REPORT OF THE

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

DATED APRIL 15, 1998

On motion of Her Worship Mayor Thompson, the Report of the Executive Policy Committee, dated April 15, 1998, was considered clause by clause.

Moved by Her Worship Mayor Thompson,
That the Consent Agenda, Clauses 1,2,3,4 and 5 be adopted.

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

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

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

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

521 - 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 Control Committee is responsible for the direction and control of all phases of a comprehensive emergency management plan including mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery, more specifically:

a) advising Council on all matters pertaining to emergencies or disasters;
b) implementing the direction of Council;
c) recommending emergency legislation to Council;
d) providing direction and guidance to the Emergency Preparedness and Coordination Committee
e) obtaining outside assistance from provincial, federal, private or commercial sources;
f) preparing and releasing approved information and instructional releases to the media.

The Emergency Control Committee composition requires review for two discretely different reasons. Most importantly is the need arising out of the current re-organization of the City's political and administrative structures. Secondly, a need arose as a result of the lessons learned from the Flood of 1997.

During the course of activities as the flood progressed the composition of the Emergency Control Committee expanded and evolved to include all members of the Executive Policy Committee of Council. Upon reflection, after the flood, it was deemed appropriate to permanently and formally expand the Emergency Control Committee to include all members of the Executive Policy Committee.

The recommendation for inclusion of the three Department Heads is premised on the belief that they will provide a broad corporate administrative perspective to ECC deliberations. It is not essential that these Department Heads have an indepth knowledge of the incident at hand. Intimate operational familiarity is required by both field responders and the EC staff. The Chief Administrative Officer will select the Department Head representation as and when required.

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That the structure and composition of the Emergency Control Committee be revised to reflect organizational changes within the City of Winnipeg.

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II. That the revised composition be as follows:
- Mayor (Chairperson)
- Members of Executive Policy Committee (5)
- Chief Administrative Officer
- Chief Financial Officer
- Chief Emergency Coordinator and/or Emergency Program Coordinator
- One Department Head chosen from each of the Standing Policy Committees (3)

Adopted by consent.

Land Dedication Reserve Expenditure - Tyndall Park Community Centre - Lord Selkirk-West Kildonan Community
File EP-2 (Vol. 24)

522 - 2. The Executive Policy Committee has been advised that the Lord Selkirk-West Kildonan Community Committee has concurred in the allocation of $100,000 from the Lord Selkirk-West Kildonan Land Dedication Reserve Fund for upgrading the Tyndall Park Community Centre, including purchase of a new garage and boardroom, hot water tank, satellite site for Meadows West, and renovation of the kitchen facilities and equipment.

The Executive Policy Committee concurs with the above and recommends that funds in the amount of $100,000.00 be approved from the Lord Selkirk-West Kildonan Community Land Dedication Reserve Fund for the project.

Adopted by consent.

Land Dedication Reserve Expenditure - Landscape Restoration at Tuxedo Park Community Centre - Pool Demolition - Assiniboia Community
File EP-2 (Vol. 24)

523 - 3. The Executive Policy Committee has been advised by the Assiniboia Community Committee, that upon completion of the demolition and removal of the concrete pool and deck area at the Tuxedo Park Community Centre, the Landscape Development Services Branch will supply clean clay fill, complete the necessary finish grading, install topsoil and sod and maintain the 300 square metre area for 30 days. The total cost is estimated at $1,950.00 and will include closure of the section of chain link fence that will have to be removed by the demolition contractor to access the site.

The Assiniboia Community Committee has concurred in the allocation of $1, 950.00 from the Assiniboia Community Land Dedication Reserve Fund for landscape restoration after completion of the pool demolition at the Tuxedo Park Community Centre, including purchase of clean clay fill, installation of topsoil and sod, required finish grading, and closure of the chain link fence.

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The Executive Policy Committee concurs with the above and recommends that funds in the amount of $1,950.00 be approved from the Assiniboia Community Land Dedication Reserve Fund for the project.

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

In amendment,

Moved by Councillor Phillips,
Seconded by Councillor Clement,

WHEREAS as its meeting on March 23, 1998, the Assiniboia Community Committee recommended approval of $1,950.00 from the Assiniboia Land Dedication Fund for landscape restoration after completion of the pool demolition at Tuxedo Park Community Centre, which was subsequently favourably considered by Executive Policy Committee at its meeting on April 15, 1998;

AND WHEREAS the Assiniboia Community Committee has since been advised that the cost has been revised to reflect the cost of refurbishing the entire wading pool area into a mini soccer pitch for children;

AND WHEREAS at its meeting on April 21, 1998, the Assiniboia Community Committee recommended approval of an additional $6,275.00 from the Assiniboia Land Dedication Fund to reflect the revised amount;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the clause be amended by approving funds in the amount of $8,225.00, as opposed to $1,950.00, from the Assiniboia Land Dedication Fund.

The amendment was put and declared carried.

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

Land Dedication Reserve Expenditure - Proposed sale of Public Reserve Plan 30097 Roseglen Crescent and Lot 27 Cloverwood Road located within the Whyte Ridge Subdivision and proposed acquisition of properties situated north and west of the Westridge Community Centre Whyte Ridge Satellite Site - Assiniboia Community
File EP-2 (Vol. 24) and DAZ 218/96, DASZ 14/96, DASZ 3/89

524 - 4. The Executive Policy Committee has been advised that the Assiniboia Community Committee has concurred in the allocation of $ 37,080.00 from the Assiniboia Land Dedication Reserve Fund to provide funding, if necessary, to finance the proposed sale of Public Reserve Plan 30097 Roseglen Crescent and Lot 27 Cloverwood Road located within the Whyte Ridge Subdivision and proposed acquisition of properties situated north and west of the Westridge Community Centre Whyte Ridge Satellite Site.

On April 6, 1998, the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development also considered the subject matter and concurred in the expenditure of funds from the Assiniboia Land Dedication Reserve for the closing costs of the proposed land acquisition and exchange as referenced .

The Executive Policy Committee concurs with the above and recommends that funds in the amount of $37,080.00 be approved from the Assiniboia Land Dedication Reserve Fund for the purpose outlined.

Adopted by consent.

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Municipal Board in order number A-97-292 - reassessment of properties located on the north side of Wellington Crescent
Files AB-2 (Vol. 9) and AA-3 (Vol. 7)

525 - 5. On February 25, 1998, Council ruled automatic referral of the following motion to the Executive Policy Committee under Rule 16.1 of the Procedure By-law No. 5400/90:

Moved by Councillor Steek,
Seconded by Councillor Lazarenko,

WHEREAS the Municipal Board in order number A-97-292 of October 21, 1997 ordered the City Assessor to reassess the properties located on the north side of Wellington Crescent between the intersection of Academy Road on the east and 1125 Wellington Crescent on the west;

AND WHEREAS the years for reassessment which apply for tax purposes are 1994 and each year thereafter up to and including 1997;

AND WHEREAS nine homeowners brought forward the appeal but thirty eight homes were ordered reassessed;

AND WHEREAS as many home owners had previously agreed to the assessed values of their homes with the Assessment Department in good faith;

AND WHEREAS the reassessment resulted in 19 homeowners realizing increased assessments, 8 remained neutral and 11 decreased;

AND WHEREAS those homeowners with decreased assessments have received refunds of approximately $40,000, while those with increased assessments have received tax bills totalling approximately $140,000;

AND WHEREAS those homeowners with increased assessments must have filed an appeal with the Board of Revision by February 24, 1998 and have until March 31, 1998 to pay retroactive property taxes for 1994, 1995, 1996 and 1997 at par;

AND WHEREAS 15 of the 38 reassessed properties have changed ownership and current owners would be liable for former owners retroactive taxes, or have the city place a lien against their property;

AND WHEREAS all property owners paid their property taxes in good faith and a retroactive reassessment is without precedent;

AND WHEREAS a retroactive reassessment will undermine the public confidence in the assessment process;

AND WHEREAS City Council by virtue of Section 242 of the City of Winnipeg Act can cancel in whole any taxes owing to the City;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that all taxes resulting from the above noted Municipal Board order for the years 1994, 1995, 1996 and 1997 be cancelled and all current and former home owners be notified.

