REPORT OF THE

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

DATED NOVEMBER 12, 1997

On motion of Her Worship Mayor Thompson, the Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated November 12, 1997, 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 Clause 1 be pulled from the Consent Agenda.

Councillor Silva requested that Clause 4 be pulled from the Consent Agenda.

Councillor Thomas requested that Clause 11 be pulled from the Consent Agenda.

31 - Councillor Thomas asked to be recorded as having voted against Clauses 7 and 8, in accordance with Rule 50.7 of the Procedure By-law.

32 - Councillor Golden asked to be recorded as having voted against Clauses 2,6,7 and 8, in accordance with Rule 50.7 of the Procedure By-law.

The Consent Agenda, Clauses 2,3,5,6,7,8,9 and 10 was put and declared carried.

Legislative Amendment to Facilitate Intermunicipal Tax Revenue Sharing
File GL-5 (Vol. 5) and GL-5.1 (Vol. 43)

33 - 1. The Executive Policy Committee has been advised that the City and the R. M. of Rosser have committed themselves jointly to promoting the development of an intermodal transportation hub and airport-related development in an area defined by the Northwest Airport Area Plan, which area takes in part of each municipality. In order to permit the orderly development on a basis which is beneficial for both municipalities, it would be desirable if the City and Rosser could enter into an agreement to share taxes or grants in lieu of taxes paid or payable to them.

Rosser is given this power expressly by section 259 of *The Municipal Act*, which reads:

> "259 Two or more municipalities may enter into an agreement to share taxes or grants in lieu of taxes paid or payable to them or any of them."

The City does not have this express power, as the particular section is not applicable to the City. Legal Services is of the opinion that, without this power, it could not likely enter lawfully into an agreement which was specifically a tax-sharing agreement or had tax-sharing provisions. It is the further opinion of Legal Services that it is desirable for the City to have such express authority. Accordingly, Legal Services has recommended that an amendment be requested to either *The Municipal Act* (making section 259 applicable to the City), or to *The City of Winnipeg Act* to add to it a new section which is identical to section 259.

The issue has some urgency, as both municipalities want to be able to proceed with the joint development of the area as quickly as possible. Inequality of tax rates between the municipalities is a major concern in this development because it automatically puts the municipality with the higher tax rates at a disadvantage. It forces the municipalities to compete when all they want is to co-operate. Neutralization of this effect by agreement would be desirable.

Such an amendment should be sought as part of the current legislative amendments being requested by the City to enable the City to proceed with its stated intent of joint development of the Northwest Airport Area with Rosser.

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The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That the Province be requested to amend either *The City of Winnipeg Act* or *The Municipal Act* to give the City the express power to enter into tax-sharing agreements with other municipalities.

II. 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.

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

1998 Canadian Men's Curling Championship - The Labatt Brier
File GC-8 (Vol. 5)

34 - 2. The Executive Policy Committee has been advised that on August 15, 1997, a request was received from the Host Society of the 1998 Labatt Brier for the following:

l. A grant of $75,000 to offset the cost of shuttle bus service operated between the event hotels and the Arena during the championships.

2. Approval for holders of event tickets to use regular transit service without payment of a fare during the course of the event.

The Organizing Committee's request for City of Winnipeg support of the 1998 Labatt Brier is similar to that provided by the City for both the 1978 and 1991 World Curling Championships.

The Organizing Committee is of the opinion that it is very important to operate a shuttle service between the event hotels and the Arena for the following reasons:

1. Trips between the event hotels and the Arena are not directly served by the regular transit route structure. The event hotels are in the downtown, in the airport area, and adjacent to Portage Avenue in St. James-Assiniboia. Use of the regular transit network would require long walks at either or both ends of the trip for most spectators staying at event hotels.

2. A large proportion of out-of-town spectators are senior citizens who find it difficult to walk lengthy distances to/from existing bus stops.

Discussions have been held between the Organizing Committee and Transit Department staff regarding the logistics and costs of a hotel-arena shuttle. The Transit Department is capable of providing the requested service. The cost is estimated at $75,000.

Grants for bus transportation services for conventions and special events are normally budgeted under the Transit Department's Grants Account and the Committee on Works and Operations approves expenditures from this account. The budgeted amount for 1998, which reflects an average annual expenditure for these types of requests, is $39,000. To accommodate this request, an additional amount of $75,000 will be required.

