approve the Board's proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates, if written notice of objection is received from one third of the businesses in the zone that represent one third of the total business assessment in the zone."

In addition By-law No. 5081/89 Section 17(7) states in part the following:

"...Council may pass a By-law approving all or part of the Board's proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates and, upon that approval, may direct the payment to the Board or on behalf of the Board of an amount not exceeding the amount approved, such payment to be made in accordance with the following schedule, except as provided in subsection (10):

(a) 75% of the approved budget on June 30;
(b) 15% of the approved budget on August 31;
(c) 10% of the approved budget on October 31."

On January 25, 1989, Council adopted By-law No. 5081/89, being a By-law of The City of Winnipeg to designate a Business Improvement Zone to be known as the "Exchange District Business Improvement Zone" and to establish a Management Board for the Zone.

The Annual General Meeting for the Exchange District Business Improvement Zone was held on October 22, 1997, at which time the 1998 program and budget estimates were approved in accordance with By-law No. 5081/89.

On December 9, 1997, the City Centre Community Committee passed the following motion:

"WHEREAS a public meeting to review the proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates for the Exchange District Business Improvement Zone was duly advertised in The Winnipeg Free Press and The Winnipeg Sun on November 24, 1997, in accordance with Section 17 of By-law No. 5081/89;

AND WHEREAS no objections were received in respect to the Board's proposals;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Centre Community Committee unanimously recommends to Executive Policy Committee that the proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates for the Exchange District Business Improvement Zone, as adopted, be ratified by Executive Policy Committee and City Council."

Council adopted the Executive Policy Committee's recommendation of the proposed 1998 program, zone levy and budget estimates for the Exchange District Business Improvement Zone on January 28, 1998.

As the Exchange District Business Improvement Zone has complied with both the legislation and the By-law governing the budget processes, it is now left to Council to pass a By-law approving all or part of the Board's proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates.

The 1998 business assessment roll's annual rental value for the Exchange District Business Improvement Zone is $19,667,889. The proposed budget and zone levy of the zone is $205,000. The zone levy rate which will be applied to the annual rental value of individual properties in the zone is 1.042%.

The following table provides information on the changes in the zone. The 1998 annual rental value is a projected figure.

	Budget/Zone Levy	A.R.V.	Zone Levy Rate
1997	$205,500	$18,262,512	1.125%
1998	$205,000	$19,667,889	1.042%
% Change	-0.2	+7.7	-7.4

Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated March258, 1998

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That the By-law approving the Exchange District Business Improvement Zone Management Board's program, zone levy and budget estimates be passed by Council.

II. That the zone levy rate to be applied to the annual rental value (A.R.V.) of individual properties in the Exchange District Business Improvement Zone be 1.042%.

III. That Council direct the City Treasurer to make payment to the Board in accordance with the following schedule:

(a) 75% of the approved budget on June 30;
(b) 15% of the approved budget on August 31;
(c) 10% of the approved budget on October 31.

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

Moved by Deputy Mayor Eadie,
Adoption of the clause.

Carried.

Corydon Avenue Business Improvement Zone - Proposed Program, Zone Levy and Budget Estimates - 1998
File FL-7.2 (Vol. 4)

422 - 4. The City of Winnipeg Act CAP 10 S.M. 1989-90 Subsection 200(8) and Subsection 200(6) states the following:

"Approval of estimates.
200(8) Subject to Subsection (6), Council may pass a By-law approving all or part of the Board's proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates and, upon that approval, may direct the payment to the Board or on behalf of the Board of an amount not exceeding the amount approved.

Notice of objection.
200(6) Council shall not approve the Board's proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates, if written notice of objection is received from one third of the businesses in the zone that represent one third of the total business assessment in the zone."

In addition By-law No. 5378/90 Section 17(7) states in part the following:

"...Council may pass a By-law approving all or part of the Board's proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates and, upon that approval, may direct the payment to the Board or on behalf of the Board of an amount not exceeding the amount approved, such payment to be made in accordance with the following schedule, except as provided in subsection (10):

(a) 75% of the approved budget on June 30;
(b) 15% of the approved budget on August 31;
(c) 10% of the approved budget on October 31."

On March 7, 1990, Council adopted By-law No. 5378/90, being a By-law of The City of Winnipeg to designate a Business Improvement Zone to be known as the "Corydon Avenue Business Improvement Zone" and to establish a Management Board for the Zone.

The Annual General Meeting for the Corydon Avenue Business Improvement Zone was held on October 21, 1997, at which time the 1998 program and budget estimates were approved in accordance with By-law No. 5378/90.

Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated March258, 1998

On December 9, 1997, the City Centre Community Committee passed the following motion:

> "WHEREAS a public meeting to review the proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates for the Corydon Avenue Business Improvement Zone was duly advertised in The Winnipeg Free Press and The Winnipeg Sun on November 24, 1997, in accordance with Section 17 of By-law No. 5378/90;
>
> AND WHEREAS no objections were received in respect to the Board's proposals;
>
> NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Centre Community Committee unanimously recommends to Executive Policy Committee that the proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates for the Corydon Avenue Business Improvement Zone, as adopted, be ratified by Executive Policy Committee and City Council."

Council adopted the Executive Policy Committee's recommendation of the proposed 1998 program, zone levy and budget estimates for the Corydon Avenue Business Improvement Zone on January 28, 1998.

As the Corydon Avenue Business Improvement Zone has complied with both the legislation and the By-law governing the budget processes, it is now left to Council to pass a By-law approving all or part of the Board's proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates.

The 1998 business assessment roll's annual rental value for the Corydon Avenue Business Improvement Zone is $2,934,227. The proposed budget and zone levy of the zone is $92,800. The zone levy rate which will be applied to the annual rental value of individual properties in the zone is 3.163%.

The following table provides information on the changes in the zone. The 1998 annual rental value is a projected figure.

	Budget/Zone Levy	A.R.V.	Zone Levy Rate
1997	$73,450	$2,753,440	2.668%
1998	$92,800	$2,934,227	3.163%
% Changes	+26.3	+6.6	+18.6

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That the By-law approving the Corydon Avenue Business Improvement Zone Management Board's program, zone levy and budget estimates be passed by Council.

II. That the zone levy rate to be applied to the annual rental value (A.R.V.) of individual properties in the Corydon Avenue Business Improvement Zone be 3.163%.

III. That Council direct the City Treasurer to make payment to the Board in accordance with the following schedule:

(a) 75% of the approved budget on June 30;
(b) 15% of the approved budget on August 31;
(c) 10% of the approved budget on October 31.

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

Moved by Deputy Mayor Eadie,
Adoption of the clause.

Carried.

Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated March258, 1998

Osborne Village Business Improvement Zone - Proposed Program, Zone Levy and Budget Estimates - 1998
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423 - 5. The City of Winnipeg Act CAP 10 S.M. 1989-90 Subsection 200(8) and Subsection 200(6) states the following:

> "Approval Of Estimates.
> 200(8) Subject to Subsection (6), Council may pass a By-law approving all or part of the Board's proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates and, upon that approval, may direct the payment to the Board or on behalf of the Board of an amount not exceeding the amount approved.
>
> Notice Of Objection.
> 200(6) Council shall not approve the Board's proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates, if written notice of objection is received from one third of the businesses in the zone that represent one third of the total business assessment in the zone."

In addition By-law No. 5322/89 Section 17/(7) states in part the following:

> "...Council may pass a By-law approving all or part of the Board's proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates and, upon that approval, may direct the payment to the Board or on behalf of the Board of an amount not exceeding the amount approved, such payment to be made in accordance with the following schedule, except as provided in subsection (10):
>
> (a) 75% of the approved budget on June 30;
> (b) 15% of the approved budget on August 31;
> (c) 10% of the approved budget on October 31."

On December 20, 1989, Council adopted By-law No. 5322/89, being a By-law of The City of Winnipeg to designate a Business Improvement Zone to be known as the "Osborne Village Business Improvement Zone" and to establish a Management Board for the Zone.

The Annual General Meeting for the Osborne Village Business Improvement Zone was held on October 23, 1997, at which time the proposed 1998 program and budget estimates were approved in accordance with By-law No. 5322/89.

On December 9, 1997, the City Centre Community Committee passed the following motion:

> "WHEREAS a public meeting to review the proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates for the Osborne Village Business Improvement Zone was duly advertised in The Winnipeg Free Press and The Winnipeg Sun on November 24, 1997, in accordance with Section 17 of By-law No. 5322/89;
>
> AND WHEREAS no objections were received in respect to the Board's proposals;
>
> NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Centre Community Committee unanimously recommends to Executive Policy Committee that the proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates for the Osborne Village Business Improvement Zone, as adopted, be ratified by Executive Policy Committee and City Council."

Council adopted the Executive Policy Committee's recommendation of the proposed 1998 program, zone levy and budget estimates for the Osborne Village Business Improvement Zone on January 28, 1998.

As the Osborne Village Business Improvement Zone has complied with both the legislation and the By-law governing the budget processes, it is now left to Council to pass a By-law approving all or part of the Board's proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates.

