REPORT OF THE

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

DATED MARCH 3, 1997

On motion of Councillor Silva, Clause 2 of the Report of the Committee on Finance and Administration, dated March 3, 1997, was considered.

Animal Services By-law Amendments
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1005 - 2. Council in May, 1899, passed a Pound By-Law which included a section proclaiming that every dog in the city be licensed. That requirement has remained in succeeding by-laws, including a consolidated Pound By-law No. 262/73, passed in January 1973, following amalgamations of the various municipalities, and the current legislation, the Animal Services By-law No. 2443/79.

Renewal date for dog licenses has been fixed for several years at January 1. Proof of a rabies vaccination prior to licensing a dog was incorporated in the 1973 By-law, as a result of concerns expressed by residents of undeveloped rural areas in Assiniboine Park and St. James Assiniboia.

The Animal Services Division has identified five goals that are fundamental to its core business function, customer service improvement and financial stability, as follows:

Increase public awareness and participation
Improve public image
Improve customer service
Increase the health and safety of neighbourhoods
Become financially self sustaining

In order to reach these goals amendments to By-Law No. 2443/79 are required to improve the licensing process for both customers and administration and reduce the taxpayer burden.

Staggered Licensing and Payment System

January 1 is the current date for renewal of dog licenses. A new tag is issued annually, upon payment. Presently, payment is by cash or cheque, in person or by mail, at Animal Services, or the Winnipeg Humane Society, or Kindness Kennels, or the License Branch, supplemented with the rabies vaccination receipt.

The recommended amendments would result in a renewal date based upon the first letter of the dog owner's last name, (see Appendix "A") thus staggering renewal dates throughout the year. Complaints have been received with respect to the January 1 date, citing inclement weather, and proximity to the Christmas season. A stainless steel "permanent tag" issued at the time of the first license payment, and revalidated annually, would replace the annual tag. In addition to the forms of payment now accepted, if the rabies declaration requirement was removed, banking institutions and ATM's would be viable methods of payment, as well as allowing customers to use debit/credit cards in person or over the phone.

Rabies Vaccination

At the present time Winnipeg is one of two cities in Canada which requires proof of vaccination prior to licensing. This requirement is not an inducement to either purchase a license or have a dog vaccinated. The City of Winnipeg issues approximately 10,000 dog licenses annually. Approximately 50,000 dogs are vaccinated annually. The total dog population in Winnipeg is in the 85,000 to 100,000 range.

Under current legislation, approximately 800 dogs are released unlicensed from impoundment at Animal Services, due to the lack of proof of vaccination. Owners are cautioned that they have five days to return with the vaccination receipt and purchase a license, or be subjected to charge under the By-Law. This results in the owner either ignoring the warning and having Animal Services staff tracking the situation, and prosecuting the owner, or the owner complaining about the cost of the vet and the license in such a short time frame. In addition, the City loses approximately $20,000.00 in revenue.

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Approximately 2,000 dogs are adopted from the Humane Society annually. The Humane Society does not provide a rabies vaccination service. Owners who return to the Humane Society with a vaccination receipt receive a "first year free" dog license. This service costs the City of Winnipeg approximately $30,000.00 annually.

The Committee on Finance and Administration was advised that any initiatives to improve license sales are severely impacted by the requirement for proof of vaccination. Only 10 to 15% of the total dog population is licensed. Dog owners appear to realize the importance of maintaining their dog's health, as the majority of dogs are vaccinated. However, there is no relationship in the owner's mind between vaccination and licensing.

Education and advertising programs similar to those in other cities in Canada are necessary to raise this issue publicly. Animal Services does provide a quarantine process for all animals that bite, and a monitoring process to track rabies is in place. Animal Services is prepared to work with local veterinarians and the Humane Society to develop a long term education program dealing with the licensing and rabies issues.

The Committee on Finance and Administration referred this issue to the Ad Hoc Committee on Licensing and Animal Control, which Committee recommended that the requirement for a rabies vaccination prior to licensing should still be maintained.

The Committee on Finance and Administration also did not concur in the recommendation of the administration to remove the requirement for a rabies vaccination prior to licensing.

