REPORT OF THE

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

DATED MAY 13, 1998

On motion of Her Worship Mayor Thompson, the Report of the Executive Policy Committee, dated May 13, 1998, was considered clause by clause.

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

Carried.

The Emergency Preparedness and Coordination Committee File PE (Vol. 3)

635 - 1. The Emergency Preparedness and Coordination Committee was created by Council in 1989. Since its creation, the composition of the committee has changed on two occasions to reflect relevant, contemporary organizational realities. With the current reorganization, in addition to the Flood of 1997, a further review was necessitated.

The Emergency Preparedness and Coordination Committee is responsible for:

a) coordinating the activities of The City of Winnipeg departments, outside agencies, the public sector and volunteer groups during an emergency;

b) meeting with all elements of the group for the purpose of creating a comprehensive emergency response plan;

c) acting as an advisory group to the Emergency Control Committee;

d) preparing public information for release by the Emergency Control Committee;

e) staffing the Emergency Operations Centre on a part or full time basis;

f) reviewing and updating the City emergency plan; and

g) training

At its meeting of December 12, 1997, the Emergency Preparedness and Coordination Committee was unanimous in recommending that the current functional/sectoral composition would best serve the existing and emerging needs for disaster preparedness in the City of Winnipeg, and therefore, the nucleus of the Committee should remain status quo.

However, based upon the experiences of this past spring, it was also agreed that the position of Auxiliary Coordinator needed to be created. These positions will augment the existing Committee with specific expertise in specialized areas.

Auxiliary Coordinators will not be expected to participate in all EPCC meetings, but rather will attend when issues require. Auxiliary Coordinators will receive all meeting minutes on an ongoing basis. They will attend meetings when asked to do so by the Chairperson. They may also attend at their own initiative and may place issues on the agenda and before the Committee similar to the existing Coordinators. Auxiliary Coordinators will also be included in the Emergency Contact Procedures and will be called out, for Emergency Operations Centre activation, along with the remainder of the Committee.

The Chief Administrative Officer had instructed the Emergency Preparedness and Coordination Committee to bring forth a recommendation on the structure of the Committee.

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The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That continuing through and following the current reorganization, the existing structure of the Emergency Preparedness and Coordination Committee remain status quo, with sectoral representation, plus the noted additions.

II. That in accordance with one of the recommendations found in the 1997 Flood Report, the positions of Auxiliary Coordinators be created for Special Emergency Functions.

III. That the revised composition will be:

- Chief Emergency Coordinator: Gail Stephens/designate (chairperson)
- Emergency Program Coordinator: Mark Bennett
- Public Utilities Coordinator: Bill Borlase, P. Eng.
- Aide to the Chief Coordinator: (to be assigned)
- Emergency Responses Coordinator - Deputy Chief Ken Sim
- Public Safety Coordinator - Police: Supt. Bruce Taylor
- Public Aid Coordinator: Joe Egan
- Public Works Coordinator: Roger Mills, P. Eng.
- Public Information Coordinator: (to be assigned)
- Emergency Program Assistant: Cathy Chartier
- Auxiliary Coordinators for:
- Human Resources (including Volunteer Coordination): Linda Yaworski
- Legal Services: Doug Buhr
- Information Technologies (Corporate Services): Peter Bennett
- Plus other(s) at the discretion of the Committee

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

Adopted by consent.

Approval to participate in a partnership with the Province to employ University Students with The City of Winnipeg Police Service, Bureau of Police Records
File GP-1.19 (Vol. 15)

636 - 2. The Executive Policy Committee has been advised that in October of 1997 the Bureau of Police Records made a request for additional funding to increase the complement of temporary clerks in order to deal with a backlog in this area.

Late in 1997 the Police Service put forward “New Developments” to current budget estimates for the 1998 budget. This request dealt in part with the funding issues in the Bureau of Police Records. The funding was approved and adopted by Council.

Early in March of 1998, management of the Bureau of Police Records entered into discussions with the Province of Manitoba’s Education and Training, Youth Programs Branch. Discussions centered around the possibility of hiring university students over the summer months on a one time special project basis to deal with the Records section backlog. These negotiations progressed to the point that approval from the Minister of Education and Training was received.

The contract to be signed with the Province would allow for the hiring of twenty one university students to work in the Bureau of Police Records during the period of May to September, 1998.

The cost of hiring these temporary students will be shared jointly by the City and the Province. A portion of current budget money approved earlier to hire temporary clerks will be utilized to match the Provincial input.

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The Financial Impact is outlined on Appendix “A”.

The options for the Bureau of Police Records Management are as follows:

- Utilize all of the budget money allocated to reduce the backlog by hiring temporary clerks. These clerks would have to deal with the backlog as well as carry the increased workload caused by shortages of staff over the summer holidays.
- Utilize only a portion of the budget money to hire twenty one students for a four to five month period.

The significantly larger number of staff available through utilization of the City and Provincial initiative should allow existing Records staff to not only deal with shortages caused by summer holidays but also the backlog issue.

This one time arrangement would be of great benefit to not only the students but also the Police Service and the City of Winnipeg. Many of the students interested are currently volunteers with the Service who are looking at a career in law enforcement once their studies are completed.

This matter was submitted to the Vacancy Management Staffing Authorization Process and received approval on April 23, 1998.

There is an obvious urgency to receiving approval to proceed with the contract in that many university students are already seeking summer employment and will be lost to the process should there be any delays.

Entering into a joint funding partnership with the Province of Manitoba requires Council approval.

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That the Winnipeg Police Service be authorized to enter into a joint funding partnership with the Province of Manitoba for the hiring of twenty-one (21) temporary summer students to work within the Police Service’s Bureau of Police Records during the period of May to September 1998.

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

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

Adopted by consent.

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EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

DATED MAY 20, 1998

On motion of Her Worship Mayor Thompson, the Report of the Executive Policy Committee, dated May 20, 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 and 9 be adopted.

Councillor Golden requested that Clauses 3,8 and 9 be pulled from the Consent Agenda.

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

The motion to adopt the Consent Agenda, Clauses 1,2,4,5 and 6 was put and declared carried.

Spring Flooding 1997 File PE (Vol. 13)

637 - 1. The Executive Policy Committee has been advised that the City of Winnipeg Emergency Plan requires that an appropriate report be written following emergency operations and submitted to Council.

The administrative report entitled “Flood of the Century” was prepared from material submitted by the members of the Emergency Preparedness and Coordination Committee along with other Coordinators appointed during the response. It is intended to provide a review of the flood response and provide the lessons learned along with recommendations for improvement. (Copy of the Administrative Report is on file in the office of the City Clerk.)