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The 1998 business assessment roll's annual rental value for the Osborne Village Business Improvement Zone is $3,775,746. The proposed budget of the zone is $93,150. The zone has requested a levy of $91,550. The zone levy rate which will be applied to the annual rental value of individual properties in the zone is 2.425%.

The following table provides information on the changes in the zone. The 1998 annual rental value is a projected figure.

	Budget	Zone Levy	A.R.V.	Zone Levy Rate
1997	$82,870	$70,270	$3,501,120	2.007%
1998	$93,150	$91,550	$3,775,746	2.425%
% Change	+12.4	+30.3	+7.8	+20.8

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That the By-law approving the Osborne Village Business Improvement Zone Management Board's program, zone levy and budget estimates be passed by Council.

II. That the zone levy rate to be applied to the annual rental value (A.R.V.) of individual properties in the Osborne Village Business Improvement Zone be 2.425%.

III. That Council direct the City Treasurer to make payment to the Board in accordance with the following schedule:

(a) 75% of the approved budget on June 30;
(b) 15% of the approved budget on August 31;
(c) 10% of the approved budget on October 31.

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

Moved by Deputy Mayor Eadie,
Adoption of the clause.

Carried.

Downtown Winnipeg Business Improvement Zone - Proposed Program, Zone Levy and Budget Estimates - 1998
File FL-7.4 (Vol. 6)

424 - 6. The City of Winnipeg Act CAP 10 S.M. 1989-90 Subsection 200(8) and Subsection 200(6) states the following:

"Approval of estimates.
200(8) Subject to Subsection (6), Council may pass a By-law approving all or part of the Board's proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates and, upon that approval, may direct the payment to the Board or on behalf of the Board of an amount not exceeding the amount approved.

Notice of Objection.
200(6) Council shall not approve the Board's proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates, if written notice of objection is received from one third of the businesses in the zone that represent one third of the total business assessment in the zone."

In addition By-law No. 5080/89 Section 17(7) states in part the following:

"...Council may pass a By-law approving all or part of the Board's proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates and, upon that approval, may direct the payment to the Board or on behalf of the Board of an amount not exceeding the amount approved, such payment to be made in accordance with the following schedule, except as provided in subsection (10):

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(a) 75% of the approved budget on June 30;
(b) 15% of the approved budget on August 31;
(c) 10% of the approved budget on October 31.

On January 25, 1989, Council adopted By-law No. 5080/89, being a By-law of The City of Winnipeg to designate a Business Improvement Zone to be known as the "Downtown Winnipeg Business Improvement Zone" and to establish a Management Board for the Zone.

The Annual General Meeting for the Downtown Winnipeg Business Improvement Zone was held on October 23, 1997, at which time the proposed 1998 program and budget estimates were approved in accordance with By-law No. 5080/89.

On December 9, 1997, the City Centre Community Committee passed the following motion:

> "WHEREAS a public meeting to review the proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates for the Downtown Winnipeg Business Improvement Zone was duly advertised in The Winnipeg Free Press and The Winnipeg Sun on November 24, 1997, in accordance with Section 17 of By-law No. 5080/89;
>
> AND WHEREAS no objections were received in respect to the Board's proposals;
>
> NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Centre Community Committee unanimously recommends to Executive Policy Committee that the proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates for the Downtown Winnipeg Business Improvement Zone, as adopted, be ratified by Executive Policy Committee and City Council."

Council adopted the Executive Policy Committee's recommendation of the proposed 1998 program, zone levy and budget estimates for the Downtown Winnipeg Business Improvement Zone on January 28, 1998.

As the Downtown Winnipeg Business Improvement Zone has complied with both the legislation and the By-law governing the budget processes, it is now left to Council to pass a By-law approving all or part of the Board's proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates.

The 1998 business assessment roll's annual rental value for the Downtown Winnipeg Business Improvement Zone is $94,346,577. The proposed budget of the zone is $1,034,265. The zone has requested a levy of $841,494. The zone levy rate which will be applied to the annual rental value of individual properties in the zone is 0.892%.

The following table provides information on the changes in the zone. The 1998 annual rental value is a projected figure.

	Budget	Zone Levy	A.R.V.	Zone Levy Rate
1997	$1,094,796	$813,200	$91,745,950	0.886%
1998	$1,034,265	$841,494	$94,346,577	0.892%
% Change	-5.5	+3.5+2.8	+0.6	

Appendix "A" illustrates the 1997 to 1998 comparison of the budget, zone levy, annual rental value (A.R.V.) and zone levy rates for each of the 15 Business Improvement Zones.

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That the By-law approving the Downtown Winnipeg Business Improvement Zone Management Board's program, zone levy and budget estimates be passed by Council.

II. That the zone levy rate to be applied to the annual rental value (A.R.V.) of individual properties in the Downtown Winnipeg Business Improvement Zone be 0.892%.

III. That Council direct the City Treasurer to make payment to the Board in accordance with the following schedule:

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(a) 75% of the approved budget on June 30;
(b) 15% of the approved budget on August 31;
(c) 10% of the approved budget on October 31.

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

Moved by Deputy Mayor Eadie,
Adoption of the clause.

Carried.

Selkirk Avenue Business Improvement Zone - Proposed Program, Zone Levy and Budget Estimates - 1998
File FL-7.5 (Vol. 2)

425 - 7. The City of Winnipeg Act CAP 10 S.M. 1989-90 Subsection 200(8) and Subsection 200(6) states the following:

"Approval of estimates.
200(8) Subject to Subsection (6), Council may pass a By-law approving all or part of the Board's proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates and, upon that approval, may direct the payment to the Board or on behalf of the Board of an amount not exceeding the amount approved.

Notice of objection.
200(6) Council shall not approve the Board's proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates, if written notice of objection is received from one third of the businesses in the zone that represent one third of the total business assessment in the zone."

In addition By-law No. 5770/91 Section 17(7) states in part the following:

"...Council may pass a By-law approving all or part of the Board's proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates and, upon that approval, may direct the payment to the Board or on behalf of the Board of an amount not exceeding the amount approved, such payment to be made in accordance with the following schedule, except as provided in subsection (10):

(a) 75% of the approved budget on June 30;
(b) 15% of the approved budget on August 31;
(c) 10% of the approved budget on October 31."

On September 25, 1991, Council adopted By-law No. 5770/91, being a By-law of The City of Winnipeg to designate a Business Improvement Zone to be known as the "Selkirk Avenue Business Improvement Zone" and to establish a Management Board for the Zone.

The Annual General Meeting for the Selkirk Avenue Business Improvement Zone was held on October 28, 1997, at which time the 1998 program and budget estimates were approved in accordance with By-law No. 5770/91.

On December 9, 1997, the Lord Selkirk - West Kildonan Community Committee passed the following motion:

WHEREAS a public meeting to review the proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates for the Selkirk Avenue Business Improvement Zone was duly advertised in The Winnipeg Free Press and The Winnipeg Sun on Tuesday, November 21, 1997, in accordance with Section 17 of By-law No. 5770/91;

AND WHEREAS no objections were received in respect to the Board's proposals;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lord Selkirk-West Kildonan Community Committee unanimously recommends to Executive Policy Committee that the proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates for the Selkirk Avenue Business Improvement Zone, as adopted, be ratified by Executive Policy Committee and City Council."

Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated March258, 1998

Council adopted the Executive Policy Committee's recommendation of the proposed 1998 program, zone levy and budget estimates for the Selkirk Avenue Business Improvement Zone on January 28, 1998.

As the Selkirk Avenue Business Improvement Zone has complied with both the legislation and the By-law governing the budget processes, it is now left to Council to pass a By-law approving all or part of the Board's proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates.

The 1998 business assessment roll's annual rental value for the Selkirk Avenue Business Improvement Zone is $1,270,168. The proposed budget and zone levy of the zone is $20,800. The zone levy rate which will be applied to the annual rental value of individual properties in the zone is 1.638%.

The following table provides information on the changes in the zone. The 1998 annual rental value is a projected figure.

	Budget/Zone Levy	A.R.V.	Zone Levy Rate
1997	$20,800	$1,166,580	1.783%
1998	$20,800	$1,270,168	1.638%
% Change	0	+8.9	-8.2

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That the By-law approving the Selkirk Avenue Business Improvement Zone Management Board's program, zone levy and budget estimates be passed by Council.

II. That the zone levy rate to be applied to the annual rental value (A.R.V.) of individual properties in the Selkirk Avenue Business Improvement Zone be 1.638%.

III. That Council direct the City Treasurer to make payment to the Board in accordance with the following schedule:

(a) 75% of the approved budget on June 30;
(b) 15% of the approved budget on August 31;
(c) 10% of the approved budget on October 31.

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

Moved by Deputy Mayor Eadie,
Adoption of the clause.

Carried.

Norwood Grove Business Improvement Zone - Proposed Program, Zone Levy and Budget Estimates - 1998
File FL-7.6 (Vol. 2)

426 - 8. The City of Winnipeg Act CAP 10 S.M. 1989-90 Subsection 200(8) and Subsection 200(6) states the following:

"Approval of estimates.
200(8) Subject to Subsection (6), Council may pass a By-law approving all or part of the Board's proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates and, upon that approval, may direct the payment to the Board or on behalf of the Board of an amount not exceeding the amount approved.