License Fees

The last license fee increase was in 1988. To partially reflect the 31.3% increase in CPI since then, it is recommended that a 20% increase be implemented, increasing annual license fees for whole dogs from $25.00 to $30.00, and sterilized dogs from $12.50 to $15.00. For comparative purposes, Vancouver's fees are $54.00 and $34.00, Edmonton's are $42.00 and $18.00 and Calgary's are $36.50 and $22.50.

The Committee on Finance and Administration referred this item to the Ad Hoc Committee on Licensing and Animal Control. On February 20, 1997, the Ad Hoc Committee considered the matter and heard representation and reviewed briefs from Dr. Grant Spearman, President, Manitoba Veterinary Medical Association, Mr. Wayne Bellingham, President, Manitoba Association of Dog Owners, and Ms Doreen Nevraumont, Provincial Director, Canadian Kennel Club and Ms Susanne Oliver, Manitoba Association of Dog Owners. The Ad Hoc Committee concurred in the administrative recommendations to increase license fees. The Committee on Finance and

Administration also recommended that a two-year license become an available option for pet owners who may wish to purchase one.

Sale of Licenses by Veterinarian Clinics

The Ad Hoc Committee further recommended that the Animal Services By-law be amended to accommodate the sale of Dog Licenses from Veterinary Clinics and that Veterinarian Clinics charge a fee of $3.50 for issuing a dog license, which fee would be paid out of the license fee. The Committee further recommended that the Veterinary Clinic would fax a copy of the License being issued to the Animal Services Division on the day of the sale, and would be required to reimburse the City on a monthly basis for license fees collected.

Voluntary Registration of Cats

In addition, the Ad Hoc Committee recommended that a voluntary registration of cats be implemented by the City, in cooperation with veterinarians, so that pet owners could be notified immediately if the cat was turned in to the Humane Society or the Animal Services Division.

The Committee on Finance and Administration has concurred in the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee on Licensing and Animal Control and submits same for the adoption of Council.

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The Committee on Finance and Administration therefore recommends:

I. That the Animal Services By-law No. 2443/79 be amended as follows:

A. That sections 17 and 18, governing licensing and license fees of dogs in the City of Winnipeg, be amended as follows:

i) amend the annual renewal date of January 1, to a staggered date as detailed in Appendix "A";

ii) that the requirement for a rabies vaccination prior to licensing not be removed;

iii) increase the annual dog license fee from $25.00 to $30.00 for whole dogs, and from $12.50 to $15.00 for sterilized dogs;

iv) replace the current license tag with a "validated license tag".

B. To provide for Veterinary Clinics to be able to sell dog licenses and be permitted to charge a fee of $3.50 to issue the license, which fee would be paid out of the license fee collected.

II. That a voluntary registration of cats be implemented by the Animal Services Department.

III. That the option of a two-year license be investigated.

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

On March 19, 1997, the Executive Policy Committee laid over the Report of the Committee on Finance and Administration dated March 3, 1997, and referred it to the Board of Commissioners for report back.

On July 23, 1997, Council granted an extension of time of 60 days to further consider the matter.

On September 17, 1997, the Executive Policy Committee considered representation from Dr. Grant Spearman, President, Manitoba Veterinary Association and Dr. Randy Aitken, Chairman, Animal Welfare Committee, who submitted a presentation dated September 17, 1997, in support of the proposed Animal Control By-law Amendments. Copy of the presentation is on file in the office of the City Clerk.

The Executive Policy Committee also considered the following report from the Administration dated September 11, 1997, namely:

Rabies Vaccination

To increase license sales Animal Services must improve the method of license purchase and renewal for the dog owner. Some initiatives were proposed in earlier reports and supported in the recommendations of the Committee on Finance and Administration. Those initiatives are a staggered license renewal program and a one tag dog license system.

An additional proposal to remove the rabies vaccination prerequisite to dog licensing was not supported. Concerns were raised by the Veterinarian Association that removal of the rabies vaccination requirement would be detrimental to the health of animals and to the community. Animal Services agrees with this concern. It was never the intent for Animal Services to support a complete removal of a rabies vaccination program in the City of Winnipeg.