Inasmuch as this matter is before the Court of Queen's Bench, the Executive Policy Committee recommends that Council approve an extension of time of 60 days for further consideration of the matter.

Moved by Councillor Angus,
Adoption of the clause.

Carried.

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EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

DATED APRIL 22, 1998

On motion of Her Worship Mayor Thompson, the Report of the Executive Policy Committee, dated April 22, 1998, was considered clause by clause.

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

Councillor Murray requested that Clauses 1,6 and 8 be pulled from the Consent Agenda.

526 - Councillor Golden asked to be recorded as having voted against Clause 3, in accordance with Rule 50.7 of the Procedure By- law.

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

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

Councillor Steek requested that Clause 9 be pulled from the Consent Agenda.

527 - Councillor Thomas asked to be recorded as having voted against Clause 10, in accordance with Rule 50.7 of the Procedure By- law

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

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

528 - 1. On March 25, 1998, Council adopted Clause 2 of the Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated March 18, 1998, approving a petition to amend Plan Winnipeg By-law No. 5915/92 by redesignating lands located west of Waverley and north of the proposed Bishop Grandin extension, from an "Industrial" policy area to a "Neighbourhood" policy area in accordance with Schedule "A";

At the Public Hearing held on April 22, 1998, the following persons appeared in support of the application:

Mr. P. McNeil, DS-Lea Consultants Ltd.
Mr. A. Welter, Vice President, Development, Trinity Development Group Inc.
Mr. J. Stefaniuk, Thompson, Dorfman, Sweatman

The following person appeared in opposition to the application:

Councillor Murray, Fort Rouge Ward

In addition, the Executive Policy Committee received the following submissions, namely:

1) Letter in support from the Whyte Ridge Residents' Association dated March 21, 1998
2) Letter dated April 21, 1998, from the Fort Garry School Division No. 5 advising they have no objection to the proposed amendments.

After considering all aspects of the Plan Winnipeg Amending By-law No. 7169/98, and after holding the Public Hearing and considering the representations and evidence, the Executive Policy Committee recommends:

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I. That Council give second reading to By-law No. 7169/98, being a by- law of the City of Winnipeg to amend Plan Winnipeg By-law No. 5915/92, by redesignating lands located west of Waverley Street and north of the proposed Bishop Grandin Boulevard extension from an "Industrial" Policy Area to a "Neighbourhood" Policy Area.

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

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

IV. That subject to provincial approval and third reading of Plan Winnipeg Amending By-law No. 7169/98 by Council, a plan be prepared for redesigning lands located west of Waverley Street and north of the proposed Bishop Grandin Boulevard extension from an "Industrial" Policy Area to a " Neighbourhood" Policy Area; and that the Chief Administrative Officer be required to coordinate and do all things necessary in connection with the formulation of said plan such that it may be considered by Council.

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

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

The motion for the adoption of the clause was put.

Councillor O'Shaughnessy called for the yeas and nays, which were as follows:-

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

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

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

Service Agreement with the Winnipeg Humane Society File EL-4 (Vol. 28)

529 - 2. On October 22, 1997, Council adopted recommendations amending the Animal Services by-law to control cats running at large off the property of their owners. Council also approved a recommendation to enter into an agreement with the Winnipeg Humane Society to kennel cats impounded as result of a violation of the by-law amendment.

Prior to the enactment of the by-law amendment, no formal control process existed for cats running at large off their owners property. Homeowners could rent a trap from Animal Services and transport the trapped cat to the Humane Society. Although this informal process provided some relief for homeowners, it did not provide for an official tracking of cat related problems in neighbourhoods.

Cat populations in urban centers are normally greater than the dog population for a number of reasons. The cat population in the City of Winnipeg is estimated to be in excess of 100,000. The Humane Society currently handles approximately 7,000 cats per year. Only a small fraction, approximately 25% of these cats are re-united with their owners or adopted to new homes. Costs associated with unclaimed cats, such as kennelling and euthanasia are not recoverable and are a liability for the service provider. Based on information from other Canadian cities that have a cat control by-law in place, there could be as many as 1,600 additional cats impounded with the Humane Society each year as a result of the by-law amendments.

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The by-law amendments as adopted by Council define the responsibility of cat owners. Under the amended by-law the owners are required to prevent their cats from running at large off their property. The amendment also establishes a fine schedule and kennelling fees for cats impounded as result of a violation. An official incident record of each occurrence will be created and kept on file at Animal Services to identify continuing problems.

The Animal Services facility at 1057 Logan Avenue is not currently equipped to kennel cats. It is standing practice that any cat trapped by a citizen or picked up by Animal Services is transported to the Humane Society to be held in their facility. To kennel cats at the Animal Services facility would require a significant expenditure up front to purchase equipment and kennels to house the cats and an increase in staff for their care and associated administrative functions. The proposed agreement with the Humane Society will provide the City with an opportunity to extend the present partnership arrangement with the Humane Society. This new partnership arrangement will benefit both the City and the Humane Society and will promote the role of responsible pet ownership.

The City of Winnipeg currently has two service agreements with the Winnipeg Humane Society. The first is a contract to provide general Humane Society services, such as, providing shelter for unwanted animals, pick-up of injured animals, pet ownership education, cruelty investigations, etc. in exchange for an annual grant of $45,000. This $45, 000 is in the Corporate Grant Budget and is administered by Animal Services.

The second agreement is a fee for service involving the kennelling of dogs picked up east of the Red River by Animal Services. Animal Services currently pays the Humane Society $9.00 a day for kennelling dogs impounded at their facility. The Humane Society also retains all other fees/fines collected from dog owners when claiming their dogs. The fee for service is dependent on the number of dogs impounded. For 1995 and 1996 the total fees paid were approximately $20,000 annually. This fee is paid out of the Animal Services annual operating budget. The Humane Society, in addition to kennelling the impounded animals, disposes of all unclaimed animals through firstly, the adoption process and failing that, euthanasia.

On October 22, 1997, Council recommended that the City enter into an agreement with the Winnipeg Humane Society to kennel those cats impounded as result of a violation of the Animal Services by-law. Discussions were held with the Humane Society to determine the compensation for providing this service.

These discussions centered on two possible options for the provision of services related to cats. In the first option the Humane Society proposed amalgamating the existing two agreements plus the kennelling of all cats for $150,000.00 per year for three years. The second option discussed, involved modifying the existing service contracts to include cats on a fee for service basis. Negotiations have been conducted with the Humane Society and a third option developed. The options are detailed below. To determine costs for the options, information from other municipalities as well as past experience of the Winnipeg Humane Society and the City of Winnipeg were used. The calculations below are based on the premise that there will be 1600 cats per year impounded as a result of the by-law amendments.