Notice of objection.
200(6) Council shall not approve the Board's proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates, if written notice of objection is received from one third of the businesses in the zone that represent one third of the total business assessment in the zone."

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In addition By-law No. 5649/91 Section 17(7) states in part the following:

"...Council may pass a By-law approving all or part of the Board's proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates and, upon that approval, may direct the payment to the Board or on behalf of the Board of an amount not exceeding the amount approved, such payment to be made in accordance with the following schedule, except as provided in subsection (10):

(a) 75% of the approved budget on June 30;
(b) 15% of the approved budget on August 31;
(c) 10% of the approved budget on October 31."

On March 6, 1991, Council adopted By-law No. 5649/91, being a By-law of The City of Winnipeg to designate a Business Improvement Zone to be known as the "Norwood Grove Business Improvement Zone" and to establish a Management Board for the Zone.

The Annual General Meeting for the Norwood Grove Business Improvement Zone was held on October 22, 1997, at which time the 1998 program and budget estimates were approved in accordance with By-law No. 5649/91.

On December 8, 1997, the Riel Community Committee passed the following motion:

"WHEREAS a public meeting to review the proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates for the Norwood Grove Business Improvement Zone was duly advertised in The Winnipeg Free Press on Friday, November 21, 1997, in accordance with Section 17 of By-law No. 5649/91;

AND WHEREAS no objections were received in respect to the Board's proposals;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Riel Community Committee unanimously recommends to Executive Policy Committee that the proposed program, zone levy, and budget estimates for the Norwood Grove Business Improvement Zone, as adopted, be ratified by Executive Policy Committee and City Council."

Council adopted the Executive Policy Committee's recommendation of the proposed 1998 program, zone levy and budget estimates for the Norwood Grove Business Improvement Zone on January 28, 1998.

As the Norwood Grove Business Improvement Zone has complied with both the legislation and the By-law governing the budget processes, it is now left to Council to pass a By-law approving all or part of the Board's proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates.

The 1998 business assessment roll's annual rental value for the Norwood Grove Business Improvement Zone is $5,777,518. The proposed budget and zone levy of the zone is $75,108. The zone levy rate which will be applied to the annual rental value of individual properties in the zone is 1.300%.

The following table provides information on the changes in the zone. The 1998 annual rental value is a projected figure.

	Budget/Zone Levy	A.R.V.	Zone Levy Rate
1997	$75,500	$5,393,605	1.400%
1998	$75,108	$5,777,518	1.300%
% Change	-0.5	+7.1	-7.1

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That the By-law approving the Norwood Grove Business Improvement Zone Management Board's program, zone levy and budget estimates be passed by Council.

II. That the zone levy rate to be applied to the annual rental value (A.R.V.) of individual properties in the Norwood Grove Business Improvement Zone be 1.300%.

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III. That Council direct the City Treasurer to make payment to the Board in accordance with the following schedule:

(a) 75% of the approved budget on June 30;
(b) 15% of the approved budget on August 31;
(c) 10% of the approved budget on October 31.

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

Moved by Deputy Mayor Eadie,
Adoption of the clause.

Carried.

West End Winnipeg Business Improvement Zone - Proposed Program, Zone Levy and Budget Estimates - 1998
File FL-7.7 (Vol. 3)

427 - 9. The City of Winnipeg Act CAP 10 S.M. 1989-90 Subsection 200(8) and Subsection 200(6) states the following:

"Approval of estimates.
200(8) Subject to Subsection (6), Council may pass a by-law approving all or part of the Board's proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates and, upon that approval, may direct the payment to the Board or on behalf of the Board of an amount not exceeding the amount approved.

Notice of objection.
200(6) Council shall not approve the Board's proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates, if written notice of objection is received from one third of the businesses in the zone that represent one third of the total business assessment in the zone."

In addition By-law No. 5650/91 Section 17/(7) states in part the following:

"...Council may pass a By-law approving all or part of the Board's proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates and, upon that approval, may direct the payment to the Board or on behalf of the Board of an amount not exceeding the amount approved, such payment to be made in accordance with the following schedule, except as provided in subsection (10):

(a) 75% of the approved budget on June 30;
(b) 15% of the approved budget on August 31;
(c) 10% of the approved budget on October 31."

On March 6, 1991, Council adopted By-law No. 5650/91, as amended, being a By-law of The City of Winnipeg to designate a Business Improvement Zone to be known as the "West End Winnipeg Business Improvement Zone" and to establish a Management Board for the Zone.

The Annual General Meeting for the West End Winnipeg Business Improvement Zone was held on October 7, 1997, at which time the proposed 1998 program and budget estimates were approved in accordance with By-law No. 5650/91.

On December 9, 1997, the City Centre Community Committee passed the following motion:

"WHEREAS a public meeting to review the proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates for the West End Winnipeg Business Improvement Zone was duly advertised in The Winnipeg Free Press and The Winnipeg Sun on November 24, 1997, in accordance with Section 17 of By-law No. 5650/91, as amended;

AND WHEREAS no objections were received in respect to the Board's proposals;

Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated March258, 1998

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Centre Community Committee unanimously recommends to Executive Policy Committee that the proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates for the West End Winnipeg Business Improvement Zone, as adopted, be ratified by Executive Policy Committee and City Council."

Council adopted the Executive Policy Committee's recommendation of the proposed 1998 program, zone levy and budget estimates for the West End Winnipeg Business Improvement Zone on January 28, 1998.

As the West End Winnipeg Business Improvement Zone has complied with both the legislation and the By-law governing the budget processes, it is now left to Council to pass a By-law approving all or part of the Board's proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates.

The 1998 business assessment roll's annual rental value for the West End Winnipeg Business Improvement Zone is $23,135,686. The proposed budget and zone levy of the zone is $218,100. The zone levy rate which will be applied to the annual rental value of individual properties in the zone is 0.943%.

The following table provides information on the changes in the zone. The 1998 annual rental value is a projected figure:

	Budget/ Zone Levy	A.R.V.	Zone Levy Rate
1997	$218,100	$22,510,058	0.969%
1998	$218,100	$23,135,686	0.943%
% Change	0	+2.8	-2.7

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That the By-law approving the West End Winnipeg Business Improvement Zone Management Board's program, zone levy and budget estimates be passed by Council.

II. That the zone levy rate to be applied to the annual rental value (A.R.V.) of individual properties in the West End Winnipeg Business Improvement Zone be 0.943%.

III. That Council direct the City Treasurer to make payment to the Board in accordance with the following schedule:

(a) 75% of the approved budget on June 30;
(b) 15% of the approved budget on August 31;
(c) 10% of the approved budget on October 31.

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

Moved by Deputy Mayor Eadie,
Adoption of the clause.

Carried.

Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated March258, 1998

West Broadway - South Sherbrook Business Improvement Zone - Proposed Program, Zone Levy and Budget Estimates - 1998
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428 - 10. The City of Winnipeg Act CAP 10 S.M. 1989-90 Subsection 200(8) and Subsection 200(6) states the following:

> "Approval of estimates.
> 200(8) Subject to Subsection (6), Council may pass a by-law approving all or part of the Board's proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates and, upon that approval, may direct the payment to the Board or on behalf of the Board of an amount not exceeding the amount approved.
>
> Notice of objection.
> 200(6) Council shall not approve the Board's proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates, if written notice of objection is received from one third of the businesses in the zone that represent one third of the total business assessment in the zone."

In addition By-law No. 5921/92 Section 17(7) states in part the following:

> "...Council may pass a By-law approving all or part of the Board's proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates and, upon that approval, may direct the payment to the Board or on behalf of the Board of an amount not exceeding the amount approved, such payment to be made in accordance with the following schedule, except as provided in subsection (10):
>
> (a) 75% of the approved budget on June 30;
> (b) 15% of the approved budget on August 31;
> (c) 10% of the approved budget on October 31."

On March 25, 1992, Council adopted By-law No. 5921/92, being a By-law of The City of Winnipeg to designate a Business Improvement Zone to be known as the "West Broadway/South Sherbrook Business Improvement Zone" and to establish a Management Board for the Zone.

The Annual General Meeting for the West Broadway/South Sherbrook Business Improvement Zone was held on October 22, 1997, at which time the proposed 1998 program and budget estimates were approved in accordance with By-law No. 5921/92.

On December 9, 1997, the City Centre Community Committee passed the following motion:

> "WHEREAS a public meeting to review the proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates for the West Broadway/South Sherbrook Business Improvement Zone was duly advertised in The Winnipeg Free Press and The Winnipeg Sun on November 24, 1997, in accordance with Section 17 of By-law No. 5921/92;
>
> AND WHEREAS no objections were received in respect to the Board's proposals;
>
> NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Centre Community Committee recommends to Executive Policy Committee that the proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates for the West Broadway/South Sherbrook Business Improvement Zone, as adopted, be ratified by Executive Policy Committee and City Council."

Council adopted the Executive Policy Committee's recommendation of the proposed 1998 program, zone levy and budget estimates for the West Broadway/South Sherbrook Business Improvement Zone on January 28, 1998.