Approval of the Organizing Committee's request that holders of Brier tickets be permitted to use regular transit service without payment of a fare during the course of the event would make it convenient for spectators to travel around Winnipeg during Brier week for shopping, sightseeing, and to visit tourist attractions.

In order to implement this, the Organizing Committee will be required to design a pass approved by the Transit Department. This pass must be easily recognized by bus operators and must be issued only to purchasers of multi-day ticket packages.

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Since spectators would use the regular transit system during predominantly off-peak periods, no additional transit service would be required to be operated and no additional costs would be incurred to accommodate this request. Some transit revenue that might otherwise be collected from Brier spectators would, of course, be foregone, however, the amount is not estimated to be substantial and the convenient access to transit for spectators would provide a valuable support for Winnipeg merchants during Brier week.

The Organizing Committee plans to charter other services from the Transit Department to operate a shuttle service between the Arena and the Brier Patch Entertainment Centre and for other special events held in conjunction with the Brier. The Host Society will assume the full cost of these additional services, estimated to be $96,000.

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That a grant in the amount of $75,000 be approved to the 1998 Winnipeg Brier Society Inc., to offset the cost of a shuttle service between the Winnipeg Arena and the major hotels accommodating spectators for the 1998 Canadian Men's Curling Championship.

II. That the request for holders of event tickets to the 1998 Canadian Men's Curling Championship to use regular transit service without payment of fare be approved.

III. That an amount of $75,000 be added to the Transit Department's 1998 budget for this purpose.

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

Adopted by consent.

(See Minute No. 32 for opposition recorded by Councillor Golden)

Renewal of General Insurance Policies - 1997 File FI-3 (Vol. 11)

35 - 3. The Executive Policy Committee has been advised that the insurance policies outlined in Appendix "A" are issued on an annual basis and the majority of them have an expiry date of December 31. Automobile insurance policies are written with an expiry date of March 31. Appendix "B" refers to policies written on a "Continuing-Till-Cancelled" basis, while Appendix "C" deals with policies written on an "As-Required" basis.

The following premium summary compares the 1997 initial premium costs with the final adjusted 1996 premium costs. This comparison is not very meaningful because some of the policies are subject to year-end adjustment based on revised property values or the number of insured events held during 1997. It is estimated that 1997 final adjusted premium may be approximately the same as it was in 1996 mainly due to the addition of the northbound spans of the Main Street and Norwood bridges and the decrease in premium for liability insurance coverage.

PREMIUM SUMMARY		
	1997 initial premium - $	1996 adjusted premium - $
Appendix "A" - Policies "Renewed and/or Placed"	$2,976,322	$3,156,792
Appendix "B" - Policies "Continuing-Till-Cancelled"	14,836	15,163
Appendix "C" - Policies "As Required"	12,510	15,352
Total Premium - Appendices "A", "B" and "C"	$3,003,668	$3,187,307

Subsection (e) of Section 51(1) of The City of Winnipeg Act requires the City Treasurer to attend to the placing of such insurance as may be decided by Council.

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In addition, Section 113 of The City of Winnipeg Act states "The Council may provide for comprehensive insurance to protect the City against loss through damage to the real or personal property, or both, of the City by reason of fire or any other cause; and may provide insurance against claims for loss or damage for which the City may become liable."

Furthermore, the Council Order relative to General Insurance, dated May 2, 1979, states in part as follows: "The Consortium, through the Principal Broker, in consultation with the appropriate officers of the City, shall place or bind such insurance as may be required, subject to the approval of the Council, and in the event of disapproval of the Council, the Consortium shall be reimbursed through the Principal Broker the appropriate premium for 'time-on-risk'."

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That formal approval be given to the City's General Insurance Consortium for insurance coverage placed as detailed in Appendices "A", "B" and "C";

II. That the actions of the City's officers of providing the coverage from expiry dates to present date be approved, ratified and confirmed;

III. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to sign whatever insurance documents are necessary.

Adopted by consent.

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

Provision of Parking on Portage Avenue
File ST-5(32)(Vol. 6)

36 - 4. 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 analysis and strategy were endorsed by the CentrePlan Committee.

