REPORT OF THE

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS

DATED DECEMBER 22, 1997

On motion of Councillor Timm-Rudolph, the Report of the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works, dated December 22, 1997, was considered clause by clause.

Moved by Councillor Timm-Rudolph,
That the Consent Agenda, Clauses 1 and 2 be adopted.

Carried.

Award of Building Cleaning Services Contract for 1760 Main Street, 1360 Pembina Highway, 821 Elgin Avenue and 2546 McPhillips Street
File FB-1 (Vol. 6)

258 - 1. The tender call for Building Cleaning Services at the City facilities located at 1760 Main Street, 1360 Pembina Highway, 821 Elgin Avenue, and 2546 McPhillips Street, was initiated by the Civic Buildings Department in September of 1997. Out of 13 building cleaning companies requesting specifications, three building cleaning companies returned bids, and met all specifications.

In response to the tender call, the following firms submitted bids for a one year period:

COMPANY NAME	CLEANING LOCATIONS			
	A	B	C	D
Bison Building Services Ltd.	$6,600	no bid	$6,300	$12,240
N & L Building Cleaning	$5,100	$4,750	$3,200	$ 6,280
A Leader Building Cleaning	$6,900	$5,100	$6,120	$10,740

N & L Building Cleaning Ltd. met all of the specifications and have the necessary resources to perform the work. The Director of Materials Management has advised that one of the bid submissions has been accompanied by a letter of credit and a written undertaking, one has been accompanied by a certified cheque, and one has been accompanied by a bid bond. All tender deposits have been certified by the Legal Services Division and delivered to the Treasury Branch on November 5, 1997.

Sufficient funds for these contracts are identified in the Current Estimates, account numbers as follows:

A.	1760 Main St.	$5,100 -	52-552103-190402300304
B.	1360 Pembina Hwy.	$4,750 -	52-552103-190406622104
C.	821 Elgin Ave.	$3,200 -	52-552103-190402110504
D.	2546 McPhillips St.	$6,280 -	52-552103-190404310014

This contract will allow up to four, one year extensions, with price adjustments as per Specifications. Bids are open for acceptance until January 31, 1998.

The Standing Policy Committee on Public Works recommends:

I. That the tender submitted by N & L Building Cleaning to provide building cleaning services be accepted for a one year period at the following locations:

A.	1760 Main St.	$5,100.00	beginning January 1, 1998
B.	1360 Pembina Hwy.	$4,750.00	beginning January 1, 1998
C.	821 Elgin Ave.	$3,200.00	beginning January 1, 1998
D.	2546 McPhillips St.	$6,280.00	beginning January 1, 1998

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II. That the Director of Streets and Transportation be authorized to award any extensions of the contract provided for therein if he considers it necessary or advisable. Yearly cost estimates for the additional four years are as follows:

1999	$19,340.25
2000	$19,350.71
2001	$19,361.38
2002	$19,372.26

Note: The labour portion of the above estimate, does not reflect any future changes in statutory minimum wage rates.

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

Adopted by consent.

Solid Waste Disposal Charges for Winnipeg Harvest, The Salvation Army and Goodwill Industries
File WT-3 (Vol. 14)

259 - 2. On May 7, 1996, the Committee on Works and Operations decided that solid waste disposal charges (tipping fees) for charitable organizations would not be waived effective January 1, 1997.

On November, 1996, the Winnipeg Harvest, the Salvation Army and Goodwill Industries requested that their tipping fees be waived for a period of time while they investigated alternatives such as a composting program to reduce the amount of waste transported to the landfill.

On January 29, 1997, Council approved the waiving of tipping fees for Winnipeg Harvest for a period of 12 months commencing January 1, 1997 and for a period of 3 ½ months for the Salvation Army and Goodwill Industries commencing January 1, 1997 to April 15, 1997.

WINNIPEG HARVEST

The Water and Waste Department facilitated a number of meetings, commencing in December of 1996, between representatives of the City's Water and Waste Department - Solid Waste and Customer Services Divisions, Winnipeg Harvest, University of Manitoba, Fort Whyte Centre, Resource Conservation Manitoba, and Manitoba Environment. The intent was to identify the needs and resources for establishing a composting operation relative to Winnipeg Harvest's needs.

In the period February, March and April, 1997, two groups of students from the Engineering faculty, University of Manitoba, conducted a study of:

a) the composition and handling of Winnipeg Harvest waste, and
b) the siting criteria for a composting operation in Winnipeg.

The initial indicators were that further assessment would be required before selecting and implementing a site for a composting pilot project.

It was the City's understanding that an Engineering graduate student would undertake further study on the feasibility of establishing a site, including a definition of the resources and responsibility for the ongoing operation of the site. No reports have been received to date.

Funding through the Provincial Sustainable Development Initiative was contemplated. In preparing to develop the applications for funding in April of 1997, based on proposals by the University of Manitoba Engineering Department, it became evident that the University, Province, City, and Winnipeg Harvest did not share a common objective. Interests ranged from the development of a quick solution to the specific problem of Winnipeg Harvest

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waste to the longer-term development of a complete industrial commercial sector organic composting program. At this time, the City does not have the resources to dedicate to the development and operation of a central composting operation.

On June 25, 1997, staff of the Solid Waste Division visited the food waste composting program at the Rockwood Institution in Stony Mountain, Manitoba. This program can accept Winnipeg Harvest food waste, but would charge a tipping fee of $20.00 per tonne. This may be a short-term alternative to the landfill disposal of Winnipeg Harvest's waste, provided the cost of delivery plus the tipping fee does not exceed the cost of land filling.

The onus and commitment to develop an alternative method of managing Winnipeg Harvest's organic waste was clearly theirs. However, this did not happen in the time frame anticipated, and therefore, the waiver of tipping fee should be extended for six months to allow this process to reach a conclusion.

SALVATION ARMY and GOODWILL INDUSTRIES

A preliminary review of the circumstances facing the Salvation Army and Goodwill Industries was completed in early 1997. Both organizations supplied the information requested, but full review and formulation of a recommendation was delayed due to the flood. It is anticipated that work will begin on this issue again in January, 1998, with a view to bringing forward a recommendation at the time the Winnipeg Harvest review is completed.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

No quantitative financial impact was determined for this recommendation. The City has been accepting approximately 1300 tonnes of waste per year from the subject organizations without charge for many years. The City's cost to operate their disposal facilities would be unchanged, with or without these waste volumes. When their waivers end in June, 1998, these charities will have had the opportunity to modify their disposal needs to significantly reduce or eliminate the amount of waste requiring disposal. Assuming that they are able to reduce their disposal needs by 50% the city will see their landfill revenue increase by $26,000.00 with no increase in operating cost.

The Standing Policy Committee on Public Works recommends:

I. That Winnipeg Harvest, The Salvation Army and Goodwill Industries be granted a continuation of their waiver of tipping fees until June 30, 1998.

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

Adopted by consent.

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CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

260 - On motion of Councillor Timm-Rudolph, By-law No. 7142/98, a by-law of The City of Winnipeg to amend By-law No. 1573/77, being The City of Winnipeg Traffic By-law, 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 ST-5.2 (Vol. 24)