As the West Broadway/South Sherbrook Business Improvement Zone has complied with both the legislation and the By-law governing the budget processes, it is now left to Council to pass a By-law approving all or part of the Board's proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates.

The 1998 business assessment roll's annual rental value for the West Broadway/South Sherbrook Business Improvement Zone is $6,508,173. The proposed budget and zone levy of the zone is $43,100. The zone levy rate which will be applied to the annual rental value of individual properties in the zone is 0.662%.

Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated March258, 1998

The following table provides information on the changes in the zone. The 1998 annual rental value is a projected figure.

	Budget/Zone Levy	A.R.V.	Zone Levy Rate
1997	$40,300	$6,487,440	0.621%
1998	$43,100	$6,508,173	0.662%
% Change	+6.9	+0.3	+6.6

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That the By-law approving the West Broadway/South Sherbrook Business Improvement Zone Management Board's program, zone levy and budget estimates be passed by Council.

II. That the zone levy rate to be applied to the annual rental value (A.R.V.) of individual properties in the West Broadway/South Sherbrook Business Improvement Zone be 0.662%.

III. That Council direct the City Treasurer to make payment to the Board in accordance with the following schedule:

(a) 75% of the approved budget on June 30;
(b) 15% of the approved budget on August 31;
(c) 10% of the approved budget on October 31.

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

Moved by Deputy Mayor Eadie,
Adoption of the clause.

Carried.

Osborne South Business Improvement Zone - Proposed Program, Zone Levy and Budget Estimates - 1998 File FL-7.9 (Vol. 2)

429 - 11. The City of Winnipeg Act CAP 10 S.M. 1989-90 Subsection 200(8) and Subsection 200(6) states the following:

"Approval of estimates.
200(8) Subject to Subsection (6), Council may pass a By-law approving all or part of the Board's proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates and, upon that approval, may direct the payment to the Board or on behalf of the Board of an amount not exceeding the amount approved.

Notice of objection.
200(6) Council shall not approve the Board's proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates, if written notice of objection is received from one third of the businesses in the zone that represent one third of the total business assessment in the zone."

In addition By-law No. 6201/93 Section 17(7) states in part the following:

"...Council may pass a By-law approving all or part of the Board's proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates and, upon that approval, may direct the payment to the Board or on behalf of the Board of an amount not exceeding the amount approved, such payment to be made in accordance with the following schedule, except as provided in subsection (10):

(a) 75% of the approved budget on June 30;
(b) 15% of the approved budget on August 31;
(c) 10% of the approved budget on October 31."

Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated March258, 1998

On July 21, 1993, Council adopted By-law No. 6201/93, being a By-law of The City of Winnipeg to designate a Business Improvement Zone to be known as the "Osborne South Business Improvement Zone" and to establish a Management Board for the Zone.

The Annual General Meeting for the Osborne South Business Improvement Zone was held on October 24, 1997, at which time the 1998 program and budget estimates were approved in accordance with By-law No. 6201/93.

On December 9, 1998, the City Centre Community Committee passed the following motion:

> "WHEREAS a public meeting to review the proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates for the Osborne South Business Improvement Zone was duly advertised in The Winnipeg Free Press and The Winnipeg Sun on November 24, 1997, in accordance with Section 17 of By-law No. 6201/93;
>
> AND WHEREAS no objections were received in respect to the Board's proposals;
>
> NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Centre Community Committee unanimously recommends to Executive Policy Committee that the proposed program, zone levy, and budget estimates for the Osborne South Business Improvement Zone, as adopted, be ratified by Executive Policy Committee and City Council."

Council adopted the Executive Policy Committee's recommendation of the proposed 1998 program, zone levy and budget estimates for the Osborne South Business Improvement Zone on January 28, 1998.

As the Osborne South Business Improvement Zone has complied with both the legislation and the By-law governing the budget processes, it is now left to Council to pass a By-law approving all or part of the Board's proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates.

The 1998 business assessment roll's annual rental value for the Osborne South Business Improvement Zone is $1,253,641. The proposed budget and zone levy of the zone is $26,950. The zone levy rate which will be applied to the annual rental value of individual properties in the zone is 2.150%.

The following table provides information on the changes in the zone. The 1998 annual rental value is a projected figure.

	Budget/Zone Levy	A.R.V.	Zone Levy Rate
1997	$29,050	$1,274,520	2.279%
1998	$26,950	$1,253,641	2.150%
% Change	-7.2	-1.6	-5.7

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That the By-law approving the Osborne South Business Improvement Zone Management Board's program, zone levy and budget estimates be passed by Council.

II. That the zone levy rate to be applied to the annual rental value (A.R.V.) of individual properties in the Osborne South Business Improvement Zone be 2.150%.

III. That Council direct the City Treasurer to make payment to the Board in accordance with the following schedule:

(a) 75% of the approved budget on June 30;
(b) 15% of the approved budget on August 31;
(c) 10% of the approved budget on October 31.

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

Moved by Deputy Mayor Eadie,
Adoption of the clause.

Carried.

Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated March258, 1998

North Main Business Improvement Zone - Proposed Program, Zone Levy and Budget Estimates - 1998 File FL-7.10 (Vol. 2)

430 - 12. The City of Winnipeg Act CAP 10 S.M. 1989-90 Subsection 200(8) and Subsection 200(6) states the following:

> "Approval of estimates.
> 200(8) Subject to Subsection (6), Council may pass a By-law approving all or part of the Board's proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates and, upon that approval, may direct the payment to the Board or on behalf of the Board of an amount not exceeding the amount approved.
>
> Notice of objection.
> 200(6) Council shall not approve the Board's proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates, if written notice of objection is received from one third of the businesses in the zone that represent one third of the total business assessment in the zone."

In addition By-law No. 6220/93 Section 17(7) states in part the following:

> "...Council may pass a By-law approving all or part of the Board's proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates and, upon that approval, may direct the payment to the Board or on behalf of the Board of an amount not exceeding the amount approved, such payment to be made in accordance with the following schedule, except as provided in subsection (10):
>
> (a) 75% of the approved budget on June 30;
> (b) 15% of the approved budget on August 31;
> (c) 10% of the approved budget on October 31."

On November 17, 1993, Council adopted By-law No. 6220/93, being a By-law of The City of Winnipeg to designate a Business Improvement Zone to be known as the "North Main Business Improvement Zone" and to establish a Management Board for the Zone.

The Annual General Meeting for the North Main Business Improvement Zone was held on October 27, 1997, at which time the 1998 program and budget estimates were approved in accordance with By-law No. 6220/93.

On December 9, 1997, the Lord Selkirk - West Kildonan Community Committee passed the following motion:

> "WHEREAS a public meeting to review the proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates for the North Main Business Improvement Zone was duly advertised in The Winnipeg Free Press and The Winnipeg Sun on Tuesday, November 21, 1997, in accordance with Section 17 of By-law No. 6220/93;
>
> AND WHEREAS no objections were received in respect to the Board's proposals;
>
> NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lord Selkirk-West Kildonan Community Committee unanimously recommends to Executive Policy Committee that the proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates for the North Main Business Improvement Zone, as adopted, be ratified by Executive Policy Committee and City Council."

Council adopted the Executive Policy Committee's recommendation that the proposed 1998 program, zone levy and budget estimates for the North Main Business Improvement Zone on January 28, 1998.

As the North Main Business Improvement Zone has complied with both the legislation and the By-law governing the budget processes, it is now left to Council to pass a By-law approving all or part of the Board's proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates.

The 1998 business assessment roll's annual rental value for the North Main Business Improvement Zone is $2,793,609. The proposed budget and zone levy of the zone is $34,000. The zone levy rate which will be applied to the annual rental value of individual properties in the zone is 1.217%.

Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated March258, 1998

The following table provides information on the changes in the Zone. The 1998 annual rental value is a projected figure.

	Budget/Zone Levy	A.R.V.	Zone Levy Rate
1997	$34,000	$2,578,620	1.319%
1998	$34,000	$2,793,609	1.217%
% Change	0	+8.3	-7.7

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That the By-law approving the North Main Business Improvement Zone Management Board's program, zone levy and budget estimates be passed by Council.

II. That the zone levy rate to be applied to the annual rental value (A.R.V.) of individual properties in the North Main Business Improvement Zone be 1.217%.

III. That Council direct the City Treasurer to make payment to the Board in accordance with the following schedule:

(a) 75% of the approved budget on June 30;
(b) 15% of the approved budget on August 31;
(c) 10% of the approved budget on October 31.

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

Moved by Deputy Mayor Eadie,
Adoption of the clause.

Carried.

Academy Road Business Improvement Zone - Proposed Program, Zone Levy and Budget Estimates - 1998 File FL-7.11 (Vol. 1)

431 - 13. The City of Winnipeg Act CAP 10 S.M. 1989-90 Subsection 200(8) and Subsection 200(6) states the following:

"Approval Of Estimates.
200(8) Subject to Subsection (6), Council may pass a By-law approving all or part of the Board's proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates and, upon that approval, may direct the payment to the Board or on behalf of the Board of an amount not exceeding the amount approved.