Since July, 1997, the Community Planning Division, on behalf of CentrePlan, has been working actively with Portage Avenue Property Owners (PAPA) on an implementation package to be undertaken on a collaborative basis. This package includes a commercial revitalization component; a business recruitment, retention, and promotion component; and a street enhancement component aimed at creating an environment more amenable to pedestrians and businesses. The first two of these have been agreed to and approved; the third is being pursued in the form of a streetscaping proposal presently being refined by the administration. As an interim measure, PAPA has requested that parking be permitted on an interim basis during the holiday period in order to provide some immediate effects.

The intent of the street enhancement component of the Portage Avenue revitalization strategy is to create an environment that is more pedestrian oriented and supportive of the business community along the street. The provision of on-street parking is certainly consistent with this intent and will ultimately form part of any package to come forward. On-street parking gives a different feel to the street, provides a buffer between pedestrians and traffic, can effect some traffic calming in terms of slowing speeds somewhat, provides a direct visual link between parking and destination, and creates random comings and goings, a positive contributor to urban safety.

CentrePlan actively supports the street enhancement concept put forward by PAPA. The provision of on-street parking as an interim measure will be a significant show of support for the efforts being undertaken by PAPA. The Transit Department, while acknowledging that provision of on-street parking in this manner may have some operational effects for them, have informally stated that they do not object to the subject proposal, so long as it is temporary in nature and exclusive of peak hours.

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That one hour unmetered parking be provided on Portage Avenue between Fort Street and Spence Street, commencing November 24, 1997 until December 31, 1997, except a.m. and p.m. peak hours, at locations to be determined by the Director of Streets and Transportation.

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II. 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.

In amendment,

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

WHEREAS on November 12, 1997, the Executive Policy Committee recommended one hour unmetered parking be provided on Portage Avenue between Fort Street and Spence Street, commencing November 24, 1997 until December 31, 1997, except a.m. and p.m. peak hours, at locations to be determined by the Director of Streets and Transportation;

AND WHEREAS representatives from the Portage Avenue Property Association have requested Administration to extend the one hour unmetered parking to two hours;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Recommendation No. I. of the clause be amended by deleting the word "one" in the first line thereof and replacing it with the word "two".

The amendment was put and declared carried.

Councillors Angus and Golden asked to be recorded as having voted against the amendment, in accordance with Rule 50.7 of the Procedure By-law.

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

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

Federal Register of Electors
File GK-2.3 (Vol. 4)

37 - 5. The Executive Policy Committee has been advised that at its meeting of October 14, 1992, Council adopted Clause 2 of the Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated October 7, 1992, which directed that the City of Winnipeg urge the Federal and Provincial Governments to cooperate with the City in establishing a permanent voters list which could be updated on a continuous basis and utilized for all City, Provincial, and Federal Elections.

In early 1995, the City commenced meeting with Provincial administrative representatives to explore the feasibility of a shared voters list. A Steering Committee and Working Group comprised of representation from all jurisdictions was created to assess the feasibility of a permanent voters list which could be shared by all jurisdictions in Manitoba.

In 1995, the City of Winnipeg utilized the data from the Province of Manitoba's Voter's list. This was done in accordance with Section 11(15) of *The Local Authorities Election Act* which allows the use of information from other enumerations conducted by another level of government within six months before the date of an election. The City saved a considerable amount of money by not having to conduct a door-to-door enumeration. While compiling its 1995 List of Electors, the City of Winnipeg also worked in partnership with the Federal Register of Electors Project Team who was investigating the development of a Federal Registry of Electors, by providing them with voters list information.

In March of 1996, The Federal Register of Electors submitted their report "A report on Research and Feasibility", to the Chief Electoral Officer, Jean-Pierre Kingsley, recommending the development of a Federal Registry. On May 15, 1996, the House of Commons passed Bill-C-63, amending *The Canada Elections Act*, to create a computerized Register of Electors to replace enumeration.

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In August of 1996, the Province of Manitoba issued an invitation for Proposals on the Feasibility of a Permanent Voters List for Winnipeg/Manitoba. KPMG consultants were retained and a report was submitted to the Steering Committee and Working Group exploring the feasibility of a permanent voters list, on August 26, 1997. To date, the Province has not made any further decision on implementation of a permanent voters list.

In preparation for the Federal Election in 1996, Elections Canada conducted its last door-to-door enumeration compiling data for its Register of Electors which it pledged to share with all Canadian municipalities at nominal cost.