The areas (recommendations) most in need of attention and/or improvement are, the provision of Public Aid, emergency preparedness training and other organizational and procedural adjustments.

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That the Emergency Preparedness and Coordination Committee (EPCC) be directed to develop new plans or revise existing plans to incorporate Special Emergency Activities as categorized in this report, including, but not restricted to:

- A Human Resource Emergency Staff Redeployment Plan
- A Volunteer Coordination Plan
- A Re-Entry Plan (Appendix 3)
- An information Technologies Support Plan
- A Food and Wellness (Staff) Support Plan

II. That an appropriate expansion of EPCC be implemented to incorporate Associate Coordinators responsible for Special Emergency Activities including:

- A Human Resource Coordinator
- A Volunteer Coordinator
- An Information Technologies Coordinator
- A Legal Advisor/Coordinator
- A Food and Wellness Coordinator

III. That procedures be amended to direct the activation of the expanded EPCC sooner in emergencies.

IV. That EPCC review the situation with respect to the future delivery of Public Aid emergency services and submit recommendation(s) to the administration (Chief Administrative Officer/Council) for appropriate arrangements.

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V. That emergency preparedness training be made available to civic politicians, executive, senior administration and staff.

VI. That the recommendations made in the City of Winnipeg Brief to the Manitoba Water Commission (Attachment 2) be received as information and the administration be authorized to pursue these recommendations further with the Provincial and Federal Governments.

VII. That the Corporate Services Training Room on the 6th floor (Administration Building) be designated as the primary emergency call centre location.

VIII. That the Emergency Public Information Team implement necessary improvements in the areas of:

- the security pass system (in conjunction with the Police)
- information logging and information management systems (including the Emergency Call Centre)
- media monitoring procedures

IX. That the Winnipeg Police Service review and amend their emergency management procedures including:

- check point protocols
- evacuation protocols
- security protocols (including passes)

X. That there be a concerted effort to follow-up with the Province of Manitoba in order to achieve further improvements in the areas of:

- information transfer
- Clarification of organizational structures, roles and responsibilities
- Emergency declarations
- Resource utilization
- Communications
- Disaster Assistance

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

Adopted by consent.

Delegation of Signing Authority to the Director of Transit for the execution of Agency Contracts for the sale of Winnipeg Transit Bus Tickets File GC-11 (Vol. 6)

638 - 2. On January 19, 1983, Council passed By-law No. 3348/83, which granted the Commissioner of Works and Operations authority to execute Agency Contracts for the sale of Winnipeg Transit Bus Tickets.

On October 29, 1997, Council passed By-law No. 7100/97, which granted the Chief Administrative Officer the authority formerly granted to the Board of Commissioners, Chief Commissioner and any Commissioner of the City.

The Chief Administrative Officer has requested that the signing authority granted to her with respect to the execution of Agency Contracts for the sale of Winnipeg Transit Bus Tickets under By-law Nos. 3348/83 and 7100/97 be delegated to the Director of Transit. Any change in signing authority pursuant to Sections 108(1) and 108(2) of The City of Winnipeg Act requires the approval of Council in the form of enactment of a by-law.

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That Council approve the by-law, granting authority to the Director of Transit to execute Agency Contracts for the sale of Winnipeg Transit Bus Tickets and repealing By-law No. 3348/83.

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

Adopted by consent.

Request for Loan Guarantee - Winnipeg Enterprises Corporation
File FC-2.2 (Vol. 1) c/r F-5 (Vol. 20)

639 - 3. The Executive Policy Committee has been advised that the Winnipeg Enterprises Corporation (the "Corporation") was incorporated by special Act of the Province of Manitoba to incorporate Winnipeg Enterprises Corporation assented to July 26th, 1952. "The objects of the Corporation shall be to carry on activities having for their purpose civic improvement, pleasure or recreation, and being of a sporting or community character or the like. Any profits or other accretions to the Corporation shall be used in promoting its objects and no part of the income of the Corporation shall be payable to, or otherwise available for the personal benefit of any member as such of the Corporation".

The Corporation may "transfer or otherwise convey to the City of Winnipeg or its nominees, upon request and without receiving any consideration therefore, all or any portion of the assets and undertaking of the Corporation".

The Winnipeg Enterprises Corporation is managed by a Board of Directors consisting of five members appointed by the City of Winnipeg, six members which are elected by the Board for a term not exceeding ten years and the Chief Administrative Officer (or designate) of the City of Winnipeg.

Winnipeg Enterprises Corporation is required to report annually to the Mayor and Executive Policy Committee under the "Formal Reporting Mechanisms to City Council - Winnipeg Enterprises Corporation."

On February 4th, 1998 the City of Winnipeg and Winnipeg Enterprises Corporation agreed to the extension of the City of Winnipeg Land Lease Agreement in respect of the Winnipeg Arena lands in which the Stadium and Arena are located, per the original agreement dated September 27th, 1954, plus amendments now extended to December 31st, 2017. The building and other assets were acquired through the efforts and activities of Winnipeg Enterprises Corporation, all of which can be assumed by the City of Winnipeg.

Section 313 of The City of Winnipeg Act states the following:

> "Subject to the approval of the Minister of Finance, the City, may on such terms and conditions as the Minister of Finance may approve, make loans and grants for, and guarantee indebtedness incurred for, any community undertaking not otherwise authorized under this Act, and the Minister of Finance may refer any application for approval under this section to The Municipal Board for its advice and recommendation.,"

The City of Winnipeg has historically provided loan guarantees to Winnipeg Enterprises Corporation which permit Winnipeg Enterprises Corporation to obtain financing at the most favourable terms due to the City of Winnipeg's financial position. The City guaranteed a serial debenture issued in 1987 for stadium renovations and improvements for $2,466,000 with the final principal payment of $368,000 paid on September 1st, 1997. In addition, the City guaranteed a serial debenture issued in 1978 for stadium expansion for $3,600,000 with final principal payment of $366,000 due on December 1st, 1998. The City funded by way of an annual grant of $100,000 a portion of the principal and interest on the 1978 debentures. There are currently no other loan guarantees provided to Winnipeg Enterprises Corporation by the City.

Due to the relationship between the City and Winnipeg Enterprises Corporation, the assets and the liabilities of Winnipeg Enterprises Corporation are consolidated with the City for credit rating and annual reporting purposes. Therefore, the loan guarantee would be eliminated on consolidation.

On June 17th, 1992 the City adopted a "Policy and Criteria to be used as a Guideline in the Consideration for Loan Guarantees".

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The following evaluates the business plan and other financial information as provided by Winnipeg Enterprises Corporation based on the policy and criteria related to requests for loan guarantees as adopted by Council on June 17th, 1992.