Notice of Objection
200(6) Council shall not approve the Board's proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates, if written notice of objection is received from one third of the businesses in the zone that represent one third of the total business assessment in the zone."

In addition By-law No. 6688/95 Section 17(7) states in part the following:

"...Council may pass a by-law approving all or part of the Board's proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates and, upon that approval, may direct the payment to the Board or on behalf of the Board of an amount not exceeding the amount approved, such payment to be made in accordance with the following schedule, except as provided in subsection (10):

(a) 75% of the approved budget on June 30;
(b) 15% of the approved budget on August 31;
(c) 10% of the approved budget on October 31."

Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated March258, 1998

On September 27, 1995, Council adopted By-law No. 6688/95, being a By-law of The City of Winnipeg to designate a Business Improvement Zone to be known as the "Academy Road Business Improvement Zone" and to establish a Management Board for the Zone.

The Annual General Meeting for the Academy Road Business Improvement Zone was held on September 22, 1997, at which time the proposed 1998 program and budget estimates were approved in accordance with By-law No. 6688/95.

On December 9, 1997, the City Centre Community Committee passed the following motion:

> "WHEREAS a public meeting to review the proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates for the Academy Road Business Improvement Zone was duly advertised in The Winnipeg Free Press and The Winnipeg Sun on November 24, 1997, in accordance with Section 17 of By-law No. 6688/95;
>
> AND WHEREAS no objections were received in respect to the Board's proposals;
>
> NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Centre Community Committee unanimously recommends to Executive Policy Committee that the proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates for the Academy Road Business Improvement Zone, as adopted, be ratified by Executive Policy Committee and City Council."

Council adopted the Executive Policy Committee's recommendation of the proposed 1998 program, zone levy and budget estimates for the Academy Road Business Improvement Zone on January 28, 1998.

As the Academy Road Business Improvement Zone has complied with both the legislation and the By-law governing the budget processes, it is now left to Council to pass a By-law approving all or part of the Board's proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates.

The 1998 business assessment roll's annual rental value for the Academy Road Business Improvement Zone is $1,480,585. The proposed budget and zone levy of the zone is $19,200. The zone levy rate which will be applied to the annual rental value of individual properties in the zone is 1.297%.

The following table provides information on the changes in the zone. The 1998 annual rental value is a projected figure.

	Budget/Zone Levy	A.R.V.	Zone Levy Rate
1997	$20,650	$1,414,560	1.460%
1998	$19,200	$1,480,585	1.297%
% Change	-7.0	+4.7	-11.2

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That the By-law approving the Academy Road Business Improvement Zone Management Board's program, zone levy and budget estimates be passed by Council.

II. That the zone levy rate to be applied to the annual rental value (A.R.V.) of individual properties in the Academy Road Business Improvement Zone be 1.297%.

III. That Council direct the City Treasurer to make payment to the Board in accordance with the following schedule:

(a) 75% of the approved budget on June 30;
(b) 15% of the approved budget on August 31;
(c) 10% of the approved budget on October 31.

Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated March258, 1998

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

Moved by Deputy Mayor Eadie,
Adoption of the clause.

Carried.

Downtown Transcona Business Improvement Zone - Proposed Program, Zone Levy and Budget Estimates - 1998
File FL-7.12 (Vol. 1)

432 - 14. The City of Winnipeg Act CAP 10 S.M. 1989-90 Subsection 200(8) and Subsection 200(6) states the following:

> "Approval Of Estimates.
> 200(8) Subject to Subsection (6), Council may pass a By-law approving all or part of the Board's proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates and, upon that approval, may direct the payment to the Board or on behalf of the Board of an amount not exceeding the amount approved.
>
> Notice Of Objection.
> 200(6) Council shall not approve the Board's proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates, if written notice of objection is received from one third of the businesses in the zone that represent one third of the total business assessment in the zone."

In addition By-law No. 6729/95 Section 17(7) states in part the following:

> "...Council may pass a By-law approving all or part of the Board's proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates and, upon that approval, may direct the payment to the Board or on behalf of the Board of an amount not exceeding the amount approved, such payment to be made in accordance with the following schedule, except as provided in subsection (10):
>
> (a) 75% of the approved budget on June 30;
> (b) 15% of the approved budget on August 31;
> (c) 10% of the approved budget on October 31."

On December 20, 1995, Council adopted By-law No. 6729/95, being a By-law of The City of Winnipeg to designate a Business Improvement Zone to be known as the "Downtown Transcona Business Improvement Zone" and to establish a Management Board for the Zone.

The Annual General Meeting for the Downtown Transcona Business Improvement Zone was held on October 23, 1997, at which time the proposed 1998 program and budget estimates were approved in accordance with By-law No. 6729/95.

On December 9, 1997, the East Kildonan-Transcona Community Committee passed the following motion:

> "WHEREAS a public meeting to review the proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates for the Downtown Transcona Business Improvement Zone was duly advertised in The Winnipeg Free Press and The Winnipeg Sun on November 21, 1997, in accordance with Section 17 of By-law No. 6729/95;
>
> AND WHEREAS no objections were received in respect to the Board's proposals;
>
> NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the East Kildonan-Transcona Community Committee recommends to Executive Policy Committee that the proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates for the Downtown Transcona Business Improvement Zone, as adopted, be ratified by Executive Policy Committee and City Council."

Council adopted the Executive Policy Committee's recommendation of the proposed 1998 program, zone levy and budget estimates for the Downtown Transcona Business Improvement Zone on January 28, 1998.

Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated March258, 1998

As the Downtown Transcona Business Improvement Zone has complied with both the legislation and the By-law governing the budget processes, it is now left to Council to pass a By-law approving all or part of the Board's proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates.

The 1998 business assessment roll's annual rental value for the Downtown Transcona Business Improvement Zone is $6,775,076. The proposed budget and zone levy of the zone is $144,500. The zone levy rate which will be applied to the annual rental value of individual properties in the zone is 2.133%.

The following table provides information on the changes in the zone. The 1998 annual rental value is a projected figure.

	Budget/Zone Levy	A.R.V.	Zone Levy Rate
1997	$106,000	$6,503,940	1.630%
1998	$144,500	$6,775,076	2.133%
% Change	+36.3	+4.2	+30.9

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That the By-law approving the Downtown Transcona Business Improvement Zone Management Board's program, zone levy and budget estimates be passed by Council.

II. That the zone levy rate to be applied to the annual rental value (A.R.V.) of individual properties in the Downtown Transcona Business Improvement Zone be 2.133%.

III. That Council direct the City Treasurer to make payment to the Board in accordance with the following schedule:

(a) 75% of the approved budget on June 30;
(b) 15% of the approved budget on August 31;
(c) 10% of the approved budget on October 31.

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

Moved by Deputy Mayor Eadie,
Adoption of the clause.

Carried.

Old St. Vital Business Improvement Zone - Proposed Program, Zone Levy and Budget Estimates - 1998 File FL-7.13 (Vol. 1)

433 - 15. The City of Winnipeg Act CAP 10 S.M. 1989-90 Subsection 200(8) and Subsection 200(6) states the following:

"Approval of estimates.
200(8) Subject to Subsection (6), Council may pass a By-law approving all or part of the Board's proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates and, upon that approval, may direct the payment to the Board or on behalf of the Board of an amount not exceeding the amount approved.

Notice of objection.
200(6) Council shall not approve the Board's proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates, if written notice of objection is received from one third of the businesses in the zone that represent one third of the total business assessment in the zone."

Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated March258, 1998

In addition By-law No. 6715/95 Section 17(7) states in part the following:

> "...Council may pass a By-law approving all or part of the Board's proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates and, upon that approval, may direct the payment to the Board or on behalf of the Board of an amount not exceeding the amount approved, such payment to be made in accordance with the following schedule, except as provided in subsection (10):
>
> (a) 75% of the approved budget on June 30;
> (b) 15% of the approved budget on August 31;
> (c) 10% of the approved budget on October 31."

On November 29, 1995, Council adopted By-law No. 6715/95, being a By-law of The City of Winnipeg to designate a Business Improvement Zone to be known as the "Old St. Vital Business Improvement Zone" and to establish a Management Board for the Zone.

The Annual General Meeting for the Old St. Vital Business Improvement Zone was held on October 28, 1997, at which time the proposed 1998 program and budget estimates were approved in accordance with By-law No. 6715/95.

On December 8, 1997, the Riel Community Committee passed the following motion:

> "WHEREAS a public meeting to review the proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates for the Old St. Vital Business Improvement Zone was duly advertised in The Winnipeg Free Press on Friday, November 21, 1997, in accordance with Section 17 of By-law No. 6715/95;
>
> AND WHEREAS no objections were received in respect to the Board's proposals:
>
> NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Riel Community Committee unanimously recommends to Executive Policy Committee that the proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates for the Old St. Vital Business Improvement Zone, as adopted, be ratified by Executive Policy Committee and City Council."

Council adopted the Executive Policy Committee's recommendation of the proposed 1998 program, zone levy and budget estimates for the Old St. Vital Business Improvement Zone on January 28, 1998.