Council at its meeting of April 30, 1997 resolved that:

> "The Province of Manitoba be requested to amend *The Local Authorities Elections Act* to allow the City of Winnipeg to utilize the Federal Government's permanent voters list;"
>
> "The City of Winnipeg negotiate with the Federal Government to utilize the permanent voters list for the 1998 General Municipal Election notwithstanding the current Provincial Government's deliberations."

At the request of the City of Winnipeg, on June 27, 1997, the Province of Manitoba passed Bill 53 which amended *The Local Authorities Election Act* to allow the City of Winnipeg to utilize the Federal Register of Electors.

Throughout the summer of 1997, the City of Winnipeg negotiated with the Federal Government on the details of sharing the Register of Electors' data and both parties are now prepared to enter into a contractual agreement regarding the utilization of the Federal Register of Electors. The Federal Government will agree to provide the data at a nominal cost of approximately $2,000. While there are additional costs associated with compiling the List of Electors from the Federal Data, the City will not have to incur the costs of the door-to-door enumeration.

The Federal Government has requested that said agreement include the provision for the exchange of information whereby the City would provide the Federal Government a copy of its List of Electors at a cost of approximately $1,000. *The Local Authorities Elections Act* allows the City of Winnipeg to provide by council resolution, a copy of its List of Electors to persons who certify in writing that they require the list for political purpose or for federal or provincial electoral purposes. To this regard the City will charge a nominal fee for the data costs.

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That the City of Winnipeg enter into contractual agreement with the Federal Government for the City of Winnipeg to utilize the Federal Register of Electors; said agreement to include provision for the City to provide the Federal Government a copy of its final List of Electors.

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

Adopted by consent.

Amendment to By-law 7100/97 being the Organizational By-law
File GL-5.6 (Vol. 8)

38 - 6. On November 12, 1997, the Executive Policy Committee passed the following resolution, namely:

WHEREAS By-law No. 7100/97, the Organizational By-law, a by-law to implement the Executive Policy Committee recommendations arising out of the Cuff Report was passed by Council on October 29, 1997;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed desirable to change Section 12 regarding the Riverbank Management Committee;

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Organizational By-law No. 7100/97 be amended by:

1. deleting any reference to the Riverbank Management Committee as a Sub-Committee;

2. establishing the Riverbank Management Committee as a Committee of Council reporting through the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development; and

3. establishing that the Riverbank Management Committee be comprised of four members, including a Chairperson of Council at large, as recommended by the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development;

and submits same to Council for approval.

Adopted by consent.

(See Minute No. 32 for opposition recorded by Councillor Golden)

By-law No. 7115/97 - a By-law to Amend the Organizational By-law No. 7100/97
File GL-5.6 (Vol. 8)

39 - 7. On November 12, 1997, the Executive Policy Committee passed the following resolution, namely:

WHEREAS By-law No. 7100/97, the Organizational By-law, a by-law to implement the Executive Policy Committee recommendations arising out of the Cuff Report was passed by Council on October 29, 1997;

AND WHEREAS the implementation of Council's recommendations required a complex identification of the administrative/political structure;

AND WHEREAS during this process, various typographical errors and minor oversights have occurred;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Executive Policy Committee forward By-law No. 7115/97, a by-law to amend the Organizational By-law No. 7100/97, to Council for enactment;

and submits same to Council for approval.

Adopted by consent.

(See Minute No. 31 for opposition recorded by Councillor Thomas)
(See Minute No. 32 for opposition recorded by Councillor Golden)

Consolidation of By-law No. 4322/86
File GF-2 (Vol. 49)

40 - 8. On November 12, 1997, the Executive Policy Committee passed the following resolution, namely:

WHEREAS as a result of Council's adoption of the Executive Policy Committee/Cuff recommendations, Council passed By-law No. 7112/97, a by-law to replace the Board of Commissioners as the Committee responsible for dealing with suspensions of members of the Police Service with a Committee consisting of the Chief Administrative Officer and the Chief Financial Officer;

AND WHEREAS it has been determined that the aforementioned by-law did not accurately reflect council's intent;

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT By-law No. 7112/97 be repealed and replaced by By-law No. 7116/97;

and submits same to Council for approval.

Adopted by consent.