A. *Requests for loan guarantees shall be submitted to the City Treasurer for review to determine if the request meets the requirements of the policy.*

Winnipeg Enterprises Corporation has requested a loan guarantee for $7,650,000.

B. *The organization requesting the loan guarantee must provide a service which, in whole or in part, falls within the mandate of the City of Winnipeg.*

Winnipeg Enterprises Corporation provides services and facilities to promote sports and recreation activities for residents of Winnipeg.

C. *The project for which the loan guarantee is being requested must not be in conflict with City policy. For example, if City policy stated that we already had more than enough hockey arenas for our population, the City would not guarantee a loan for the purpose of constructing a hockey arena.*

The project is not in conflict with City policy.

D. *The organization's services must be available to the community at large without restrictions based upon ethnicity, religion or race and without unreasonable restrictive membership or user fees.*

There is no unreasonable restrictions on membership or user fees.

E. *The organization must be non-profit (as defined within the City of Winnipeg's Fees and Charges Policy).*

Winnipeg Enterprises Corporation is an incorporated organization with non-profit status.

F. *The organization must produce financial records and business plan that demonstrates the organization's long term viability and capacity to meet the obligations of the loan that they are asking the City to guarantee.*

Winnipeg Enterprises Corporation has provided a business plan including historical and projected operating statements supporting the long-term viability and capacity to meet the loan obligation.

The business plan is a proposal for improvements to the Winnipeg Stadium and surrounding properties to be funded jointly by the levels of government and Winnipeg Enterprises Corporation through its remaining limited amount of financing capacity, with supporting loan guarantees from the City of Winnipeg.

Total Stadium and property improvements estimated at $10.750 million are proposed.

Proposed funding:

Government of Canada	$2.500 M
Province of Manitoba	2.500 M
City of Winnipeg	1.500 M
Winnipeg Enterprises Corp.	4.250 M
Total	$10.750 M

City of Winnipeg Guarantee of Winnipeg Enterprises Corporation Debt Required:

Existing	$3.400 M
Additional	4.250 M
Total	$7.650 M

This information only addresses the capacity of Winnipeg Enterprises Corporation to meet the obligations under the requested $7.65 million in loan guarantees and not the $1.5 million in grants requested of the City.

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Winnipeg Enterprises Corporation has managed the Arena/Stadium Complex since 1952. Winnipeg Enterprises Corporation has shown a small operating surplus from operations of $146,000 over this period as surplus earnings have been reinvested in this facility.

Winnipeg Enterprises is showing a net loss on operations for the nine months ended February 28th, 1998 of $345,000 exceeding the budgeted loss to February 28th, 1998 of $148,000. Discussions were held with Winnipeg Enterprises Corporation officials related to the year-end results. Management stated that projections to year-end would not be accurate due to the nature of the industry. Management indicated that preliminary projections indicate a year-end that appears to remain on budget overall. The budgeted 1997/98 surplus is $5,000.

The five year projections from Winnipeg Enterprises Corporation indicate small annual operating surpluses ranging from $41,000 to $112,000. Winnipeg Enterprises Corporation has made the following assumptions in their projections:

* Amusement tax agreement continues between City of Winnipeg and Winnipeg Enterprises Corporation.
* Amateur sporting agreement continues between City of Winnipeg and Winnipeg Enterprises Corporation
* Pan Am Games to have neutral financial affect on Winnipeg Enterprises Corporation.
* World Junior Hockey Championship to have neutral financial affect on Winnipeg Enterprises Corporation.
* No change to lease between Winnipeg Football Club and Winnipeg Enterprises Corporation due to capital funding.
* New CICA reporting for non-profit organizations will have no significant effect on the presentation of Winnipeg Enterprises Corporation financial results.
* Winnipeg Goldeyes to play in new venue which is anticipated to have a neutral financial effect on Winnipeg Enterprises Corporation.

Financial projections for this type of operation are extremely difficult as revenues are event driven and not known, terms of contracts are not complete, making playoffs and projecting attendance levels can lead to significant variances. The management of Winnipeg Enterprises Corporation have prepared the five year forecast based on past experience and assumptions about known events. Projected future revenues and expenditures are reasonable given historical experience. Management has committed that expenditures will be reduced to create a break-even result if revenues do not materialize.

Winnipeg Enterprises Corporation will be significantly increasing its debt load to $7.65 million by May 31st, 1998 from $2.5 million at May 31st, 1996. In addition, the debt service on the $2.5 million was subsidized by the City of Winnipeg by $100,000 per year.

The debt service on the $4.25 million for stadium improvements is dependant on the success of the Winnipeg Football Club. If projected attendance levels are not achieved then meeting debt obligations will be difficult.

The Winnipeg Football Club's $1.2 million income debenture will continue to be a drain on operations unless results improve significantly.

The $2.2 million in improvements to the Winnipeg Arena are dependent to a large extent on the success of the Manitoba Moose and other arena events. Management has adjusted the projections to reflect more recent Moose attendance.

Winnipeg Enterprises Corporation has projected total debt service costs at approximately $835,000 per year on the $7.65 million. In 1996 debt service charges were approximately $840,000.

The five year projections indicate that Winnipeg Enterprises Corporation is operating at its maximum capacity in terms of ability to service the debt of $7.65 million. The risks to the City of Winnipeg include:

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1. The continuation of the Winnipeg Football Club
2. The continuation of the Manitoba Moose
3. No significant loss in revenues due to the loss of the Winnipeg Goldeyes and the loss of events to the new baseball complex
4. Lack of funding from other levels of government for major upgrades required to the facilities

Assuming the continuation of the Winnipeg Football Club and Manitoba Moose, including the assumptions made by management in their projections, the estimated maximum exposure to the City of Winnipeg would be approximately $100,000 to $200,000 per year.

G. *The organization structure and the principles of the organization must be judged by the City of Winnipeg as competent to independently implement the business plan of the organization.*

Winnipeg Enterprises has demonstrated the ability to implement the business plan.

H. *Unless there are very special circumstances, the maximum amount of outstanding loan guarantees for any one organization will be $1,000,000.*

Winnipeg Enterprises Corporation was established by a special Act to carry on activities having for their purpose civic improvement, pleasure or recreation for the benefit of the citizens of Winnipeg. In addition, Winnipeg Enterprises Corporation may transfer or otherwise convey to the City or its nominee, upon request and without receiving consideration, therefore, all or any portion of the assets and undertaking of the Corporation. This relationship constitutes a special circumstance.

The total loan guarantees outstanding will be for $8,016,000 which includes $7,650,000 for the new guarantee and $366,000 which expires on December 1st, 1998 related to the 1978 debenture.