As the Old St. Vital Business Improvement Zone has complied with both the legislation and the By-law governing the budget processes, it is now left to Council to pass a By-law approving all or part of the Board's proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates.

The 1998 business assessment roll's annual rental value for the Old St. Vital Business Improvement Zone is $4,692,116. The proposed budget and zone levy of the zone is $44,000. The zone levy rate which will be applied to the annual rental value of individual properties in the zone is 0.938%.

The following table provides information on the changes in the zone. The 1998 annual rental value is a projected figure.

	Budget/Zone Levy	A.R.V.	Zone Levy Rate
1997	$44,000	$4,304,960	1.022%
1998	$44,000	$4,692,116	0.938%
% Change	0	+9.0	-8.3

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That the By-law approving the Old St. Vital Business Improvement Zone Management Board's program, zone levy and budget estimates be passed by Council.

II. That the zone levy rate to be applied to the annual rental value (A.R.V.) of individual properties in the Old St. Vital Business Improvement Zone be 0.938%.

Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated March258, 1998

III. That Council direct the City Treasurer to make payment to the Board in accordance with the following schedule:

(a) 75% of the approved budget on June 30;
(b) 15% of the approved budget on August 31;
(c) 10% of the approved budget on October 31.

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

Moved by Deputy Mayor Eadie,
Adoption of the clause.

Carried.

St. James Village Business Improvement Zone - Proposed Program, Zone Levy and Budget Estimates - 1998
File FL-7.14 (Vol. 1)

434 - 16. The City of Winnipeg Act CAP 10 S.M. 1989-90 Subsection 200(8) and Subsection 200(6) states the following:

"Approval Of Estimates.
200(8) Subject to Subsection (6), Council may pass a By-law approving all or part of the Board's proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates and, upon that approval, may direct the payment to the Board or on behalf of the Board of an amount not exceeding the amount approved.

Notice of Objection
200(6) Council shall not approve the Board's proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates, if written notice of objection is received from one third of the businesses in the zone that represent one third of the total business assessment in the zone."

In addition By-law No. 7025/97 Section 17(7) states in part the following:

"...Council may pass a by-law approving all or part of the Board's proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates and, upon that approval, may direct the payment to the Board or on behalf of the Board of an amount not exceeding the amount approved, such payment to be made in accordance with the following schedule, except as provided in subsection (10):

(a) 75% of the approved budget on June 30;
(b) 15% of the approved budget on August 31:
(c) 10% of the approved budget on October 31."

On April 30, 1997, Council adopted By-law No. 7025/97, being a By-law of The City of Winnipeg to designate a Business Improvement Zone to be known as the "St. James Village Business Improvement Zone" and to establish a Management Board for the Zone.

The Annual General Meeting for the Zone was held on September 18, 1997, at which time the proposed 1998 program and budget estimates were approved in accordance with By-law No. 7025/97.

On December 9, 1997, the Assiniboia Community Committee passed the following motion:

"WHEREAS a public meeting to review the proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates for the St. James Village Business Improvement Zone was duly advertised in The Winnipeg Free Press and The Winnipeg Sun on Friday, November 21, 1997, in accordance with Section 17 of By-law No. 7025/97;

AND WHEREAS no objections were received in respect to the Board's proposals;

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Assiniboia Community Committee recommends to Executive Policy Committee that the proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates for the St. James Village Business Improvement Zone, as adopted, be ratified by Executive Policy Committee and City Council."

Council adopted the Executive Policy Committee's recommendation of the proposed 1998 program, zone levy and budget estimates for the St. James Village Business Improvement Zone on January 28, 1998.

As the St. James Village Business Improvement Zone has complied with both the legislation and the By-law governing the budget processes, it is now left to Council to pass a By-law approving all or part of the Board's proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates.

The 1998 business assessment roll's annual rental value for the St. James Village Business Improvement Zone is $2,392,964. The proposed budget of the St. James Village Business Improvement Zone is $37,200. The zone levy rate which will be applied to the annual rental value of individual properties in the St. James Village Business Improvement Zone is 1.555%.

The following table provides information on the first levy year of the St. James Village Business Improvement Zone. The 1998 annual rental value is a projected figure.

	Budget/Zone Levy	A.R.V.	Zone Levy Rate
1998	$37,200	$2,392,964	1.555%

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That the By-law approving the St. James Village Business Improvement Zone Management Board's program, zone levy and budget estimates be passed by Council.

II. That the zone levy rate to be applied to the annual rental value (A.R.V.) of individual properties in the St. James Village Business Improvement Zone be 1.555%.

III. That Council direct the City Treasurer to make payment to the Board in accordance with the following schedule:

(a) 75% of the approved budget on June 30;
(b) 15% of the approved budget on August 31;
(c) 10% of the approved budget on October 31.

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

Moved by Deputy Mayor Eadie,
Adoption of the clause.

Carried.

Airport Area Business Improvement Zone - Proposed Program, Zone Levy and Budget Estimates - 1998 File FL-7.15 (Vol. 1)

435 - 17. The Executive Policy Committee has been advised that applicable Sections of The City of Winnipeg Act state the following:

"Notice of objection.
200(6) Council shall not approve the Board's proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates, if written notice of objection is received from one third of the businesses in the zone that represent one third of the total business assessment in the zone.

Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated March258, 1998

Sufficiency.

200(7) The City Treasurer shall certify to Council, whether the objectors under Subsection (6) constitute one third of the businesses that represent one third of the total business assessment in the zone.

Approval of estimates.

200(8) Subject to Subsection (6), Council may pass a by-law approving all or part of the Board's proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates and, upon that approval, may direct the payment to the Board or on behalf of the Board of an mount not exceeding the amount approved."

In addition By-law No. 7024/97 Section 17(7) states in part the following:

"...Council may pass a By-law approving all or part of the Board's proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates and, upon that approval, may direct the payment to the Board on behalf of the Board of an amount not exceeding the amount approved, such payment to be made in accordance with the following schedule, except as provided in subsection (10):

(a) 75% of the approved budget on June 30;
(b) 15% of the approved budget on August 31:
(c) 10% of the approved budget on October 31."

On April 30, 1997, Council adopted 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 to establish a Management Board for the Zone.

The Annual General Meeting for the Zone was held on October 28, 1997, at which time the proposed 1998 program and budget estimates were approved in accordance with By-law No. 7024/97.

On December 9, 1997, the Assiniboia Community Committee passed the following motion:

"WHEREAS a public meeting to review the proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates for the Airport Area Business Development Association Inc. Business Improvement Zone was duly advertised in The Winnipeg Free Press and The Winnipeg Sun on Friday, November 21, 1997, in accordance with Section 17 of By-law No. 7024/97;

AND WHEREAS at a public meeting held on December 9, 1997, the Assiniboia Community Committee received written notices of objection in respect to the Board's proposals by eight members;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Assiniboia Community Committee recommends to Executive Policy Committee that the proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates for the Airport Area Business Development Association Inc. Business Improvement Zone, as adopted, be ratified by Executive Policy Committee and City Council;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT in accordance with Section 17 of By-law No. 7024/97, written notices of objection be referred to the City Treasurer for certification to Council that the objections to the proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates for the Airport Area Business Development Association Inc. Business Improvement Zone for 1998 do or do not constitute at least one third of the businesses in the area representing at least one third of the total business assessment in the zone."

A tabulation of the notices of objection presented to Assiniboia Community Committee on December 9, 1997, follows:

	Number of Businesses	Business Assessment
Total businesses in the Zone	$1,693	$101,429,134
Businesses objecting*	7	166,200
Businesses objecting represents	0.41%	0.16%
Required percentage to defeat budget	33.33%	33.33%

* Eight notices of objection; one notice ineligible (sub-tenant)

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The Certificate of the City Treasurer as outlined on Appendix "A", certifies that the petitioners (did not) constitute the 33.33% requirement to defeat the zone budget for 1998.

As the Airport Area Business Development Association Inc. Business Improvement Zone has complied with both the legislation and the by-law governing the budget processes, it is now left to Council to pass a by-law approving all or part of the Board's proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates.

The 1998 business assessment roll's annual rental value for the Airport Area Business Development Association Inc. Business Improvement Zone is $109,770,419. The proposed budget and zone levy of the zone is $400,000. The zone levy rate which will be applied to the annual rental value of individual properties in the zone is 0.364%.

The following table provides information on the first levy year of the Airport Area Business Development Association Inc. Business Improvement Zone. The 1998 annual rental value is a projected figure:

	Budget/Zone Levy	A.R.V.	Zone Levy Rate
1998	$400,000	$109,770,419	0.364%

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That the By-law approving the Airport Area Business Development Association Inc. Business Improvement Zone Management Board's program, zone levy and budget estimates be passed by Council.

II. That the zone levy rate to be applied to the annual rental value (A.R.V.) of individual properties in the Airport Area Business Development Association Inc. Business Improvement Zone be 0.364%.

III. That Council direct the City Treasurer to make payment to the Board in accordance with the following schedule:

a) 75% of the approved budget on June 30;
b) 15% of the approved budget on August 31;
c) 10% of the approved budget on October 31.