Option 1: (Humane Society Proposal)

Amalgamating the existing two agreements plus kenneling of all cats for $ 150,000 per year for three years. The proposed agreement would include these general service provisions:

- Continue to provide all services contained in existing agreements
- Remit to the City of Winnipeg Animal Services all fees/fines collected as a result of providing those services on behalf of the City of Winnipeg (i.e. fees/fines collected for dogs impounded)
- Provide kenneling and care for all cats impounded pursuant to the Animal Services by-law
- Examine each animal upon its arrival for tattoos, micro-chips, tags or other identifiers
- Contact identified owners and inform them that their animal is at the Humane Society
- Provide to owners, education on responsible pet ownership and the benefits of spay and neuter
- Dispose of any animal not claimed by either through the adoption process or euthanasia
- Receive and file all documentation received with animal (copy of cat trap agreement)
- Maintain a registry of all animals impounded pursuant to the Animal Services by-law, separate and apart from other animals held at the Humane Society
- Collect and submit monthly to the City of Winnipeg Animal Services all kennel fees and/or fines received from owners when claiming their cats, (as per the schedule below), plus all relevant documentation

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Fee schedule:	Fines	1st Offense	$15.00
		2nd offense	$50.00
		3rd offense	$75.00
Plus kenneling @	$9.00/day plus G.S.T. for a maximum of four days		

Option 2: (Modified Service Proposal)

Maintain the existing contracts, the annual $45,000 grant and the fee for service contract for kennelling dogs impounded by Animal Services. Expand the contract for kennelling dogs to include kennelling of cats on a fee for service basis.

Outlined below is a projected cost analysis of maintaining the existing agreements and including a projected cost of kennelling cats. In this option all fees/fines collected from impounded dogs and cats claimed by their owners, plus all unrecovered kennel costs for unclaimed impounded dogs and cats are considered part of the cost payable to the service provider.

SERVICE	COST
Corporate Grant	$45,000
Existing Service Contract for Dogs	$20,000
Fees/	
Fees/Fines collected from cats reunited with their owners (400 cats) - $9.63/day for 2 days, plus 1st offense fine of $15.00	$13,704
Kennelling costs for unclaimed cats (1200 cats) - $9.63/day for 4 days	$46,224
Total	$124,928

Option 3: (Recommended Service Agreement)

Further negotiations have been conducted with the Humane Society. These negotiations have resulted in the Humane Society accepting an all- inclusive grant in the amount of $125,000 for provision of services as outlined above in Option 1. The proposed agreement will include these general service provisions:

- Continue to provide all services contained in existing agreements.
- Remit to the City of Winnipeg Animal Services all fees/fines collected as a result of providing those services on behalf of the City of Winnipeg (i.e. fees/fines collected for dogs impounded)
- Provide kennelling and care for all cats impounded pursuant to the Animal Services by-law
- Examine each animal upon its arrival for tattoos, micro-chips, tags or other identifiers
- Contact identified owners and inform them that their animal is at the Humane Society
- Provide to owners, education on responsible pet ownership and the benefits of spay and neuter
- Dispose of any animal not claimed by either through the adoption process or euthanasia
- Receive and file all documentation received with animal (copy of cat trap agreement)
- Maintain a registry of all animals impounded pursuant to the Animal Services by-law, separate and apart from other animals held at the Humane Society
- Collect and submit monthly to the City of Winnipeg Animal Services all kennel fees and/or fines received from owners when claiming their cats, (as per the schedule below), plus all relevant documentation

Fee schedule:	Fines	1st Offense	$15.00
		2nd offense	$50.00
		3rd offense	$75.00
Plus kenneling @	$9.00/day plus G.S.T. for a maximum of four days		

The Administration recommends that the City of Winnipeg enter into an agreement with the Winnipeg Humane Society for the services detailed in Option 1 at an amount of $125,000 annually for three years. It is further recommended that the $45,000 currently in the Corporate Grants account be transferred to the Animal Services budget. The remaining $80,000 will be allocated from the new Community Services Department global operating budget by the department Controller to the Animal Services budget. In 1999 and 2000 the $80,000 will be fully funded by Animal Services from additional projected revenue.

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The $80,000 will be allocated from the overall new Community Services Department budget and will not require an additional appropriation. Therefore there will be no financial impact on the overall 1998 current operating budget for the City of Winnipeg. Incremental financial details of this recommended proposal are outlined in Schedule "A".

The enactment of the amendments to the Animal Services by-law to control the cat population in the City of Winnipeg presented some interesting challenges. The first challenge of course was how to provide the service and secondly to look at creative and cost effective methods for determining the actual service provided and measurable program statistics for evaluating the service.

The Animal Services Division is presently in the process of moving to a new service delivery model; that of a Special Operating Agency. This new service delivery model is customer based and will provide a cost effective method of providing service to the citizen that is in keeping with Council's directive for more affordable and customer oriented service.

The Humane Society has provided service to the City on a partnership basis for the past 20 years. The proposal contained in this report extends the partnership and promotes a win/win solution for the City, the Humane Society and for the citizens of Winnipeg. The proposed service agreement between the City of Winnipeg and the Winnipeg Humane Society has been precipitated by the amendments to the Animal Services by-law regarding the control of cats at large. From the perspective of the City, the service for kennelling cats will be carried out by a professional organization with a proven track record for quality animal care. From the Humane Society's perspective, the proposed grant will establish stable funding over a three year period with an opportunity to increase revenue associated with cat registration. For the citizens of the City, there is a multi-faceted benefit. These benefits include the ability of the citizen to capture intrusive cats and drop them off at the Humane Society who will provide quality care. Cat owners will have the ability to access lost or stray cats at one location. The program will promote responsible pet ownership. In addition, the cost of the service will be provided through a partnership arrangement that will minimize costs associated with the program.

Additional funding for the service agreement will be obtained from the global budget allocation in the new Community Services Department for 1998 . Funds for 1999 and thereafter will be allocated from the Animal Services budget from increased licensing and registration fees or expenditure prioritization.

The Winnipeg Humane Society has indicated that they will no longer kennel cats after April 30, 1998 without a new service contract in place.

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That the City of Winnipeg enter into an all inclusive agreement with the Winnipeg Humane Society for services as outlined in Option 3 for a three year period being 1998 to 2000 for the all inclusive cost of $ 125,000 per annum.

II. That the amount of $45,000 contained in the Corporate Grants budget be reallocated to the Animal Services Budget for 1998 and subsequent budget years.

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

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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Annual Report to Minister of Urban Affairs regarding compliance with Part 3 of The City of Winnipeg Act - "Official Languages of Municipal Services"
File GL-5.7 (Vol. 6)

530 - 3. Part 3 of The City of Winnipeg Act (87.13) requires that:

"The council shall annually, not later than four months after the end of the fiscal year of the city, make a report in English and French to the minister respecting the compliance by the city with its obligations under this Part and that report shall include particulars of any complaints under this Part filed with the ombudsman and the disposition of each of those complaints."

In June 1992, the Province of Manitoba passed Bill 78 amending Part 3 of The City of Winnipeg Act. Part 3 was proclaimed effective May 1, 1994. As required under the new law, a French Language Services Coordinator was appointed in September, 1993.