I. *The loan that the City is being asked to guarantee should not present more than 50% of the total funding of the project. The organization requested the loan guarantee must have raised at least 20% of the total project cost from non-City of Winnipeg sources as a down-payment, i.e. if the organization is receiving a City grant for their project, the grant cannot be counted as part of the 20% down-payment.*

The loan the City is being asked to guarantee does not comply with the City policy in that is represents 100% of project funding exceeding the 50% limit. The loan does also not meet the 20% minimum requirement for non-City of Winnipeg funding.

In the business plan for Winnipeg Enterprises Corporation, the City has been requested to guarantee existing bank loans for $3.4 million from the Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce. A portion of the proceeds from the loan were utilized to purchase a $1.2 million income debenture from the Winnipeg Football Club. The debenture holder is entitled to receive a pro rata portion of 25% of net cash profit of Winnipeg Football Club in a given year. No payments have been received on the income debenture. Given that this is 100% debt financed the annual negative cash flow on this investment is approximately $134,000. The remaining $2.2 million was utilized to provide renovations to the Winnipeg Arena.

The financial benefit to Winnipeg Enterprises Corporation of the guarantee on the $3.4 million existing loan is that the interest rate will be reduced from 7.56% to 7.21% resulting in an annual saving of $11,900.

The business plan has requested the City guarantee bank financing for $4,250,000 for capital expenditures on the Winnipeg Stadium as required under the new lease with the Winnipeg Football Club. Capital expenditures include the following:

Concession upgrading	$350,000
Washroom expansion	400,000
Bomber novelty store	300,000
Reader board and booklet signs (advertising)	170,000
Painting/visitor locker room upgrades	80,000
Field house	1,000,000
Seating (individual seats, lower grandstand 20,000)	1,700,000
Painting, miscellaneous, press box	250,000
	$4,250,000

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Winnipeg Enterprises Corporation has provided financial analysis of the new lease with the Winnipeg Football Club which will increase the Winnipeg Enterprises profit by $597,000 in 1998 which includes $417,000 in new amusement tax revenue.

The annual debt service costs on the $4,250,000 at today's rates (6.22%) are approximately $440,000.

J. *The loan that the City is guaranteeing must be related to a capital asset.*

The loan guarantee to Winnipeg Enterprises Corporation is related to a capital asset which includes a $1.2 million income debenture issued by the Winnipeg Football Club.

K. *The capital asset must be insured to the satisfaction of the City Treasurer both during and after construction.*

The Director of Corporate Finance (City Treasurer) will ensure adequate insurance is in place if the project is approved.

The request for a loan guarantee exceeds the criteria as established by Council. However, there is a special relationship that exists between the City of Winnipeg and Winnipeg Enterprises Corporation. Winnipeg Enterprises Corporation has historically exhibited the ability to service its long-term debt. Based on discussions with management, and review of the business plan, including five year financial forecast and based upon assumptions outlined in the report, Winnipeg Enterprises Corporation should be able to service the debt of $7.65 million. The exposure to the City is relatively small, at worst requiring annual subsidies of $100,000 - $200,000. The City currently provided a $100,000 subsidy on existing debenture debt that expires in 1998.

Investments in the Arena/Stadium Complex will help ensure Winnipeg Enterprises Corporation has the ability to facilitate the use of the complex in a cost effective manner for a wide variety of events as well as assisting in the viability of the major tenants.

The proposed activities in the complex will allow Winnipeg Enterprises Corporation the capacity to continue to maintain the complex as well as to carry its share of the proposed debt servicing. Accordingly, Winnipeg Enterprises Corporation requires a specific guarantee from the City of Winnipeg for the debt it has already incurred for Arena improvements and for additional renovations and upgrades to the Stadium in order to comply with the terms of the five year lease with the Winnipeg Football Club, entered into in 1997.

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That Council give consideration to providing a loan guarantee in the amount of $7.65 million to Winnipeg Enterprises Corporation to allow them to proceed with $4.25 million in improvements to Winnipeg Stadium and guarantee an existing loan for $3.4 million which in 1997 financed an income debenture from the Winnipeg Football Club and arena renovations.

II. That the Proper Officers of the City be instructed to do all things necessary to implement the foregoing, including obtaining approval from the Minister of Finance in accordance with Section 313 of The City of Winnipeg Act.

Moved by Councillor Angus,

Adoption of the clause.

The motion for the adoption of the clause was put.

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

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

Nay: Councillors Golden and Murray. 2

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

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

640 - 4. 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.

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.

On March 25, 1998, Council granted an extension of time of 60 days for consideration of the matter.

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 additional extension of time of 60 days for consideration of this matter.

Adopted by consent.

Local Improvement Project - Waste Water Sewer in Nesbitt Bay (East Leg) from Nesbitt Bay (North Leg) to a point approximately 173.7 feet south of the South line of Nesbitt Bay (North Leg)
File SL(1998)

641 - 5. On April 22, 1998, the Executive Policy Committee laid over Clause 2 of the Report of the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works dated April 14, 1998 pending receipt of the Administrative Report to identify funding sources requested by the Standing Committee on Fiscal Issues.

Inasmuch as the report has not been received to date, 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 30 days for consideration of this matter.

Adopted by consent.

Land Dedication Reserve Expenditure - Installation of a light at Sargent Park Playground - City Centre Community
Files EP-2 (Vol. 24) & PR-2(32)(Vol. 5)

642 - 6. The Executive Policy Committee has been advised that the City Centre Community Committee has concurred in the allocation of $5,000 from the City Centre Land Dedication Reserve Fund to cover the cost of installation of a light at Sargent Park Playground in view of concerns expressed with respect to protecting the safety of children utilizing the playground as well as preventing vandalism to the rather extensive development of the playground structure.

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The Executive Policy Committee concurs with the above and recommends that funds in the amount of $5,000.00 be approved from the City Centre Community Land Dedication Reserve Fund for the project.

Adopted by consent.

Proposed Amendments to the Home Renovation Tax Program
Files FL (Vol. 5) & GG-2 (Vol. 23)

643 - 7. On March 26, 1998, Council at its adjourned meeting, ruled automatic referral of a motion from Councillors Vandal and Steek relative to the Home Renovation Tax Program, (as outlined in Appendix "A") to the Executive Policy Committee, under Rule 16.1 of the Procedure By-law No. 5400/90.

The Executive Policy Committee, on April 15, 1998, reconstituted the Ad Hoc Committee on Tax Forgiveness comprising Councillor Prystanski as Chairperson and Councillor Vandal and referred the resolution to the Ad Hoc Committee for review and to establish terms of reference which would include a financial impact analysis, marketing and communication strategy with the industry (Manitoba Renovation Contractors Association) and an analysis of demographics, taking into consideration the number of rental properties.