There are an estimated 100,000 dogs in the City of Winnipeg. Of those, approximately 50,000 are vaccinated against rabies. Animal Services licensed approximately 8,000 in 1996. There is a misconception that the current license program is influencing the number of dogs vaccinated in the city. This is clearly not the case. In addition there is no legal requirement in the present by-law to vaccinate dogs against rabies. It is just a prerequisite to licensing.

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Animal Services proposes a two step process to ensure vaccination of dogs and allow Animal Services to offer easier, friendlier methods of license purchase and renewal. The first step is to remove the rabies vaccination as a prerequisite to licensing and place it as a separate requirement in the by-law. The benefits to this include:

- Rabies vaccination becomes enforceable on it's own merit. Dog owners that fail to vaccinate their dogs will be issued a notice to obtain vaccination within a set time period and provide proof of vaccination to Animal Services or face prosecution under the by-law. With this change the by-law will more effectively support a vaccination program.

- Dog owners can vaccinate their animals on a schedule that is convenient to them, not being driven by a licensing schedule

- Dog owners will get full value for their vaccination dollar. Currently if the dog owner does not vaccinate their dog at the same time the license renewal is due, the dog is vaccinated ahead of schedule in order to meet the time lines for licensing as set out in the by-law.

- Animal Services can offer alternative methods of payment such as, through 'Direct Payment', at banks, or at 'ATMs'. Without the vaccination as a prerequisite these payments can be made when convenient to the dog owner.

- Dogs adopted from the Humane Society would receive their first license at the time of adoption. Currently all dogs adopted through the Humane Society are entitled to a free dog license for the first year provided the new owners take the dog to a Veterinarian to have the dog vaccinated and return with proof of vaccination. Approximately 2000 dogs/year are adopted from the Humane Society and only a handful return for their free license. This results in a large number of unlicensed dogs inserted into communities each year.

- Unlicensed dogs returned to their owners from Animal Services can be licensed immediately upon release. Animal Services returns approximately 800 dogs/year to owners without a license being issued. Dog owners do not carry proof of vaccination with them and a license can not be issued without this proof. This results in the dog owner returning to Animal Services with proof or a license notice being issued and follow up required by Animal Services staff.

- Reduction to the number of unwanted dogs in the community. The more dogs licensed results in more dogs being returned to their owners. Approximately 50% of dogs handled by Animal Services are unclaimed.

- Reduction to the number of prosecutions for unlicensed dogs. Friendlier and easier methods of licensing will encourage dog owners to license their dogs.

- Ability of Animal Services to license dog owners that do not go to Veterinarians. Once on file this group can be targeted with special education programs on the importance of animal health and vaccinations.

Secondly, once the requirement for rabies is removed as a licensing prerequisite, the City of Winnipeg in partnership with the Veterinarian Association and the Winnipeg Humane Society should petition the Province of Manitoba to place a requirement for all dogs to be vaccinated against rabies as a regulation in the Public Health Act. The reason for pursuing this option secondarily is that the process to change provincial legislation is lengthy. Although changing provincial legislation to include a rabies vaccination requirement will not have an immediate impact on the City of Winnipeg if the first step of this process is adopted, it will have long term results that will benefit communities, veterinarians, dog owners and their pets, province wide. Further benefits include:

- From a public health perspective it is better to control risks of disease at the source. Rabies on the prairies is normally spread through the skunk and fox populations. Rabies migrates into urban centers from the surrounding rural areas. Protecting dogs in the rural areas against rabies will aid in the prevention of canine rabies in urban centers.

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- Dog owners' province wide would have the same requirement for rabies vaccination regardless of their dog licensing requirements.

- Allows rural communities, which may not have annual licensing requirements to regulate vaccination programs consistently from municipality to municipality.

- Veterinarians province wide will benefit regardless of licensing programs.

The Animal Services Division can enforce this requirement in the City of Winnipeg.

Cats

Complaints concerning cats are increasing. Citizens are demanding controls be put in place to deal with cats similar to those controls in place for dogs. The most common complaints are cats at large and defecation. It is recommended that the current by-law for dogs be amended to include cats in the appropriate sections to provide controls for cats. The by-law includes fees and fines for infractions of the by-law such as for running at large and impoundment fees. These also can be applied to cats. Cat owners that continually ignore the requirements of the by-law could be subject to prosecution under the by-law.