On April 24, 1994, Council passed By-law No. 6402/94 for the provision of municipal services in both official languages. Attached to this by-law as Schedule "A" was the City's five-year implementation plan (1994-1998) for delivery of French language services.

On July 12, 1995, Council adopted By-law No. 6661/95, amending Schedule "A" to reflect the City's new organizational structure. Service delivery was not affected by changes to the by-law.

The report outlined on Appendix "A" indicates the extent of the City's compliance with the Act to date. A letter from the Société franco-manitobaine (SFM) with their views on the City's progress is outlined on Appendix "B".

There is no financial impact.

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That Council receive the report as information and refer it to the Minister of Urban Affairs by the end of April 1998, in accordance with Part 3 of The City of Winnipeg Act.

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.

(See Minute No. 526 for opposition recorded by Councillor Golden)

Proposal to Develop a Velodrome at the Red River Exhibition Park for use in the 1999 Pan American Games
Files F-2 (Vol. 7) & GC-8.9 (Vol. 5)

531 - 4. On July 24, 1996, Council approved the sale of the Alexander Park - Velodrome Site to Home Depot.

On October 9, 1996, Council considered and approved amendments to the sale of the subject property.

On October 22, 1997, Council approved a motion to execute its option to sell the Velodrome portion of the subject property.

By letter dated January 28, 1998, the Red River Exhibition Association confirmed their interest in developing a Velodrome to the Pan Am Games Society.

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By letter dated February 7, 1998, the Pan Am Games Society advised the City of Winnipeg of the Red River Exhibition Association's interest in developing a Velodrome at Red River Exhibition Park.

By letter dated March 18, 1998, the Public Works Department requested the Red River Exhibition Association to submit a formal proposal to the City of Winnipeg for the development of a new Velodrome.

On March 27, 1998, the Public Works Department received a formal proposal from the Red River Exhibition Association for the development of a new Velodrome, as outlined in Appendix "A".

At its meeting on July 24, 1996, Council approved the sale of the former Alexander Park - Velodrome Site situated southeast of Empress Street and St. Matthews Avenue for a price of $5.9 million dollars. In making a City real estate portfolio decision to sell a portion of City owned real estate, Council also had to make a facility decision related to the provision of a Velodrome to accommodate the 1999 Pan American Games. Coincidentally, Council approved the allocation of up to $650,000.00 for the development of a new Velodrome.

At the time of the sale, Council made provision for the utilization of the existing Velodrome under an option agreement pending the finalization of a facility decision by the Pan Am Games Society. During the summer - early fall, the City of Winnipeg inquired of the Society as to preference for the provision of a Velodrome in order to be able to invoke its option agreement prior to year end 1997.

Although the Pan Am Games Society had earmarked $650,000.00 for renovations to the existing Velodrome to make it useable for the 1999 Games, the Society was concerned that the renovated Velodrome would marginally meet the standards of the Games Requirements given the steep slopes of the Velodrome and length of the track, and, that the renovated structure may be demolished after the staging of the Games in August 1999. Accordingly, its preference was to earmark their funding towards the development of a permanent structure.

Given the preference of the Society and the benefits associated with invoking the option to sell, consideration had to given to all aspects of the subject matter. These included the economic utility of renovating the Velodrome and demolishing same following the Games, holding costs associated with not executing the option for 24 months - interest and realty taxes, and, the potential for lack of public support for executing the option following the Games.

Although the renovation of the existing Velodrome would not require any additional expenditure of any city capital and which was highly appealing from a municipal financial accounting perspective, the City had to also consider higher level global public finance goals. Accordingly, it was concluded that a higher level of public utility would result from the construction of a new Velodrome at an estimated cost of approximately $1.5 million dollars. In addition to the investment decision, the former Parks and Recreation Department also identified the need to locate a suitable partner who could assume the development and management of the new Velodrome, thereby eliminating the need for the City to operate the facility via the Winnipeg Enterprises Corporation at a cost of $75,000.00 per year.

During the period between January and March, 1998, representatives of the Pan Am Games Society, Red River Exhibition Association and the Manitoba Cycling Association met to discuss the potential for developing a new Velodrome.

As well, the representatives met to review preliminary concept plans, cost estimates, funding sources and the potential operation and programming of the facility.

As referenced on Appendix "B", the Association is proposing to construct a Velodrome at the Red River Exhibition Park as outlined on the attached plan no. R8169S10 at an estimated cost of $1,509,427.00 utilizing funds from the Pan Am Games Society ($722,000.00) and Winnipeg Sports Facility Grant ($137,427.00) and the City of Winnipeg ($650,000.00).

The proposed Velodrome is to be a 250 metre track style, as opposed to the previous 400 metre track, and, will incorporate the most current geometry to conform with current international standards for Velodrome Racing. The consulting firm of Reid Crowther and Partners Ltd. has been retained by the Pan Am Games Society to complete the design of the facility. The firm was involved with the planning and design of the City of Victoria and City of Edmonton Velodromes and as such, is familiar with the design and operational aspects of same, as well as, the requirements of both Canadian and Provincial Cycling Associations.

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In addition to addressing the design and cost/funding issue, the Association also provided a business plan, as attached Appendix "B", for the operation of the facility in conjunction with the Manitoba Cycling Association. The Red River Exhibition proposes to operate the facility for exhibition and cycling purposes and to be financially responsible for the new facility.

As well, the Red River Exhibition Association has asked the Pan Am Games Society and the Manitoba Cycling Association to use their best efforts to ensure the facility is exempted from realty tax as part of their proposal and as referenced in the attached letter dated January 28, 1998. This matter has been referred to the Assessment Department for review, discussion and resolution as a separate but related matter.

Given the Pan Am Games Society wishes to construct a new Velodrome facility, and, that the Red River Exhibition Association is prepared to construct, operate and manage the facility for exhibition and cycling purposes, and that the City will no longer have any ongoing current budget costs associated with the facility, the Public Works Department is wholly supportive of this project in order to satisfy Council's commitment to the Society and the sport of cycling in the City of Winnipeg.

The financial implications of the subject proposal involves the use of $ 650,000.00 in land sale proceeds which have been reserved for the construction of a new Velodrome and as such, there is no financial impact upon the City's Capital Budget.

The operation and maintenance of the new Velodrome will be the responsibility of the Red River Exhibition Association and as such, there is no current budget financial impact associated with the proposal. However, it should be recognized that same will result in current budget savings of $75,000.00 per year to the City being as the City will no longer be providing a grant to the Winnipeg Enterprises for the operation of the former Velodrome. This arrangement was terminated as of April 1, 1998.

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That the proposal for the development, operation and management of a Velodrome from the Red River Exhibition Association be approved.

II. That authority be provided to expend Council approved funding in the amount of $650,000.00 from the Land Operating Reserve Account for the development of the Velodrome at the Red River Exhibition Park.

III. That the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the terms and conditions for funding and amateur access agreements and to subsequently forward same for Council approval.

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

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

Adopted by consent.

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

532 - 5. On March 25, 1998, Council adopted Clause 6 of the Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated March 18, 1998 which recommended that $330,000 be approved from the Winnipeg Development Agreement "Downtown Revitalization" Program 11 budget towards implementing "Portagescape", a streetscaping project proposed along Portage Avenue between Fort/Notre Dame and St. Mary/Spence. At that time the Executive Policy Committee also requested the Standing Committee on Fiscal Issues to review the financial implications and alternative funding sources.