On April 29, 1998, Council ruled automatic referral of an additional motion from Councillors Vandal and Steek relative to increasing the Home Renovation Tax Program (as outlined in Appendix "B") to the Executive Policy Committee, under Rule 16.1 of the Procedure By-law No. 5400/90.

The Ad Hoc Committee on Tax Forgiveness and Home Renovations has been advised by the administration that Council approved the Home Renovation Tax Credit Program in 1995. The By-law provided for a credit on a homeowners tax bill of $15.00 per $1000.00 of eligible work done under the program, for a maximum of five years. This effectively provided a $150.00 credit per year, or $750.00 total credit over the five year period, for renovations of $10,000.00 or more.

For the first three years of the program eligible properties were limited to those built prior to 1971 and valued at less than $80,000. In 1998 eligibility extended to properties valued at less than $100,000 and constructed prior to 1981, covering all structural and some cosmetic upgrading of the principal building only.

Statistics available to April 1997 indicate a total of 361 qualifying applications for the grant. Total grants of $34,935.00 have been registered on roughly $2.4 million in permit valued renovations.

The motion outlined on Appendix "A" proposed the following changes to the program:

- eligibility of accessory buildings and structures including garages, gazebos, greenhouses, decks, patios, fences, verandas, driveways and sidewalks, as well as security systems for the principal buildings;

- increase of the maximum credit from $750.00 to $1,500.00 based on $10,000.00 in eligible works;

- provision of the credit over a three year period instead of a five year period;

- deferment of the increased assessment until the next general reassessment in 2002;

- mandatory inspection of the residence by the assessment department and provision to the homeowner, in writing, of the increased assessed value after the renovations;

- establishment of a marketing strategy to improve awareness of the program.

In order to achieve a tax credit of $1500.00 over a three year period, based on the 1.5% of value rule, qualifying construction would have to be $33,000.00 or more. This is not feasible for inner city and older suburban neighbourhoods.

Based on permits issued in 1995 and 1996, eligibility for the revised tax assistance program will increase by 250% based on the additional eligible works and the increased eligible housing stock at the 1981/$100,000 limits.

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The average value of all permits issued for now qualifying work over the previous three year period is $8000 per permit which would now result in assistance of $1200.00 over a 3 year period or $400.00 per year.

Approximately 1500 building permit applicants should now qualify for the assistance under the revised program, based on permit activity over the last three years.

An improved public notification process for the new “Home Renovation Tax Assistance Program” should result in 80% or more of eligible home owners applying for the assistance, as opposed to the current response of less than 25%.

Based on a minimum response to the program, assistance would total $150,000.00 per year.

Based on an improved response of 80% of 1500 permits per year, assistance could total $480,000.00 per year for three years.

100% response to the program would increase the City’s commitment to $1.8 million over three years or $600,000.00 per year.

The Ad Hoc Committee on Tax Forgiveness and Home Renovations recommended:

1. That the Home Renovation Tax Credit Program be renamed the Home Renovation Tax Assistance Program.

2. That eligibility for the tax assistance be limited to one or more claims not exceeding 15% of the value of the work conducted to a maximum amount of $1500.00 in any five year period.

3. That the tax assistance be payable to the claimant as a reduction of the property tax owing, to a maximum of $500.00 assistance per year for three consecutive years.

4. That the tax assistance program be expanded to include, in addition to all existing eligible renovations, construction or repair of accessory buildings including garages, decks, verandas, gazebos and sunrooms.

5. That all other components of the existing tax credit program be adopted in the tax assistance program.

6. That the program come into effect retroactively to the 1998 cutoff of permits qualifying under the existing Home Renovation Tax Credit Program.

7. That a sum of $25,000 be allocated to promote the revised program, in partnership with the Home Renovation Contractors Association.

The Executive Policy Committee has concurred in the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee as amended and recommends:

I. That the Home Renovation Tax Credit Program be renamed the Home Renovation Tax Assistance Program.

II. That eligibility for the tax assistance be limited to one or more claims not exceeding 15% of the value of the work conducted to a maximum amount of $1500.00 in any five year period.

III. That the tax assistance be payable to the claimant as a reduction of the property tax owing, to a maximum of $500.00 assistance per year for three consecutive years.

IV. That the tax assistance program be expanded to include, in addition to all existing eligible renovations, construction or repair of accessory buildings including garages, decks, verandas, gazebos and sunrooms.

V. That all other components of the existing tax credit program be adopted in the tax assistance program.

VI. That the program come into effect retroactively to the 1998 cutoff of permits qualifying under the existing Home Renovation Tax Credit Program.

VII. That a sum of $25,000 be charged to the 1999 Current Estimates to promote the revised program and to develop a marketing campaign for the next season, in partnership with reputable home renovation builders such as the Manitoba Home Builders Association and Home Renovation Contractors Association.

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VIII. That the Home Renovation Tax Assistance Program be reviewed on an annual basis by the Executive Policy Committee.

IX. That the City Solicitor/Manager of Legal Services be requested to submit draft by-law to implement the above intent.

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

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

Moved by Councillor Angus,
Adoption of the clause.

The Speaker called Councillor Angus to the Chair in order to participate in the debate.

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

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

Funding for Millennium Plan - improvements to the Winnipeg Stadium and surrounding properties
File F-5 (Vol. 20)

644 - 8. On May 20, 1998, the Executive Policy Committee passed the following resolution, namely:

WHEREAS the Winnipeg Enterprises Corporation (WEC) has submitted a Millennium Plan to the City of Winnipeg, which is a proposal for improvements to the Winnipeg Stadium and surrounding properties to be partially funded as follows:

Province of Manitoba	$2.5 million
WEC	$1.0 million
City of Winnipeg	$1.5 million

AND WHEREAS the purpose of the plan is to satisfy the medium to long range requirements of the Winnipeg Football Club, 1999 Pan Am Games, amateur sport, and all other potential users of the facility;

AND WHEREAS the City's contribution would be for the following improvements:

surfacing, asphalt, stripes, concrete, pavers;
landscaping, trees, shrubs, sod;
lighting; and
structures/entry gates;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council make a commitment to WEC for funds up to a maximum of $1.5 million towards this Millennium Plan, on the understanding that funding from the Province in an amount of $2.5 million and funding from WEC in the amount of $1 million is available for this purpose, and that these funds be budgeted in the 1999 Current or Capital Estimates processes.

and submits same to Council for approval.

Moved by Councillor Angus,
Adoption of the clause.

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The motion for the adoption of the clause was put.