Animal Services is not equipped to kennel impounded cats. It is proposed that the City of Winnipeg enter into a service agreement with the Humane Society to kennel impounded cats. The process now in place at Animal Services is to provide citizens with a cat trap upon receiving a redeemable deposit from them. Once the cat is trapped, the citizen transports the cat to the Humane Society where the owner can claim it. The trap is then returned to Animal Services and the deposit returned. The cat owner upon claiming their cat at the Humane Society may pay a nominal kenneling fee. There is no official record kept to identify the number of times the cat is trapped.

Under this proposal it is recommended that the Humane Society be allowed to charge the cat owner the fees and fines outlined in the by-law. These include a daily kenneling fee of $9.00/day and an escalating fee for allowing their cat to be at large. This fee consists of, 1st offence - $35.00, 2nd offence - $150.00 and 3rd offence - $225.00. In addition to collecting fees for holding the cats, a record of each occurrence would be forwarded to Animal Services. This information would be kept on file and used in determining if further action by Animal Services is warranted. Animal Services would continue to provide the traps and expand the program as necessary.

License Sales

One of the recommendations put forward by the Committee on Finance and Administration is to allow dog licenses to be sold and revalidated at Veterinarian Clinics throughout the city. The clinics would charge back to the city a service fee of $3.50 per transaction. This $3.50 would be paid out of the license fee collected.

Animal Services proposes that only new licenses sales be extended to Veterinarian Clinics and that all annual revalidations be remitted directly to the City of Winnipeg by the dog owners. Animal Services and the Veterinarian community can work together to educate and encourage dog owners that do not license their dogs but visit their veterinarian, of the requirement for licensing and the responsibilities of the owner to their dogs and community. It is also an excellent opportunity to introduce the requirement for dog licenses in the City of Winnipeg to new dog owners. Responsible new owners take their dogs to their veterinarian for initial vaccinations and check-ups. This presents an ideal time to initiate dog licensing.

With the staggered license renewal system, rabies vaccination schedules will be different for many dog owners than the schedule for revalidation of their dog licenses. In addition if the proposal to place vaccinations as a separate requirement in the by-law is adopted, dog owners will have the opportunity to utilize alternate, more convenient methods of payment.

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Part of the recommendation of the Committee on Finance and Administration is that the clinics would receive $3.50 per transaction. Veterinarian clinics vaccinated approximately 50,000 dogs in the City of Winnipeg in 1996. There is a potential cost to the taxpayer of approximately $150,000/year if these dogs receive their licenses and revalidate them annually at the clinics. Also if the license program were successful, this amount would increase each year. There are no cost savings to revalidate licenses at locations other than directly to Animal Services. All information received from the dog owner at the clinics must be forwarded to Animal Services for inclusion in their records. There would be a complete duplication of service. In addition to the duplication of information Animal Services would incur the cost of invoicing and notification of validation back to the dog owner.

Given that goals of Animal Services include improved customer service and responsible fiscal management, it is recommended that all revalidations be remitted directly to the City of Winnipeg. Combined with other proposals such as staggered license renewals, invoice billing, no rabies prerequisite, one tag system, and alternate payment methods, revalidation of licenses will be as convenient as possible.

The City of Calgary has had great success in their licensing program. In 1996 they licensed approximately 70,000 dogs. This is due partly to the ease and convenience of their licensing program, which utilize all the recommendations proposed by Animal Services. In Calgary license sales and renewals are available only through their Animal Services Branch and the majority of dog owners prefer to pay through alternate methods rather than in person.

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That the Animal Services By-law No. 2443/79 be amended as follows:

A. That the requirement for rabies vaccination as a prerequisite to annual licensing of dogs in the City of Winnipeg be removed;

B. That a separate clause be placed in the Animal Control By-Law requiring all dogs in the City of Winnipeg to have valid up-to-date rabies vaccination and that owners of these animals be required to provide proof of valid vaccination upon request.

C. That the City of Winnipeg, in cooperation with veterinarians, implement a voluntary registration of cats.

D. That the By-Law be amended to include cats in all sections that are relevant, to deal with the increasing concerns of cats running at large and other related cat complaints such as defecation, upsetting garbage, biting, rabies vaccination, etc.

E. That all fees, fines and prosecutions associated with these complaints as outlined in the by-law be extended to include cats.