The Standing Committee on Fiscal Issues, at its meeting held on April 20, 1998 recommended that $2.5 million be approved for this project from Winnipeg Hydro Unbudgeted Profits.

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For the information of Council, Executive Policy Committee approved $98, 500 (including GST) for detailed and architectural design and construction documents from the $330,000 approved by Council out of the Winnipeg Development Agreement "Downtown Revitalization" Program 11 budget for implementing the Portagescape project.

The Executive Policy Committee has concurred in the recommendation from the Standing Committee on Fiscal Issues and recommends:

I. That $2.5 million be approved for this project from Winnipeg Hydro Unbudgeted Profits.

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

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

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

Council recessed at 11:58 a.m., and reconvened at 1:33 p. m., same members present.

Councillors Prystanski, Angus, Lazarenko, Lubosch, Murray, O'Shaughnessy and Steek entered the meeting after Council had reconvened.

Moved by Councillor Golden,
That the clause be referred to the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works.

The motion to refer the clause was put and declared lost.

The motion for the adoption of the clause was put.

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

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

Nay: Councillors Golden and Clement. 2

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

Site Access Plan for Access to the Forks
File FR-4.1 (Vol. 3)

533 - 6. On October 22, 1997, Council ruled automatic referral of the following motion to the Executive Policy Committee, under Rule 16.1 of the Procedure By-law No. 5400/90:

Moved by Councillor Murray,
Seconded by Councillor Vandal,

WHEREAS development at the Forks is creating greater demand for transit and vehicle access to the site;

AND WHEREAS CentrePlan is working with the Forks and North Portage Partnership, the Exchange and Downtown Business Improvement Zone groups and the responsible civic departments to develop a downtown transportation plan;

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council request a site access plan for the Forks to be developed through CentrePlan including consideration of transit, vehicle, "fixed link", cycling and pedestrian access.

On November 11, 1997, the Executive Policy Committee referred the matter to the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development.

On November 25, 1997, the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development referred the matter to the Administration for review in consultation with the CentrePlan Committee.

On December 17, 1997, Council granted an extension of time of 60 days to further consider the matter.

On February 25, 1998, Council granted an extension of time of 60 days to further consider the matter.

Inasmuch as the report has not been received to date, the Executive Policy Committee recommends that an extension of time of 60 days be approved to further consider this matter in accordance with Rule 16.4 of the Procedure By-law No. 5400/90.

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

Carried.

Transfer of Jurisdiction of the City of Winnipeg Float to Tourism Winnipeg
File G-2.1 (Vol. 23)

534 - 7. On April 22, 1998, the Executive Policy Committee passed the following resolution, namely:

WHEREAS on January 8, 1998, the Executive Policy Committee recommended disbanding the Ad Hoc Committee on Floats and that future issues relating to the City's float be dealt with by the Mayor's Office;

AND WHEREAS the Executive Policy Committee is of the opinion that the events where the City Float is used is really a tourist attraction, and the budget for the float and its use should be managed by Tourism Winnipeg, in consultation with the Executive Policy Committee;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the budget and management of the City's Float be transferred to the jurisdiction of Tourism Winnipeg;

and submits same to Council for approval.

Moved by Her Worship Mayor Thompson,
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.

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Transfer of Public Health Nursing Managed Services to the Winnipeg Community and Long Term Care Authority (WCA)
File EH-1 (Vol. 19) [c/r GG-2 (Vol. 24)]

535 - 8. On April 22, 1998, the Executive Policy Committee passed the following resolution namely:

WHEREAS on April 1, 1998 enabling Provincial Legislation established the Winnipeg Community and Long Term Care Authority (WCA) as a legal entity and mandated it to take responsibility for the provision of all community health services in Winnipeg;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Manitoba through this enabling legislation has required the transfer of public health nursing managed services to the WCA;

AND WHEREAS it is in the best interests of the taxpayers, clients and affected civic employees to ensure a seamless and cost neutral transfer of responsibility;

AND WHEREAS it is desirable to complete this transfer in as expeditious a manner as possible, and no later than December 31, 1998;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that negotiations be commenced with the WCA on the timing, service, staffing and cost implications of the legislated transfer of public health nursing managed services to the WCA;

and submits same to Council for approval.

Moved by Councillor Silva,
Adoption of the clause.

Carried.

Utilization of Funds generated from the sale of aggregates for an additional Thin Bituminous Overlay Program in 1998
File SC-3.4(Vol. 21)

536 - 9. On April 22, 1998, the Executive Policy Committee passed the following resolution namely:

WHEREAS a sound infrastructure is key to our City's future development and economic growth, and ultimately to improved quality of life for our residents;

AND WHEREAS our investment in streets infrastructure is a huge investment that requires effective asset management;

AND WHEREAS the existing thin bituminous overlay program is effective in restoring structurally sound pavement surfaces and extending the life of local streets;

AND WHEREAS the City is dedicated to seeking alternate sources of revenue to increase service to the Public without increasing property taxes;

AND WHEREAS the sale of aggregates from the Pine Ridge Pit to the private sector in 1998 could result in the generation of unanticipated revenues;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that all profits generated from the sale of aggregates from the Pine Ridge Pit to the private sector be dedicated to an additional thin bituminous overlay program in 1998; and that the additional program be developed in consultation with Ward Councillors.

and submits same to Council for approval.

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

In amendment,

Moved by Councillor Steek,
Seconded by Councillor Lazarenko,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the clause be amended to include the following after the word "Councillors":-

"That the profits be augmented by current budget funds so that total spending for Thin Bituminous Overlay in 1998 equals two million dollars in total; said funds being allocated from surplus funds in various accounts as identified by the Chief Financial Officer."

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

The amendment was put.

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

Yea: Councillors Golden, Lazarenko, Lubosch, Murray, Steek, Thomas, Vandal and Clement. 8

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

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

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

Proposed Land Exchange between the City and the Forks North Portage Partnership for the Pioneer Boulevard Extension
File FI-2.4.4.1 (Vol. 5)

537 - 10. On December 11, 1996, City Council approved the $15, 200,000.00 York Underpass Forks Access Project subject to the use of U.C.P. A. 1 funds. On February 26, 1997 the Minister of Urban Affairs approved this project for U.C.P.A. 1 funding and the Forks Equivalency Agreement, and on November 7, 1997 the Government of Canada, Minister of Foreign Affairs, confirmed the same.

In a report to the former Commissioner of Works and Operations, dated April 2, 1997, the Streets and Transportation Department recommended that the Property and Development Services Department be directed to negotiate for the acquisition of the lands required for the extension of Pioneer Boulevard from Pioneer Avenue north to Lombard Avenue.

In addition, it was recommended that the portion of the Forks North Portage Partnership (F.N.P.P.) land, situated immediately West of the proposed new Pioneer Boulevard roadway and required for the baseball stadium, be acquired by the City for consolidation with other City lands required for the proposed baseball stadium project. City Council on October 22, 1997 approved the lease of City-owned lands for the construction of the baseball park by Riverside Management Inc. Riverside was obliged to secure sufficient interest in this land so that it could be consolidated with the City-owned lands and form part of the baseball park. This acquisition proposed herein will satisfy that requirement.