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

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

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

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

Delegation of Authority to the Chief Administrative Officer for settlement of claims to a maximum of $100,000
File GL-3.2 (Vol. 40)

645 - 9. On May 20, 1998, the Executive Policy Committee passed the following resolution, namely:

WHEREAS Sec. 4(13) of the Organizational By-law No. 7100/97, delegates to Executive Policy Committee the authority for the approval of settlement of:- (a) claims against the City up to a maximum of $250,000; (b) claims brought by the City; (c) claims arising out of expropriations;

AND WHEREAS subsection (1) of section 114 of The City of Winnipeg Act states as follows:

> 114(1) The Council may, subject to such conditions as it may prescribe, delegate to its solicitor, or other employee of the City, the authority to settle any claim, or any specified kind of claim, against the City."

AND WHEREAS the position description of the CAO as described by Council in its adoption of the Cuff recommendations on October 29, 1997 included the following responsibility:

> "approves any settlement of claims or accounts not exceeding $100,000 upon the advice of the City Solicitor; immediately advises the Executive Policy Committee of such action;"

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council delegate the authority to the CAO to settle claims to a maximum of $100,000 upon the advice of the City Solicitor and report such action on a statistical basis to the Executive Policy Committee;

AND THAT the proper officers be instructed to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing including any necessary by-law amendments.

and submits same to Council for approval.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Eadie,
Adoption of the clause.

Carried.

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

REPORT "A" OF THE

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

DATED MAY 20, 1998

On motion of Her Worship Mayor Thompson, the rule was suspended and Report "A" of the Executive Policy Committee dated May 20, 1998, was considered.

Report of the Flood Records and Archives Committee (1997) File PE-1 (Vol. 3)

646 - 1. On May 8, 1997, the Chief Commissioner, Board of Commissioners, created the Flood Records & Archives Committee, chaired by the City Clerk, as part of the "Lessons Learned" initiative with the following mandate:

> *"Record and Archives Committee to assemble the record of events, to assure the safe keeping of critical documents and to prepare any official history (as deemed appropriate) from the City's perspective."*

The committee consisted of Dorothy Browton, City Clerk, Chairperson, Loren Reynolds, Board of Commissioners, Mark Bennett, Coordinator of the Emergency Program, Marc Lemoine, City Records Manager and Archivist and Julie Bell of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation.

The Committee's goal was to ensure that records regarding the fighting of the 1997 flood were compiled and centralized in the City's Archives. This was done from a public information perspective and from an emergency preparedness perspective. The public information aspects ensure that all citizens would have access to the records that describe an important event in the City's history, especially as this information relates to the City of Winnipeg's role in the 1997 flood. The emergency preparedness objective ensures that the information documenting the successful actions taken during the 1997 flood were captured and could be quickly and easily accessed should such an emergency arise again. During the 1997 emergency it was found that detailed documents regarding the actions taken during the 1950 flood were simply not available.

The 1997 flood archives collection, consists of three main areas. The first section includes records created by the City of Winnipeg and its departments. The second section includes records collected from outside organizations, including reports from other levels of governments or other agencies, books published on the flood, and videotapes produced by the media and other sources of information. The third section includes records stored at the City Archives that deal with floods that have occurred previous to 1997.

It should be noted that the flood archives collection will continue to grow. Many organizations, including the City of Winnipeg are still in the process of completing official reports of the event. The Archives' staff will continue the work of the Flood Records and Archives Committee.

The Executive Policy Committee recommends that the report be forwarded to Council for its information. A copy of the Report entitled "The City of Winnipeg - Flood Archives Collection" is on file in the Office of the City Clerk.

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

Carried.

REPORT OF THE

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

DATED MAY 27, 1998

On motion of Her Worship Mayor Thompson, the rule was suspended and the Report of the Executive Policy Committee, dated May 27, 1998, was considered clause by clause.

Request for Loan Guarantee - Gateway Recreation Centre Inc.
File FC-2.2 (Vol. 1)

647 - 1. The Executive Policy Committee has been advised that Section 313 of The City of Winnipeg Act states the following:

> "Subject to the approval of the Minister of Finance, the City, may on such terms and conditions as the Minister of Finance may approve, make loans and grants for, and guarantee indebtedness incurred for, any community undertaking not otherwise authorized under this Act, and the Minister of Finance may refer any application for approval under this section to The Municipal Board for its advice and recommendation."

As at December 31st, 1997 the City of Winnipeg was the guarantor of thirteen different loans in the total amount of $6.4 million. The City has been concerned that there has been an increasing number of requests for loan guarantees over the past few years, as loan guarantees do, in fact, constitute meaningful commitments by the City. These commitments have to be recorded in the notes to the City's financial statements, are factors in determining the City's potential liabilities, and are a factor in determining the City's credit rating. As a result of its concern, the City adopted a "Policy and Criteria to be used as a Guideline in the Consideration of Request for Loan Guarantees" on June 17th, 1992.

The following evaluates the business plan as provided by the Gateway Recreation Centre Inc. based on the policy and criteria related to requests for loan guarantees as adopted by Council on June 17th, 1992.

A. *Requests for loan guarantees shall be submitted to the City Treasurer for review to determine if the request meets the requirements of the policy*.

Gateway Recreation Centre Inc. has requested a loan guarantee for $1,591,000.

B. *The organization requesting the loan guarantee must provide a service which, in whole or in part, falls within the mandate of the City of Winnipeg.*

The Gateway Recreation Centre Inc. provides community-based sports and recreation activities for residents of Winnipeg in the North Transcona area.

C. *The project for which the loan guarantee is being requested must not be in conflict with City policy. For example, if City policy stated that we already had more than enough hockey arenas for our population, the City would not guarantee a loan for the purpose of constructing a hockey arena.*

The project is not in conflict with City policy.

D. *The organization's services must be available to the community at large without restrictions based upon ethnicity, religion or race and without unreasonably restrictive membership or user fees.*

There is no unreasonable restrictions on membership or user fees.

E. *The organization must be non-profit (as defined within the City of Winnipeg's Fees and Charges Policy).*

Gateway Recreation Centre Inc. is an incorporated organization with non-profit status.

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F. *The organization must produce financial records and business plan that demonstrates the organization's long term viability and capacity to meet the obligations of the loan that they are asking the City to guarantee.*

Gateway Recreation Centre Inc. has a history of operating a profitable operation. The Community Centre has provided a detailed business plan, historical financial statement and a five year projection related to the club's operation supporting the long-term viability of the project.

The first year projection assumes City Council approves the loan guarantee on May 27, 1998, with completion of the project by October 31, 1998. The projected revenues and expenditures were reviewed by Corporate Finance to verify the reasonableness of the projections. Confirmation of rental rates were obtained from third parties. The cash flow from operations after capital expenditures ranged from $38,000 to $76,000 over the 1999 to 2002 period.