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

Moved by Deputy Mayor Eadie,
Adoption of the clause.

Carried.

Amendment to the Pan American Games Agreement and the Host City Agreement
File GC-8.9 (Vol. 5)

436 - 18. On December 5, 1992, the Canadian Olympic Association endorsed Winnipeg as the Canadian City to represent Canada for the 1999 Pan American Games.

On August 2, 1994, the City of Winnipeg won the bid for the 1999 Pan American Games.

On February 22, 1995, Council approved the Pan American Games Agreement (the Funding Agreement) and the Host City Agreement.

On May 22, 1996, Council approved a business plan for the 1999 Pan American Games.

By correspondence dated February 6, 1998, the Minister of Canadian Heritage provided the Chairman, Pan American Games Society (WPG 1999) Inc. with a letter confirming that the Federal Government is offering additional funding to support the implementation of the Games in the amount of $19,000,000.00.

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By letter dated January 27, 1998, from the Minister Responsible for Sports Manitoba directed to the Chair, Pan American Games Society (WPG. 1999) Inc., the Province of Manitoba confirmed that supplementary financial support of $19,000,000.00 will be provided to the Pan American Games Society (WPG 1999) Inc. through the Province.

Through a series of meetings of the Pan American Games Agreement Co-Ordinating Committee an amendment in the form attached as Schedule "A" hereto was settled which amendment reflects conditions for additional funding as required by Canada and Manitoba and further incorporates changes acceptable to the Canadian Olympic Association resulting from the need for Canadian Olympic Association to relinquish its claim to 50% of any surplus as set out under the current Host City Agreement.

The essential terms of the Amending Agreement are as follows:

1. the provisions of an additional $38,000,000.00 by Canada and Manitoba

2. Canada and Manitoba each being given an additional two members on each of the Host Society's Board of Directors and the Executive Committee.

3. a change in the provisions relating to the Legacy Fund. The situation prior to the Amending Agreement is that 50% of the Games surplus, if any, would go to the Canadian Olympic Association and the remaining 50% would go to a Legacy Fund the objective of which would be to maximize the legacy benefits for amateur sport in Canada. The Amending Agreement provides that the Games surplus be divided 25% to Canada, 25% to Manitoba and the remaining 50% to go to a Legacy Fund the objective of which would be to support the activities of the National Sports Centre Manitoba. The National Sports Centre Manitoba has been set up by the Canadian Olympic Association as a decentralization across Canada of centres to provide for the development of athletes and national teams which would compete at international sport events such as the Olympics, Pan American Games and Commonwealth Games.

While the Amending Agreement does not require an additional financial commitment from the City, it reflects favourably on the Games in that the increased commitment in funding not only supports the need for a balanced budget for the Games but has the potential to create a Legacy Fund.

Representatives of Canada and Manitoba on the Co-Ordinating Committee have advised that there is considerable urgency that this matter be given favourable consideration at the meeting of Council scheduled for March 25, 1998. General Counsel for the Host Society has indicated that a signed agreement prior to March 31, 1998, would result in the advance of funds during Canada's present fiscal year which would result in substantial financial benefit to the Society. Clearly, it is in the interests of all parties to facilitate this matter.

No financial impact has been identified.

Council approval is required for any amendment to the Pan American Games Agreement and the Host City Agreement.

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to finalize and complete an amendment to the February 20, 1995 Pan American Games Agreements substantially in the form as outlined in Schedule "A" and further, that such officers be authorized to complete other collateral, supplementary and supporting documents as may be required in the opinion of the City Solicitor to implement such amendment including, without limitation, an amendment to the February 20, 1995 Host City Agreement.

II. That Recommendation I. be subject to the Business Plan for the Games as approved by Council on May 22, 1996, being revised to the satisfaction of the Chief Administrative Officer, so as to account for increased funding provided by way of such amendment to the Pan American Games Agreement.

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

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Moved by Her Worship Mayor Thompson,
Adoption of the clause.

Carried.

(See Minute No. 491 for attachment)

Appointment to the Position of Deputy Chief of Police File GP-1.19 (Vol. 15)

437 - 19. The Executive Policy Committee has been advised that a position of Deputy Chief of Police -has been vacant since early 1998 with the retirement of Lawrence Klippenstein.

Approval was obtained from the Vacancy Management Committee to proceed with filling this position. On January 22, 1998, the position of Deputy Chief of Police was bulletined throughout the civic service. The closing date for the bulletin was February 9, 1998.

Twelve (12) applications were received for the position of Deputy Chief of Police, all from within the Winnipeg Police Service. The Selection Panel consisted of Chief D. Cassels, the Director of Corporate Services, Ms. J. Anderton and the Chief Financial Officer, Mr. B. Gannon. After initial review of the applications against the selection criteria, eight applicants were short listed.

An evaluation process including interviews with each short listed candidate was conducted between March 4 and 11, 1998.

The Selection Panel has agreed that Superintendent Jim Thompson be recommended for appointment to the position of Deputy Chief of Police, effective on Council approval.

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That Mr. William James (Jim) Thompson, currently Superintendent, Human Resources be appointed to the position of Deputy Chief of Police, Management Salary Level VIII, Step 21, $3,528.00 biweekly, on contract (standard employment contract).

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

Moved by Her Worship Mayor Thompson,
Adoption of the clause.

Carried.

Appointment of the City of Winnipeg Auditor File GP-1.2 (Vol. 3)

438 - 20. On January 6, 1998, the Executive Policy Committee directed the Manager of Human Resource Services to facilitate the recruitment and selection for an Auditor for the City of Winnipeg.

Candidates were sourced from job advertisements placed in the Winnipeg Free Press, the Globe and Mail, the Certified General Accountants Association of Manitoba newsletter, and faxed broadcasts to Municipal City Auditors, Provincial Accounting Accreditation Bodies, the Canadian Association of Municipal Administrators (CAMA), and major Winnipeg Accounting firms.

In order to develop a candidate profile for selecting the City Auditor, individual interviews were arranged with Council Members during the period of February 11 - 16, 1998. The criteria used to select the new City Auditor were:

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- superior and diverse audit and financial skills;
- senior management experience in the public and/or private sector;
- a proven track record of creative/innovative solutions;
- strong leadership skills to effect cultural change; and
- a renown reputation for being professional, principled and forthright.

In total, thirty-two (32) applications were received, and five (5) candidates were recommended for interview.

The candidates recommended were interviewed on March 11 and 13, 1998.

The Manager of Human Resource Services with assistance from the Provincial Auditor's Office, conducted a thorough screening of the applicants in accordance with the selection criteria determined by the Audit Committee and members of Council. During the standard interview process, the Audit Committee and Mr. Jon Singleton Provincial Auditor, assessed each candidate's skills and abilities, and identified their skills and experience in terms of prior accomplishments. This process also permitted the candidates to expand their knowledge about the City of Winnipeg and confirm their interests.

Each candidate's unique strengths were carefully considered in determining the recommendation. Three (3) important factors were critical in reaching the recommendation:

1. The new City Auditor must be an innovative thinker and problem solver.
2. The new City Auditor must have the ability conduct complex audits and investigations
3. The new City Auditor must have strong ethical standards.

Taking these key factors into account, the Audit Committee unanimously concluded that Shannon Hunt be recommended for appointment to the position of Auditor for the City of Winnipeg. The career highlights for Shannon Hunt are outlined on Appendix "A".

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That Shannon Hunt be appointed to the position of City Auditor for the City of Winnipeg, on contract for five (5) years effective May 4, 1998 at a Senior Management Salary level of $95,836.00 per annum.

II. 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.

Moved by Her Worship Mayor Thompson,
Adoption of the clause.

Carried.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

MOTIONS

Moved by Deputy Mayor Eadie,
Seconded by Councillor O'Shaughnessy

439 - WHEREAS municipal governments are major public agents for providing services, programs and facilities to maintain and enhance the quality of life for all Canadians;

AND WHEREAS municipal governments require the power to provide good government and services to local residents now and in the future;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that every municipal government will, by way of provincial/territorial legislation and eventual amendments to the Canadian constitution,

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1) be an order of government,

2) be autonomous,

3) act on every matter within its financial competence that is not expressly excluded from its responsibility,

4) have adequate powers and financial and legal resources

   a) to ensure good government and services locally,

   b) to meet existing and future community needs,

   c) to apply creative, innovative and entrepreneurial solutions,

   d) which cannot be altered unilaterally by other orders of government

5) require other orders of government to comply with the municipal government's validly exercised authority,

6) have access to alternative dispute resolution mechanisms to resolve harmoniously disputes with other orders of government through out-of-court facilities,

7) be accessible, democratic and accountable,

8) have discretion to refuse to take on what were previously responsibilities of other orders of government, or to agree to take on such responsibilities only in return for new financial or other resources in relation to these responsibilities.