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Since the F.N.P.P. requested that the City and the Province cost share this proposed street extension, the Streets and Transportation Department initially anticipated that the land required for street right-of-way would be dedicated by the F.N.P.P. at no cost to the City. Ensuing negotiations with the Forks North Portage Partnership have now resulted in a proposed exchange of lands. The particulars of the subject properties are as follows:

Lands To Be Conveyed To City:

Location:	North of Pioneer Avenue, South of Lombard Avenue
Legal Descriptions:	(Parcel 1) Part Parcels Z33, Z34, Z39, Z40, Plan 22557 (shown as "F.N.P.P. Property To Be Conveyed To The City For Pioneer Blvd. Extension", on Misc. Plan No. 10013/6). (Parcel 2) Part Parcels Z33, Z34, Z39, Z40, Plan 22557 (shown as "F.N.P.P. Property To Be Conveyed To The City For a Baseball Stadium", on Misc. Plan No. 10013/6). (Parcel 3) Part Parcel E 12 (shown as "Holding No. 5 - Proposed Street Widenings", on Misc. Plan No. 9947/5A).
Ownership:	The Forks North Portage Partnership
Subject Site Area:	Parcel 1 - 3722.0 ± m² (40,063.3 ft²) Parcel 2 - 883.0 ± m² (9,504.5 ft²) Parcel 3 - 90.0 m² (968.8 ft²) 4695.0 ± m² (50,536.6 ft²)

Lands To Be Conveyed To Forks

Location:	North of Pioneer Avenue, West of Red River
Legal Descriptions:	(Parcel 1) Parcel A, , Plan 33459 (shown as "City Property To Be Conveyed To F.N.P.P.", on Misc. Plan No. 10013/6). (Parcel 2) Parcel M, Plan 26714 (shown as "City Property To Be Conveyed To F.N. P.P.", on Misc. Plan No. 10375).
Ownership:	City of Winnipeg
Subject Site Area:	Parcel 1 - 2543.8 ± m² (27,381. 25 ft²) Parcel 2 - 346.3 m² (3,727.54 ft²) 2890.1 ± m² (31,108.79 ft²)

In a letter dated April 9, 1998, the Forks North Portage Partnership confirmed its acceptance of the proposed land exchange, in accordance with the proposed terms and conditions as outlined on Schedule "A".

The Property and Development Services Department has reviewed the proposed exchange of those lands as specified herein and is of the opinion that it is equitable and that the associated terms and conditions are reasonable and consistent with other land exchanges negotiated by the City.

By proceeding with the proposed settlement on the terms and conditions as now accepted by the Forks North Portage Partnership, the City will be in possession of the lands required for the proposed Pioneer Boulevard Extension project thereby enabling construction to get underway during this 1998 construction season.

Furthermore, the proposed settlement will resolve the acquisition of the land required for consolidation with the adjoining City lands for the proposed baseball park development; the construction of which is imminent.

Thus, the Property and Development Services and the Public Works Departments are both of the opinion that it would be in the best interests of the City to conclude this matter on the basis of the proposal as specified herein.

The financial impact is on file in the office of the City Clerk.

In the report to the former Commissioner of Works and Operations, dated April 2, 1997, the former Streets and Transportation Department advised that funds for expenses related to this acquisition are available in the Pioneer Boulevard Extension Project, Capital Account No. 03-118117- 5196970703.

The Property and Development Services Department has completed its negotiations in respect of the proposed acquisition of the land required for the extension of Pioneer Boulevard from Pioneer Avenue north to Lombard Avenue and is seeking the approval of City Council to the proposed exchange of lands as negotiated.

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The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That the proposed exchange of lands with the Forks North Portage Partnership (F.N.P.P.) identified on Misc. Plan Nos. 10013/6, 10375 and 9947/5A be approved in accordance with the terms and conditions as outlined on Schedule "A".

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

Copies of Misc. Plan Nos. 10013/6, 10375 and 9947/5A are on file in the office of the City Clerk.

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

Adopted by consent.

(See Minute No. 527 for opposition recorded by Councillor Thomas)

Proposed Acquisition of former Transfer Track between Lombard Avenue and Gomez Street, north of Higgins Avenue - City Centre Community
Files FR-3.2(PA-1)(Vol. 1) and FR-3.2(PA-11)(Vol. 1) [c/r FI-2(32)(Vol. 4) & FI-2(34)(Vol. 5)]

538 - 11. The Executive Policy Committee has been advised that in June of 1991 discussions were initiated by CN Real Estate to sell to the City the entire former transfer track lands lying between Lombard Avenue to the south and Gomez Street, north of Higgins Avenue on the north. The tracks at that time were being abandoned and scheduled for removal in 1992. No price was discussed at that time.

Over the next few years several purchase proposals were discussed; however, no proposals were reduced to writing. During this time frame the tracks were physically removed from the land.

On May 5, 1994 the Real Estate Division supplied a capital cost estimate to the former Parks and Recreation Department in the amount of $1,700,000. 00. This amount included amounts for the following work: legal, appraisal, survey, an environmental audit, as well as a small contingency allowance, finance and administration charges and GST.

On May 10, 1994, the former Parks and Recreation Department advised that a portion of the subject lands could possibly be utilized for the development of a scenic drive as part of an overall development of the riverbank in this area. However, there were no concrete plans at that time. Therefore, Parks could not support acquisition of the subject property until such time as a study of the riverbank parkway was completed. Also, at that time, a 95 foot wide strip of land between Galt and George Avenues was identified as being required by the St. Andrew's Society for its development plans in that area. Since the need for the transfer track property was based on some future development, and since funding had not been identified, the former Parks and Recreation Department was not prepared to support acquisition of the transfer track properties at that time, however, would be prepared to review the matter again once development was imminent in the area.

In December, 1996 a transfer was registered at the Winnipeg Land Titles Office indicating that CN sold four parcels of the transfer track located between Lombard and James Avenue to Canada Lands Company Limited (CLC) for $ 850,000.00. On September 19, 1996, while the transfer from the CN was being effected, CLC offered to sell these same lands to the City for $1, 557,000.00. Upon request, CLC supplied a copy of an appraisal which supported the asking price.

On December 10, 1996, the former Parks and Recreation Department advised that:

> "although the properties are not required for the enhancement of the North Winnipeg Riverbank Parkway, the properties possess significant opportunities to the City which could be used to further the objectives of creating a vibrant eastern anchor to the Downtown area. The properties could be used to create a linkage for

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pedestrian and limited vehicle traffic around the eastern limit of the Exchange District, thus, providing direct riverfront access and programming opportunity and capacity to accommodate specialized festivals and other downtown events at this location. In addition, the properties could provide a basis for attracting investment in the redevelopment of the existing buildings situated adjacent to the subject lands, or, in the creation of new structures which incorporate adjacent lands which eventually would be fronting onto the Red River separated by the Parkway and limited vehicle connector."

On December 11, 1996 the Community Planning Division advised that the former Streets and Transportation Department, together with the Exchange BIZ investigated the possibility of a river front roadway; however, any implementation of such a roadway would be in the future. The Real Estate Division observes that presently most sections of the former transfer track lands are utilized informally by the public as though a public thoroughfare. The Street Maintenance Division advises that it is not maintaining the informal right-of-way.

On December 20, 1996, CLC was advised that although there is development potential for the former transfer track in the future, the City currently had no funding in place to acquire the subject property.

On March 10, 1997, CN Real Estate offered for sale to the City those parcels of the former transfer track lying between James Avenue and Gomez Street north of Higgins Avenue at a price of $450,000.00.