Financing has been confirmed by the Credit Union and guaranteed for 120 days from April 17, 1998.

Risks Associated with the Project:

1. The City does not have access to financial statements of any Indoor Soccer Facilities as none are available. Revenues and expenses will vary from the projections but based upon information available and confirmation from third parties, these items are reasonable.

2. The construction of this project may be delayed past October 31, 1998. The indoor soccer season is very seasonal and any delay will have a negative impact. The completion by the end of October ties in very well with the start of this indoor soccer season. A one month delay will not have a material impact on the project. A delay to February 1999 would create a significant negative cash flow of $70,000 to September 1999 which would reduce projected cash to $35,000.

3. The costs of the program may exceed budget. Total construction costs are projected at $1,947,900. There is no contingency in the current proposal. This is a design/build project. Any additional costs can be offset by a reduction in other areas. Any significant changes could significantly impact on the cash position of Gateway Recreation Centre Inc.

G. The organization structure and the principles of the organization must be judged by the City of Winnipeg as competent to independently implement the business plan of the organization.

Gateway Recreation Centre Inc. has demonstrated the ability to implement the business plan for the Community Centre.

H. *Unless there are very special circumstances, the maximum amount of outstanding loan guarantees for any one organization will be $1,000,000.00.*

Gateway Recreation Centre Inc. currently has an outstanding loan guarantee for $825,163 related to the construction of a twin arena project in 1994. The loan guarantee request for the Indoor Soccer Facility is for $1,591,000. The total of the loan guarantee would be $2,416,163.

I. *The loan that the City is being asked to guarantee should not represent more than 50% of the total funding of the project. The organization requesting the loan guarantees must have raised at least 20% of the total project costs from non-City of Winnipeg sources as a down-payment, i.e. if the organization is receiving a City grant for their project, the grant cannot be counted as part of the 20% down-payment.*

(i) The loan that the City is being asked to guarantee represent 83% of the total project cost. The funding for the project will be provided from the following sources:

Gateway Recreation Centre Inc.	247,000	(12.7%)
Grants - Other	50,000	(2.6%)
Manitoba Community Support Programs	10,000	(.5%)
Community Incentives Grant		
City of Winnipeg	50,000	(2 .6%)
Loan - to be guaranteed by the City	1,591,000	(81.6%)
	1,948,000	(100.0%)

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The loan guarantee of $1,591,000 exceeds the 50% funding of the project by $617,000.

(ii) The funds raised by the Community Centre excluding the Community Incentive Grants total $307,000 or 15.8% of the total project cost. The funds raised are $82,600 short of the 20% down-payment required.

J. *The loan that the City is guaranteeing must be related to a capital asset.*

The loan related to the Gateway Recreation Centre Inc. is for an Indoor Soccer Facility.

K. *The capital asset must be insured to the satisfaction of the City Treasurer both during and after construction.*

The Director of Corporate Finance (City Treasurer) will ensure adequate insurance is in place if the project is approved.

The Gateway Community Centre Inc. has expended considerable effort to develop a strategy, determine the needs of the community, develop a business plan, proceed with development of a site plan, building design and selection of a builder. The Centre has committed $247,000 towards the completion of this project. The proposal does exceed the policy and criteria as established by Council, however, the project is financially viable on a self-sustaining basis. This financial exposure to the City is relatively small, at worst requiring annual subsidies of $50,000 for the next five years. The risk of this occurring are mitigated due to increasing popularity of indoor soccer, the commitment of the Gateway people and the fact this will be a first rate indoor soccer facility in the North-East section of Winnipeg.

On April 28, 1998, the East Kildonan-Transcona Community Committee recommended to the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development that favourable consideration be given to recommending in principle approval of the proposal to develop an Indoor Soccer Facility at Gateway Recreation Centre Inc. The business plan was referred to the Director of Corporate Finance for review, comments and recommendation. The business plan included the requirement of a guarantee of a bank loan for $1,591,000.

The Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development has approved the proposal in principle and the Standing Committee on Fiscal Issues has also concurred in the recommendations.

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That Council give consideration to guaranteeing a loan in the amount of $1,591,000 to the Gateway Community Centre Inc., to allow them to proceed with the development of an Indoor Soccer Facility at Gateway Recreation Centre.

II. That the Proper Officers of the City be instructed to do all things necessary to implement the foregoing, including obtaining approval from the Minister of Finance in accordance with Section 313 of The City of Winnipeg Act.

Moved by Councillor Angus,
Adoption of the clause.

Council recessed at 11:55 a.m., and reconvened at 1:33 p.m., same members present.

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

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

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INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME OF GUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

648 - The Speaker recognized in attendance in the gallery, the grade nine class from Glenwood School.

Council here continued to consider the order of business - "Clause 1 of the Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated May 27, 1998, Request for Loan Guarantee - Gateway Recreation Centre Inc".

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

Appointment of citizen members to the Winnipeg Housing Rehabilitation Corporation File EX-9 (Vol. 6)

649 - 2. On May 27, 1998, the Executive Policy Committee passed the following resolution, namely:

WHEREAS in accordance with Section 2 subsection 3(ii) of the Winnipeg Housing Rehabilitation Corporation (WHRC) By-law No. 1/97 states that the Council of the City of Winnipeg shall appoint three citizen representatives to the Winnipeg Housing Rehabilitation Corporation;

AND WHEREAS the Board of Directors of the WHRC on January 8, 1998 approved a change in membership by reducing the number of City Councillors from five (5) to two (2) which was adopted by Council on January 28, 1998, as well as the appointment of Councillor Phillips as the Council Member and Councillor O'Shaughnessy as the Ex Officio member;

AND WHEREAS no citizen appointments have been made to fill the three positions, namely:

1. a representative from the private sector finance or real estate area
2. a representative from the City's Finance or Development area
3. a citizen at large

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following be appointed to fill the citizen vacancies on the WHRC outlined above, namely:

1. Maurice Roy to represent the real estate area
2. Roy Nichol - citizen at large

and submits same to Council for approval.

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

Carried.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

MOTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Moved by Councillor Clement,
Seconded by Councillor Angus,

650 - WHEREAS political campaign signage is currently permitted under the Unified Zoning By-law No. 6400/94;

AND WHEREAS signage placed on public property is unsightly and can cause damage to the property;

AND WHEREAS election signage on rights of ways can also create a hazard to drivers and can impede the movement of pedestrians and vehicles;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Solicitor be requested to prepare a by-law to prohibit all Federal, Provincial, and Municipal election signage on public property in Winnipeg.

The Speaker called Deputy Mayor Eadie to the Chair in order to participate in the debate.

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

The motion to refer was put.