(See Minute No. 31 for opposition recorded by Councillor Thomas)
(See Minute No. 32 for opposition recorded by Councillor Golden)

City of Winnipeg Appointment to The Winnipeg Airports Authority Inc.
Files GG-1 (Vol. 27) & GC-7 (Vol. 28)

41 - 9. On November 12, 1997, the Executive Policy Committee passed the following resolution, namely:

WHEREAS Council on December 16, 1992, adopted Clause 1 of the Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated December 14, 1992, which recommended in part as follows:

"(4) That the Mayor be requested to nominate for Council approval three representatives of the City who, in accordance with the Airport Authority Agreement, shall not be elected or appointed Municipal Officials."

AND WHEREAS Council on June 22, 1994 appointed Raymond Scouten as a citizen member on the Winnipeg Airports Authority Inc., to fill the balance of one of the four year terms which expires on November 30, 1997;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Wally Hill be appointed to fill the vacancy of Raymond Scouten as a citizen member on the Winnipeg Airports Authority Inc. for a four year term to expire November 30, 2001;

and submits same to Council for approval.

Adopted by consent.

"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)

42 - 10. On June 25, 1997, Council passed 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.

Inasmuch as that the report has not been received to date, the Executive Policy Committee recommends that Council approve an extension of time of 90 days for further consideration of the matter.

Adopted by consent.

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

43 - 11. On June 25, 1997, Council passed 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.

Inasmuch as the report has not been received to date, the Executive Policy Committee recommends that Council approve an extension of time of 90 days for further consideration of the matter.

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

In amendment,

Moved by Councillor Thomas,
Seconded by Councillor Lubosch,

WHEREAS the merchants of Nairn Avenue were negatively effected by construction for two years;

AND WHEREAS the construction project has been successfully completed and is now open;

AND WHEREAS the request for assistance first appeared on June 25, 1997;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the extension of time for a report to be produced be reduced from 90 days to 30 days to ensure that the marketing and public relations strategy be dealt with in a timely manner.

The amendment was put and declared carried.

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

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CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

44 - 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. 7115/97, 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 (Vol. 8)

By-law No. 7116/97, a by-law of The City of Winnipeg to replace the Board of Commissioners as the Committee responsible for dealing with suspensions of members of the Winnipeg Police Service with a Committee consisting of the Chief Administrative Officer and the Chief Financial Officer. File GF-2 (Vol. 49)

Councillors Golden and Thomas asked to be recorded as having voted against all three readings of By-law Nos. 7115/97 and 7116/97, in accordance with Rule 50.7 of the Procedure By-law.

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QUESTION PERIOD

45 - Councillor Angus referred to the assessment concerns of River Heights residents and questioned if Executive Policy Committee would be addressing the situation with the City Assessor. He further noted that the River Heights Ward Councillor was going to have a public meeting, with the City Assessor in attendance, and questioned if there was a related global strategy on behalf of the City or from Executive Policy Committee. In addition, he recognized the sensitivity of customer service and questioned if Her Worship was comfortable with the process and the customer service aspect.

Her Worship Mayor Thompson noted that the strategy had been to work with the City Assessor on this issue. Her Worship stated that the City Assessor's latest communication recapping his process, advised that he sent out two letters as a result of the Municipal Board's decision for Wellington Crescent. The first letter was sent to the owners of homes covered by the decision of the Municipal Board, telling them that they will have their homes reinspected in order to meet the Municipal Board's order. Her Worship noted this was not coming from the City Assessor, but from the Municipal Board Order. She also noted that they have also communicated with the owners of those properties which were sold between 1990 to 1997, of the need to visit their homes for the purpose of sales verification. The sales properties in question were located in the North River Heights area of Tuxedo.

Her Worship further advised that the City Assessor explained that the sales verification process was the initial step in establishing values for assessment purposes and in general terms, the Assessor would determine the condition of the property at the time of the sale and question the purchaser about the purchasing of the property and the vendor's and purchaser's knowledge of the market. The City Assessor noted that this was essential in order to establish a sound value indicator for the property being assessed.

Her Worship noted that Legislative provisions regarding assessment empower the City Assessor to undertake this course of action. The City Assessor also advised that it was his intention to inspect all properties before the next assessment.

Her Worship also noted that she would review the customer service concerns with the City Assessor.