The matter was once again circulated to various City departments. The positions remained unchanged, in that there could be a future need for the former transfer track, however, no funding was available at present.

On August 25, 1997, the St. Andrew's Society of Winnipeg requested the City's assistance in securing a right to use a small portion of the former transfer track between Galt and George Avenues from CN. This was required in order to complete the palisade wall of Fort Douglas. CN granted the St. Andrew's Society a lease for completion of its project.

River Rouge Tours Ltd. has been in negotiations with the City since July, 1987 regarding the establishment of a riverboat/banquet facility at the Alexander Dock located between Pacific and Alexander Avenues. Negotiations have been ongoing with the most recent discussion in February, 1998. Acquisition of the former transfer track in this area would enhance this proposed development.

In September, 1997, the North Main Street Task Force implemented a special task force to develop a proposal for the redevelopment of Victoria Park, which is located on the site currently occupied by the old Amy Street Steam Plant between James and Pacific Avenues, adjacent to the west limit of former transfer track.

At its meeting held September 29, 1997, the Committee on Finance and Administration granted The Gatehouse Corporation a six month exclusive interest, extendible by mutual consent for an additional six (6) month period, in which to conduct a comprehensive study of the feasibility of redeveloping the Harbour Master Facility located in the former Winnipeg Hydro Pumping Plant on the bank of the Red River.

On January 15, 1998, the former Parks and Recreation Department advised that the department would be interested in acquiring a portion of the transfer track property lying between Pacific and Alexander Avenues for park purposes. This would provide for a consolidation of the Amy Street Plant and Alexander Dock properties, resulting in additional site design flexibility for potential end users of these sites. The department further advised that it was supportive of acquiring the remaining transfer tracks lands as part of a broader based plan involving several Civic based initiatives (The Forks, Mind Field, Exchange District, Centre Plan, North Main Revitalization).

On January 15, 1998 representatives of the Property and Development Services Department met with a representative of CLC from Vancouver. Resulting from that meeting, on January 29, 1998, CLC advised that it was now prepared to sell it's four parcels of land between Lombard and James Avenues to the City for $775,000.00. This is a considerable reduction in the initial asking price of $1,200,000.00 five months earlier. CLC has asked that this matter be placed before the City's proper standing committees for consideration.

On February 18, 1998, CN Real Estate advised that it was now prepared to sell the former transfer track lands between James Avenue and Gomez Street north of Higgins Avenue to the City for $319,500.00 with the transaction to close 90 days after Council's approval. CN has also made this transaction subject to a Phase II environmental site assessment satisfactory to both the City and CN. This assessment is being completed at the cost of CN and is anticipated to be completed by April 30, 1998.

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On March 12, 1998 the Planning and Land Use Division of the Property and Development Services Department advised that the acquisition of the former transfer tracks from Lombard Avenue to Alexander Avenue has become a substantial issue with both the CentrePlan Committee and the North Main Task Force. The potential that this land provides for access along the riverbank is seen as important to the redevelopment of this area. There is concern that if the lands are fragmented through individual sales, acquisition of these lands by the City may become unfeasible in the future . Both groups potentially have some moneys within their respective WDA programs that could be made available towards acquisition.

In February of 1998 a local real estate professional approached the City's Real Estate Division in confidence advising of his potential interest in acquiring the CLC lands and expressing a desire to perhaps partner with the City. The proposal did not materialize, however, may be resurrected in the future.

The acquisition of the "C.N.R. Property" would greatly increase the development potential of the City owned lands in the downtown riverbank area. Currently there are several parties that are interested in redevelopment of the Amy Street Steam Plant; the James Avenue Pumping Station; Harbour Masters building/Pump House; Alexander Docks; and Fort Douglas. Meanwhile, the former transfer track is currently being used in large measure as an informal right-of-way, thus, any development the City supports on adjacent land in this area would tend to further encourage the public's use of CN's land without its consent and could create a need for the City to then acquire this land.

The Property and Development Services Development can support the proposed purchase price of $775,000.00 ($7.46 per square foot) by an in-house appraisal completed in 1990 which estimated the value at that time to be in the range of $7.80 to $9.63 per square foot. The assessment value of the CLC Property is $8.00 per square foot and is not under appeal.

The CentrePlan Committee and North Main Task Force will have to be requested to commit $250,000.00 respectively for the acquisition of these two properties. A further $195,000.00 has been committed against the Land Acquisition for General Unspecified Purpose Account. The Real Estate Division has queried several departments in order to secure the additional $ 505,000.00 in funds required to complete this transaction (former Parks & Recreation, Streets and Transportation Departments, the Business Liaison and Intergovernmental Affairs Department and the Land Development Division). A report from the former Parks and Recreation Department prioritizing riverbank acquisitions for 1998 is in its final stages; however, no potential sources of funds can be identified at this time. Although the support is strong from various departments to acquire these properties, no funds could be made available from any current budgets.

A financial impact sheet is on file in the office of the City Clerk.

On April 7, 1998, the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development concurred in the acquisition of the subject property as outlined below in Recommendation I. and referred Recommendation 2 as amended and Recommendation 3 to the Executive Policy Committee.

On April 15, 1998, the Executive Policy Committee referred Recommendation 3 to the Standing Committee on Fiscal issues to determine a source of additional funds in the amount of $505,000.00 in order to complete these acquisitions.

On April 20, 1998, the Standing Committee on Fiscal Issues recommended that the Land Operating Reserve Account be identified as a possible source of additional funding in order to complete these acquisitions.

Inasmuch as this is not a Council approved program; approval is required by Council for these two acquisitions. Also, a source of funding in the total amount of $1,200,000.00 is required in order to complete these acquisitions. Sources of funding have been identified for $500,000.00 of this amount.

The Executive Policy Committee has concurred with the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development and the Standing Committee on Fiscal Issues and recommends:

I. That the Director of the Property and Development Services Department be authorized to complete the proposed acquisition of:

   a) the property identified as "C.N.R. Property" on Misc. Plan No. 8568/8 at a price of $319,500.00; and

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b) the property identified as "C.L.C. Property" on Misc. Plan No. 8568/8 at a price of $775,000.00.

II. That $500,000.00 be allocated towards the acquisition of the former transfer tracks between Lombard Avenue and Gomez Street, north of Higgins Avenue, under the Winnipeg Development Agreement (WDA) program, respectively: $250,000.00 from the North Main Street Development Program (as recommended by the North Main Task Force) and $ 250,000.00 from the Downtown Revitalization Program (as recommended by the CentrePlan Committee).

III. That the Land Operating Reserve Account be identified as a possible source of additional funds in the amount of $505,000.00 in order to complete these acquisitions.

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

Copy of Misc. Plan No. 8569/8 is on file in the office of the City Clerk.

Moved by Councillor O'Shaughnessy,
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.

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MOTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Moved by Deputy Mayor Eadie,
Seconded by Councillor O'Shaughnessy,
539 - WHEREAS municipal governments are major public agents for providing services, programs and facilities to maintain and enhance the quality of life for all Canadians;

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

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

1) be an order of government,

2) be autonomous,

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

4) have adequate powers and financial and legal resources

a) to ensure good government and services locally,

b) to meet existing and future community needs,

c) to apply creative, innovative and entrepreneurial solutions,

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

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

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

7) be accessible, democratic and accountable,

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

The motion was put and declared carried.