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

Yea: Councillors Prystanski, Angus, Golden, Lubosch, Murray, O'Shaughnessy and Thomas. 7

Nay: Councillors Clement, Lazarenko, Phillips, Silva, Steek, Timm-Rudolph, Vandal and Deputy Mayor Eadie. 8

and the motion to refer the clause to Executive Policy Committee was declared lost.

The motion was put.

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

Yea: Councillors Clement, Angus, Lazarenko, Phillips, Silva, Timm-Rudolph and Deputy Mayor Eadie. 7

Nay: Councillors Prystanski, Golden, Lubosch, Murray, O'Shaughnessy, Steek, Thomas and Vandal. 8

and the motion was declared lost.

The Speaker here resumed the Chair.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

MOTIONS

Moved by Councillor Thomas,
Seconded by Councillor Vandal,

651 - WHEREAS the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) passed a resolution on Multi-Lateral Agreement on Investment (MAI) at the board meeting on March 6, 1998, expressing their concern over the impact that MAI may have on municipalities;

AND WHEREAS subsequent to their motion, the City Council of Saskatoon, on April 20, 1998, passed a resolution urging the federal government to suspend negotiations on MAI. The Toronto City Council adopted a motion at their meeting of April 15, 1998 requesting the Federal Government negotiations on MAI "cease and desist". The City Council of Vancouver passed at their meeting of April 28, 1998, a MAI motion requesting that negotiations "cease and desist". The City of San Francisco has declared itself as of April 20, 1998, a MAI-Free zone;

AND WHEREAS the implications of the MAI have large ramifications on municipal governments autonomy especially in the areas of business taxes, licencing, zoning, health and safety standards, utility levies, municipal purchasing and employment policies and property taxes;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Winnipeg endorse the position taken by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities. That the Prime Minister of Canada be petitioned to have the chief negotiator of the MAI file in a permanent and explicit exemption in the agreement limiting its application to areas of Federal Jurisdiction only;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this motion be circulated to the Federal Members of parliament representing Winnipeg with the request that they endorse the City's action and that their responses, as to whether they support the Council's action be forwarded to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Annual General Meeting and be made available to the public.

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

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

Carried.

In amendment,

Moved by Councillor Silva,
Seconded by Councillor O'Shaughnessy,

THAT the first resolution be amended by deleting all wording after the words "Federation of Canadian Municipalities".

The amendment was put.

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

Yea: Councillors Phillips and Silva. 2

Nay: Councillors Golden, Lubosch, Murray, Thomas, Timm-Rudolph, Vandal, Deputy Mayor Eadie and Councillor Clement. 8

and the amendment was declared lost.

The motion was put and declared carried.

Executive Policy Committee - Motions (continued)

Moved by Councillor Lazarenko,
Seconded by Councillor Golden,

652 - WHEREAS, between the years 1899 and 1968, the former City of Winnipeg submitted money by-laws and referenda to the electorate on a regular basis as a means of determining the acceptance, or lack thereof, of a particular proposal or question to its citizens;

AND WHEREAS, after unification of the City of Winnipeg in 1972, this practice has not been used to determine the opinion of the citizens of Winnipeg other than in the year 1983;

AND WHEREAS Section 120 of *The City of Winnipeg Act* reads as follows:

> PLEBISCITES
> 120 The council may submit any question, within or without the powers of the council, to an expression of opinion of the electors or resident electors of the whole or any part of the City but the result of the expression of opinion is not binding on the council, and the council shall make such expenditures as it considers necessary and advisable for the purposes of holding the vote and for providing information to the electors or resident electors on the question that is submitted to an expression of opinion and the information provided may be favourable or unfavourable, or partly favourable and partly unfavourable, to the question to be submitted to the expression of opinion.

AND WHEREAS the City is faced with very high expenditures and the elected representatives often do not have the benefit of a clear mandate from the electorate to proceed to expend municipal funds;

AND WHEREAS, on June 9, 1995, the Deputy City Clerk advised that the cost of conducting a referendum would be approximately $500,000, using new automated voting equipment and a limited number of polling locations and that such a referendum would require a minimum of three weeks lead time following the statement of question;

AND WHEREAS the cost of conducting a referendum during a general election will be minimal;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the matter of money by-laws and referenda be introduced during general elections to the electorate of Winnipeg as a means of determining the acceptance, or lack thereof, of a particular proposal or question.

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

Moved by Councillor Golden,
Seconded by Councillor Angus,

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

AND WHEREAS said signs are often discarded as litter;

AND WHEREAS said signs can not be prohibited;

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

Automatic Referral to Executive Policy
Committee in accordance with Rule 16.1
of the Procedure By-law

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

654 - On motion of Deputy Mayor Eadie, By-law No. 7225/98, a by-law of The City of Winnipeg to amend By-law No. 7100/97 being the City Organization 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.
Files GL-3.2 (Vol. 40) and GL-5.6 (Vol. 9)

On motion of Deputy Mayor Eadie, 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. 7229/98, a by-law of the City of Winnipeg to provide for the execution of Agency Contracts for the sale of Winnipeg Transit Bus Tickets by the Director of Transit and to repeal By-law No. 3348/83, being a by-law to provide for the execution of Agency Contracts for the sale of Winnipeg Transit Bus Tickets by the Commissioner of Works and Operations. File GG-11 (Vol. 6)

By-law No. 7230/98, a by-law of The City of Winnipeg to establish a program of property tax assistance credits in the year 1998 to encourage and assist in the renovation of residential premises in the City of Winnipeg. Files FL (Vol. 5) & GG-2 (Vol. 23)

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

QUESTION PERIOD

655 - Councillor Steek requested an update on the the status of the negotiations regarding the proposed baseball stadium.

Deputy Mayor Eadie advised that the City was waiting on formal letters of credit and that building permits could not be issued until those letters of credit were received.

Councillor Steek requested clarification on the time frame surrounding the issuance of building permits assuming that the letters of credit were received shortly and also requested some idea as to when the project might go into the ground.

Deputy Mayor Eadie noted that once all of the legal requirements were satisfied, the building permits could then be issued immediately. Councillor Angus advised that site preparation permits had already been issued.

Councillor Murray questioned if a Mr. Walter Jamison had been engaged by the City as a consultant in dealing with the Leland Hotel or any of the adjacent properties immediately south of City Hall.

Deputy Mayor Eadie stated that he had no knowledge of the name but would undertake to check and advise.

Councillor Murray questioned if there had been any communication between the Executive Policy Committee and Heritage Canada around the state and time table for the completion of the National Interpretive Program and analysis of the new National Historic site in the Exchange District.

Deputy Mayor Eadie advised that there has been no formal communication from Executive Policy Committee and that he was not aware if there had been communication from Mayor Thompson directly and took the question under advisement.