F. That the Animal Services By-Law be amended so that new dog license sales only, be extended to the Veterinarian Clinics and that all annual revalidation of licenses be remitted directly to the City of Winnipeg, Animal Services Division.

G. That the Veterinarians, or Clinic personnel directly remit license fees after deducting the service fee of $3.50 per license sold through their clinic.

H. That a copy of the licenses sold be faxed to Animal Services on the day of sale and all monies from the aforementioned sales be remitted to the City of Winnipeg monthly.

II. That the City of Winnipeg in partnership with the Veterinarian Association and the Winnipeg Humane Society petition the Province of Manitoba to have the requirement for rabies vaccination placed as a regulation in the Public Health Act.

III. That the City of Winnipeg enter into an agreement with the Winnipeg Humane Society to kennel cats impounded as result of a violation of the Animal Control By-Law.

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IV. That the following recommendations of the Committee on Finance and Administration Report dated March 3, 1997, be adopted, namely:

A. That Sections 17 and 18, of the Animal Services By-law No. 2443/79 governing licensing and license fees of dogs in the City of Winnipeg be amended as follows:

1. amend the annual renewal date of January 1, to a staggered date as detailed in Appendix "A";

2. increase the annual dog license fee from $25.00 to $30.00 for whole dogs, and from $12.50 to $15.00 for sterilized dogs;

3. replace the current license tag with a "validated license tag".

B. That the option of a two-year license be investigated

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

Moved by Councillor Silva,
Adoption of the clause.

Moved by Councillor Silva,
That the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee be adopted.

In amendment to the amendment,

Moved by Councillor Clement,
Seconded by Councillor Silva,

WHEREAS the Executive Policy Committee did not have all associated information at its September 17, 1997 meeting;

AND WHEREAS there is conflicting information about what is actually being contemplated as an action in this matter by our Animal Services Branch;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Sections 1.D and 1.E and 3 of the clause be referred back to the Executive Policy Committee.

Carried.

In amendment to the amendment,

Moved by Councillor Golden,
Seconded by Councillor Clement,

THAT the Executive Policy Committee Recommendation I. F. contained in Clause 1 of the Report of the Committee on Finance and Administration dated March 3, 1997, be amended to allow licenses and renewals to be obtained through Veterinarian Clinics

(See Minute No. 1008 for disposition)

Moved by Councillor Thomas,
That the rule be suspended to allow Council to proceed to consider the order of business - "Clause 1 of the Report of the Committee on Finance and Administration, dated September 15, 1997" and By-law No. 7098/97.

Carried.

Council here proceeded to consider Clause 1 of the Report of the Committee on Finance and Administration dated September 15, 1997.

On motion of Councillor Silva, Clause 1 of the Report of the Committee on Finance and Administration dated September 15, 1997, was considered.

Recommendations for Amusement Tax Exemption File FL-6 (Vol. 15)

1006 - 1. The Committee on Finance and Administration has considered recommendations received from the Winnipeg Arts Advisory Council for exemption to the Amusement Tax By-law.

The Committee on Finance and Administration submits draft by-law and recommends:

I. That the following list of exemptions be added to subsection 7(6) of the Amusement Tax By-law No. 3107/81, namely:

Hinode Taiko Inc. for:
"Hinode Taiko 15 Years Together" on November 1, 1997, at the Pantages Playhouse Theatre

Le Cercle Moliere for:
1997/98 Season held in Theatre la Chapelle, 825 rue Saint Joseph as follows:

"Fugues pour un cheval et un piano" - September 30 to October 18, 1997
"L'Homme aux tresors - November 11 to 29, 1997
"La Trahison" - January 13 to 31, 1998
"Salvation" - March 17 to April 4, 1998

Manitoba Chamber Orchestra for:
1997/98 Season at the Westminster United Church as follows:

"Concert with pianist Robert Silverman" - September 24, 1997
"Concert with violinist Julier Kang and conductor Peter Oundjian" - October 7, 1997
"Concert with erhu player Jie Bing Chen" - October 28, 1997
"Concert with pianist Angela Cheng and conductor Bernard Labadie" - November 19, 1997
"Concert with cellist Amanda Forsyth" - December 9, 1997
"Concert with baritone Nathan Berg" - February 11, 1998
"Chamber Night concert in collaboration with U of M School of Music" - March 3, 1998
"Concert with percussionist Beverley Johnston" - May 20, 1998