Required to Stand as Notice of Motion
in accordance with Rule 17.1 of the
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Moved by Councillor Vandal,
Seconded by Councillor Steek,

440 - WHEREAS the Home Renovation Tax Program was introduced in 1995 and has resulted in 360 building permits with a value of $2,453,000 resulting in tax credits of $35,000 as of April of 1997;

AND WHEREAS Home Renovation Tax Program was initiated to assist homeowners to carry out renovations and repairs;

AND WHEREAS the Home Renovation Tax Program is only eligible to single family dwellings with a market value of $100,000 or less and built prior to January 1973

AND WHEREAS it is critical to maintain the inner city stock of older homes to ensure a strong assessment base;

AND WHEREAS the infill strategy of the New Home Buyers Municipal Tax Assistance Program has not resulted in significant new housing starts;

AND WHEREAS it is desirable to encourage all home owners to invest in their residences

AND WHEREAS the encouragement of home renovation and updating results in an increased purchase of goods and services

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following additional renovations be eligible for tax credits:

- Building or repairing any space that will not be used as a year round living space, or any accessory building (garage, gazebo, greenhouse)

- A security system that is permanently affixed to the dwelling

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- Building or repairing a deck, patio, fence, veranda driveway or sidewalk

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any home owner wishing to take advantage of this incentive must first apply for the appropriate building permit and then allow the assessment department to inspect the residence after completion of said addition or renovation;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the assessment department communicate to the home owner in writing as to the increased assessed value as a result of the renovations or improvements undertaken;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the current maximum tax credit be increased from $750 to $1500 per $10,000 invested or 15% of eligible repairs to a ceiling of $10,000 and that this tax credit is given to the home owner over three years rather than over five years;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any home owner eligible or not eligible for the Home Renovation Tax Program may increase the assessed value of a residence up to $10,000 through renovations and or additions, but that the increased assessment not be added to the homes value until the next general reassessment in 2002;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the appropriate marketing strategy be employed in partnership with the Manitoba Renovation Contractors Association to ensure that all City of Winnipeg residents are aware of potential tax credits and increase in assessment value;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the program be reviewed after one year with an option for renewal.

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

Moved by Councillor Vandal,

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

The motion to suspend the rule was put.

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

Yea: Councillors Lubosch, Murray, Steek, Thomas and Vandal. 5

Nay: Councillors Angus, Lazarenko, O'Shaughnessy, Silva, Timm-Rudolph, Deputy Mayor Eadie, Her Worship Mayor Thompson and Councillor Clement. 8

and the motion to suspend the rule was declared lost.

Moved by Councillor Murray,
Seconded by Councillor Vandal,

441 - WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg needs a coherent accurate data base on which to make decisions about land development use and servicing;

AND WHEREAS the Faculty of Architecture at the University of Manitoba has developed one of the most effective and widely used growth management geographical information systems in North America;

AND WHEREAS Winnipeg is challenged by a number of development, land use, taxation, environmental re-urbanization and containment issues;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Winnipeg initiate negotiations with the University of Manitoba to undertake a growth management study of the city and the bordering municipalities to establish a geographical information system and data base to assist in the formulation of policy.

Required to Stand as Notice of Motion
in accordance with Rule 17.1 of the
Procedure By-law

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Moved by Councillor Murray,
Seconded by Councillor Thomas,

442 - WHEREAS the City undertook a study of arts and culture in Winnipeg which resulted in a report titled "Into the 21st Century, Arts and Culture in Winnipeg" dated April 19, 1997;

AND WHEREAS the arts and cultural institutions are critical to Winnipeg's health, prosperity and identity;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that City Council concur in Recommendation 5.1 and abolish the amusement tax;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Standing Committee on Fiscal Issues develop an implementation plan to completely eliminate the tax with the next three years;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services review and develop an implementation strategy for the recommendations contained in the report.

Required to Stand as Notice of Motion
in accordance with Rule 17.1 of the
Procedure By-law

Moved by Councillor Murray,
Seconded by Councillor Lubosch,

443 - WHEREAS Winnipeg has the most beautiful historic architecture in Canada;

AND WHEREAS Winnipeg is the City with a historic centre that is the best example of the turn of the century economic boom which ignited western expansion and prosperity;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Winnipeg request the Government of Canada to make application to the United Nations Education, Cultural and Scientific Organization (UNESCO) to add Winnipeg's Exchange District to the world heritage list under the terms of the world Heritage Convention.

Required to Stand as Notice of Motion
in accordance with Rule 17.1 of the
Procedure By-law

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

444 - On motion of Her Worship Mayor Thompson, By-law No. 7169/98, 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 first time.
File EP-1.1 (PW 6/98)

Councillor Thomas asked to be recorded as having voted against the first reading of By-law No. 7169/98, in accordance with Rule 50.7 of the Procedure By-law.

On motion of Her Worship Mayor Thompson, 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. 7170/98, a by-law of the City of Winnipeg to amend By-law No. 7100/97 being the City Organization By-law. File GL-5.6

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By-law No. 7175/98, a by-law of the City of Winnipeg respecting advance polls for the 1998 election. File GK-2

Councillors Lazarenko and Thomas asked to be recorded as having voted against all three readings of By-law No. 7170/98, in accordance with Rule 50.7 of the Procedure By-law.

On motion of Her Worship Mayor Thompson, 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. 7197/98, a by-law of The City of Winnipeg to levy a rate upon the assessed value of all the real property liable to taxation in the City to raise certain sums required for the 1998 annual estimates. File FE (1997-1998)

By-law No. 7199/98, a by-law of The City of Winnipeg to establish a program of property tax credits or refunds to encourage and to assist in the construction or purchase of new dwellings. Files GG-2 (Vol. 23) & FL (Vol. 5)

Councillor Thomas asked to be recorded as having voted against all three readings of By-law Nos. 7197/98 and 7199/98, in accordance with Rule 50.7 of the Procedure By-law.

On motion of Her Worship Mayor Thompson, 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. 7179/98, to approve the proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates of the Downtown Winnipeg Business Improvement Zone for the year 1998. File FL-7.4 (Vol. 6)

By-law No. 7180/98 to approve the proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates of the Exchange District Business Improvement Zone for the year 1998. File FL-7.1 (Vol. 3)

By-law No. 7181/98 to approve the proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates of the Osborne Village Business Improvement Zone for the year 1998. File FL-7.3 (Vol. 4)

By-law No. 7182/98 to approve the proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates of the Corydon Avenue Business Improvement Zone for the year 1998. File FL-7.2 (Vol. 4)

By-law No. 7183/98 to approve the proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates of the West End Winnipeg Business Improvement Zone for the year 1998. File FL-7.7 (Vol. 3)

By-law No. 7184/98 to approve the proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates of the Norwood Grove Business Improvement Zone for the year 1998. File FL-7.6 (Vol. 2)

By-law No. 7185/98 to approve the proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates of the West Broadway-South Sherbrook Business Improvement Zone for the year 1998.
File FL-7.8 (Vol. 2)

By-law No. 7186/98 to approve the proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates of the Selkirk Avenue Business Improvement Zone for the year 1998. FL-7.5 (Vol. 2)

By-law No. 7187/98 to approve the proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates of the Osborne South Business Improvement Zone for the year 1998. FL-7.9 (Vol. 2)

By-law No. 7188/98 to approve the proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates of the North Main Business Improvement Zone for the year 1998. File FL-7.10 (Vol. 2)

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By-law No. 7189/98 to approve the proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates of the Academy Road Business Improvement Zone for the year 1998. File FL-7.11 (Vol. 1)

By-law No. 7190/98 to approve the proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates of the Old St. Vital Business Improvement Zone for the year 1998. FL-7.13 (Vol. 1)

By-law No. 7191/98 to approve the proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates of the Transcona Business Improvement Zone for the year 1998. File FL-7.12 (Vol. 1)

By-law No. 7192/98 to approve the proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates of the Airport Area Business Development Association Inc. Business Improvement Zone for the year 1998. File FL-7.15 (Vol. 1)

By-law No. 7193/98 to approve the proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates of the St. James Village Business Improvement Zone for the year 1998. File FL-7.14 (Vol. 1)

By-law No. 7194/98 to levy the 1998 Business Improvement Zone levy for each of the Business Improvement Zones located in the City. File FL (Vol. 5)

By-law No. 7198/98, a by-law of The City of Winnipeg to amend By-law No. 6729/95, to designate a Business Improvement Zone to be known as the "Downtown Transcona Business Improvement Zone". File FL-7.12 (Vol. 1)

On motion of Her Worship Mayor Thompson, the rule was suspended and By-law No. 7195/98, a by-law of The City of Winnipeg to fix and impose taxes to raise the amounts required in the year 1998 by The Public Schools Finance Board of the Province of Manitoba and by certain School Divisions for school purposes, was read a first, second and third time, the rule being suspended for the third reading, and was passed and ordered to be signed and sealed. File FL-3 (Vol. 10)

On motion of Her Worship Mayor Thompson, the rule was suspended and By-law No. 7196/98, a by-law of The City of Winnipeg to prescribe the annual rate of business tax to be levied in 1998 and to fix the time for payment of licences in lieu of business tax, was read a first, second and third time, the rule being suspended for the third reading, and was passed and ordered to be signed and sealed. File FL-1 (Vol. 10)

Councillor Thomas asked to be recorded as having voted against all three readings of By-law No. 7196/98, in accordance with Rule 50.7 of the Procedure By-law.