Moved by Councillor Murray,
Seconded by Councillor Vandal,
540 - WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg needs a coherent accurate data base on which to make decisions about land development use and servicing;

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

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

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

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

Carried.

Moved by Councillor Murray,
Seconded by Councillor Thomas,
541 - WHEREAS the City undertook a study of arts and culture in Winnipeg which resulted in a report titled "Into the 21st Century, Arts and Culture in Winnipeg" dated April 19, 1997;

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

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

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

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

Moved by Deputy Mayor Eadie,
That the motion be laid over sine die.

Carried.

Councillors Lubosch, Murray and Thomas asked to be recorded as having voted against the motion, in accordance with Rule 50.7 of the Procedure By-law.

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Moved by Councillor Murray,
Seconded by Councillor Lubosch,
542 - WHEREAS Winnipeg has the most beautiful historic architecture in Canada;

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

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

Moved by Councillor O'Shaughnessy,
That the motion be referred to the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development.

Carried.

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MOTIONS

Moved by Councillor Clement,
Seconded by Councillor Angus,
543 - 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 ruled that the motion would be required to stand as notice of motion in accordance with Rule 17.1 of the Procedure By-law.

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

Lost.

Moved by Councillor Angus,
Seconded by Councillor Silva,
544 - WHEREAS citizen participation plays a fundamental role in civic government decision-making;

AND WHEREAS Council previously resolved to request the Province of Manitoba for legislative authority to enable it to determine the process for citizen participation, including the option of Community Committees;

AND WHEREAS if this flexibility is accorded to the City, some alternatives to the existing Community Committee structure will have to be considered;

Executive Policy Committee - Motions (continued)

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Executive Policy Committee be requested to develop options for public input and report back to Council.

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

Moved by Councillor Vandal,
Seconded by Councillor Steek,

545 - WHEREAS a March 25, 1998 motion was introduced on the home renovation tax credit program which proposed the following three changes to the current program:

1) increasing the current tax credit from $750 to $1500 per $10,000 invested or 15 % of eligible repairs to a ceiling of $10,000 and that this tax credit be given to homeowners over 3 years ($500 per year) rather than 5 years.

2) that any homeowner may increase the assessed value of their home up to $10,000 through renovations or additions, but that the increased assessment not be added to the home's value until the next general reassessment.

3) that additional exemptions be eligible for tax credits;

AND WHEREAS on April 15, 1998, EPC formed an ad hoc committee chaired by Councillor Prystanski to study the issue which has yet to meet;

AND WHEREAS an April 14, 1998 report from Property and Development Services to the Informal Fiscal Issues identified a potential approximate credit of $400,000 per year for the increase in tax credits from 7% to 15% (Appendix 1);

AND WHEREAS the liability for augmenting the credit program to 15% will be on the 1999 operating budget and will have no impact on the 1998 operating budget;

AND WHEREAS it is important to impact on the 1998 construction season to maximize the benefits of the renovation program;

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

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the deferred increased assessment on homes to a maximum of $10,000 until the next general reassessment be further studied by the ad hoc committee, with recommendations coming forward at the May 27, 1998 meeting;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that additional renovations allowed for tax credits be further studied by the ad hoc committee, with recommendations coming forward at the May 27, 1998 meeting.

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

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

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

The motion to suspend the rule was put.

Executive Policy Committee - Motions (continued)

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

Yea: Councillors Golden, Lazarenko, Lubosch, Murray, Steek, Thomas and Vandal. 7

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

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

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

546 - On motion of Her Worship Mayor Thompson, By-law No. 7217/98, a by-law of the City of Winnipeg to enter into an agreement with Alexander Beda and Lucy Jessie Beda to redeem certain property from Tax Sale by instalments in accordance with Section 255 of The City of Winnipeg Act, was read a first, second and third time, the rule being suspended for the third reading, and was passed and ordered to be signed and sealed. File FL-2.4 (Vol. 13)

On motion of Her Worship Mayor Thompson, the rule was suspended and By-law No. 7169/98, a by-law of The City of Winnipeg to amend By-law No. 5915/92, a by-law establishing Plan Winnipeg, being a statement of the City's policy and general proposals in respect of development or use of land in the City, was read a second time. File EP-1. 1 (PW 6/98)

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

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

QUESTION PERIOD

547 - In reference to increasing film production in Manitoba and the accomplishments of the Film Commissioner, Councillor Lubosch questioned if the recent changes to the Film Commissioner position would send the message to the local film industry that Winnipeg is no longer interested in facilitating the film industry, and further questioned whether this was an improvement in service, noting the continuum of responsibility.

Her Worship Mayor Thompson replied that this was not the message being sent to the film industry, that in fact the City will continue to provide cooperation and support services to the film industry and further noted that the matter was a personnel matter which she would not discuss on the floor of Council, and that she would address the matter in writing to Councillor Lubosch.

In reference to the Cuff Report and the Reshaping of Civic Government, Councillor Lazarenko asked for a follow-up on his prior question regarding when a Council Seminar would be held to allow Members of Council to see where and how each department is being reorganized and staffed.

Her Worship agreed to look into the request.

Councillor Lazarenko requested an update on the restructuring, specifically with regard to redundant job positions and how many persons would be redeployed and how may persons the City of Winnipeg will let go.

Her Worship agreed to take the matter under advisement.

Councillor Lazarenko further questioned if Her Worship and the Chief Administrative Officer would give their best efforts to see that no employees would be let go, rather that they would be redeployed into the new administration.

Executive Policy Committee - Question Period (continued)

Her Worship noted that the City would fulfill its legal obligations and would address the other issues raised by Councillor Lazarenko.

In referring to Council elections, Councillor Thomas questioned whether the City would be providing a tax credit for candidates running for the Office of Mayor, Councillor or School Trustee.

As Chairperson of the Ad Hoc Committee on Election Review, Deputy Mayor Eadie noted that the issue had been before the Committee for some time but added that a positive recommendation for implementation would not be made for the 1998 election because of the complexity of developing a fair method. Deputy Mayor Eadie stated that the issue required further review and possible legislative changes and also advised that there were concerns about the cost impact to the 1998 Current Budget.

Councillor Thomas requested further detail on the matter, to which Deputy Mayor Eadie agreed to provide to Members of Council.

Councillor Steek noted that the business tax notices had recently been sent out and in noting that they were revenue neutral at $49. 5 million and with the rate maintained at 9.75 percent, questioned how many businesses in the City of Winnipeg incurred business tax increases.

Councillor Angus agreed to request the City Assessor to provide a geographical breakdown of the increases, similar to the report provided on the residential and commercial realty tax changes.

In reference to reports regarding Winnipeg Hydro and the report of the Strategic Infrastructure Review Committee, Councillor Murray questioned how these reports would be brought to Council.

Her Worship confirmed that there are a number of initiatives and the administration have been asked to determine the process, the timing and the avenue to deal with each. Councillor Timm-Rudolph advised that the Strategic Infrastructure Report and issues regarding Transplan 2010 would be brought to a Council Seminar.

Councillor Murray suggested that Councillors should have scheduled days one month in advance for seminars and that an agenda be established so that Councillors would know months in advance what the process is and when items are to be brought forward for consideration.

Her Worship noted that she would welcome a discipline for Council seminars and further noted that she was trying to establish a transition, in term of process, between herself and the next Mayor and was setting up a draft calendar that will include seminar time.

Council here proceeded to consider the order of business - "Report of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development dated April 6, 1998".