Councillor Steek questioned when the tender for contracting out the Pine Ridge Gravel Pit would be coming forward to Executive Policy Committee.

Executive Policy Committee - Question Period (continued)

Councillor Angus noted that alternate service delivery options were being explored and that he anticipated a decision to be made for the next Council meeting.

Councillor Steek referenced a discussion paper circulated by Mr. W.D. Carroll, former Commissioner of Works and Operations, and a communication therein from the Heavy Construction Industry dated September 29th which had not yet been answered and questioned if the matter would be addressed before Christmas.

Councillor Angus noted that he had not seen the referenced discussion paper but acknowledged the industry's cooperation on the issue and that they had allowed the City to extend the deadlines of the contracts. He further advised that it was his intention to have a decision in place before Christmas.

Councillor Steek questioned if Her Worship was aware that members of the Assessment Department were turning up at residences in River Heights, Crescentwood and/or Tuxedo areas without prior notification, requesting to be allowed to go into homes, and asked if she supported that action.

Her Worship noted that she shared Councillor Steek's concern about customer service.

Councillor Murray referred to the financing of the Pan Am Games and requested an update on the projected $43 million deficit.

Her Worship noted that negotiations were continuing with other levels of government and advised that she had requested the Pan Am Games Host Committee to appear at a Council seminar to respond to questions from Councillors.

Councillor Murray noted that the Federal Government had retained Deloitte Touche to review the Games Society revised business plan given the shortfall and asked if the Mayor could undertake to get a copy of that review or some summary from the Federal Government.

Her Worship advised she would proceed with his request.

Councillor Murray questioned if the Federal and Provincial Governments fail to come up with the required amount of money, who is going to pick the deficit and what choices will the City have in 1999 if faced with such a deficit.

Her Worship advised the agreement was done under the Host Society to prevent The City of Winnipeg from being liable. She noted that the City would continue the due diligence and work with the Pan Am Games Host Society to make sure that there was not a deficit and to continue the pressure on the other levels of government regarding their funding.

Councillor Steek referred to the assessment matter and in noting that there was no obligation for a homeowner to allow access to an assessor, questioned if there had been any discussion with the City Assessor on the methodology of approaching the residents.

Her Worship replied in the negative and advised she would discuss the matter with the City Assessor and invited Councillor Steek to participate in the discussion.

Councillor Murray questioned if the Executive Policy Committee would be concurring with the Auditor's recommendations on how the City proceeds with the Pan Am Games and questioned which recommendations the Committee would be prepared to bring forward and support at this point to protect the City from undue liability.

Her Worship responded that the Committee had not yet had an opportunity to discuss the report.

Councillor Murray questioned when Executive Policy Committee would take action if the deficit is not resolved and if Her Worship would be prepared to ask the Provincial and Federal Governments to agree to a date by which the financial concerns could be resolved so that there is enough time to make changes in advance of the games to avoid a deficit.

Executive Policy Committee - Question Period (continued)

Her Worship advised that she would bring forth Councillor Murray's question in discussions with the administration, Host Society and Auditor, and noted that the meeting convened in August between PASO, other levels of government, the corporate community and the whole society committee, had been to determine the funding.

Councillor Steek, referencing the Mayor's proposed meeting with the City Assessor, questioned if all members of Council could be present at that meeting to hear the methodology the Assessment Department would be employing when it comes to physically attending a home owner's residence.

Her Worship advised she would follow up his request with the City Assessor for a Council seminar.

NOTE

Council at its Special Meeting on October 29, 1997, adopted Clause 1 of the Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated October 24, 1997 - Organizational Review and Performance Assessment Report and passed By-law No. 7100/97, a by-law establishing the governance and administrative structure of the City. This by-law established a new decision making structure including new Standing Committees and their areas of responsibility, effective November 5, 1997.

For this Council meeting only, the reports of the former Standing Committees (resulting from meetings held prior to November 5, 1997) will be considered as follows:

Standing Committee on Fiscal Issues -
Reports of the Committee on Finance and Administration dated July 15, September 15 and October 27, 1997

Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development -
Report of the Committee on Planning and Community Services dated October 18, 1997

Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services -
Report of the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture dated November 3, 1997

Standing Policy Committee on Public Works -
Reports of the Committee on Works and Operations dated September 9 and November 4, 1997