Manitoba Theatre for Young People Inc. for:
1997/98 Season at the Gas Station Theatre as follows:

"The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe" - October 16 to 26, 1997
"Health Class" - October 30 to November 5, 1997
"Double Play (The Potato People)" - November 7 to 16, 1997
"Jacob Two-Two Meets the Hooded Fang" - December 4 to 14, 1997
"Baloney" - February 5 to 15, 1998
"Liars" - February 11 to 21, 1998
"March Theatre School Productions" - March 6 to 8, 1998
"Twelfth Night" - March 16 to 21, 1998
"The Young Company" - April 6 to 8, 1998
"The Saigon Water Puppets" - April 24 to 26, 1998

University of Manitoba School of Music for:
1997/98 concerts as follows:

"String Orchestra" - October 19, 1997 and January 18, 1998 at Eva Clare Hall
"Wind Orchestra" - November 21, 1997 and April 3, 1998 at Eva Clare Hall
"Big Band Dance" - November 22, 1997 at UMSU
"Singers" - December 6, 1997 at the Sturgeon Creek United Church
"Opera Workshop" - January 9 and 10, 1998 at the Gas Station Theatre

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"Singers" - January 25 and March 22, 1998 at the Bethel Mennonite Church
"Big Band Dance" - March 14, 1998 at UMSU
"All Jazz Bands" - April 7, 1998 at the Centre Culturel Franco-Manitobain

University of Winnipeg - Music Committee for:
1997/98 Virtuosi Concerts as follows:

"Chamber Music Unlimited" - October 17, 1997 at Jubilee Place
"Marc-Andre Hamelin" - January 10, 1998 at the Eckhardt-Gramatte Hall
"Jon Kimura Parker" - April 23, 1998 at Eckhardt-Gramatte Hall
"Andre Laplante, David Stewart and Arkadiusz Tesarczyk" - May 3, 1998 at the Winnipeg Art Gallery

Winnipeg's Contemporary Dancers for:
events held at the Centre Culturel Franco-Manitobain as follows:

"Profile Performance Series" - October 16 to 18, 1997
"New Creation Series" - December 11 to 13, 1997
"WCD Presents Tedd Senmon Robinson" - March 26 to 28, 1998

Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra for:
1997/98 Season at the Manitoba Centennial Concert Hall (except where noted) as follows:

"Morning, Noon and Night in Vienna" - September 25, 1997
"Masters of the Brass" - September 26 to 28, 1997
"Baroque Steps Out" - October 3, November 20, 1997 and February 5, 1998 at the Pantages Playhouse Theatre
"Symphonie Fantastique" - October 9, 1997
"The Romantic Hero" - October 10, 1997
"Tribute to Heroines" - October 17 and 18, 1997
"Beethoven's Tenth" - October 30 and November 1, 1997
"A World of Music" - November 2, 1997
"Capriccio Italien" - November 6, 1997
"An Irving Berlin Songbook" - November 7 to 9, 1997
"Pictures at an Exhibition" - November 23, 1997
"Mozart's Final Symphony" - November 28, 1997
"Orpheus and Jupiter" - November 29, 1997
"In the Spotlight" - December 4, 1997
"The Music Never Ends - Maureen McGovern" - December 5 to 7, 1997
"The Leipzig Connection" - December 12, 1997
"Jubilant Voices" - December 13, 1997
"Handel - With Charm" - December 14, 1997
"Christmas Special - John McDermott" - December 19, 1997
"Quartetto Gelato" - January 9 to 11, 1998
"Concerto for Left Hand" - January 16 and 17, 1998
"Beat a New Drum" - January 23, 1998
"Evelyn Glennie" - January 24, 1998
"Valentine's Special - Richard Moody" - February 14, 1998
"Elementary School Concerts" - February 18 to 20, 1998
"Bramwell and the Beasts" - February 22, 1998
"New York, New York!" - February 26, 1998
"Mellow Gold" - February 27 to March 1, 1998
"The Music Lovers" - March 6, 1998
"Moscow on the Red" - March 7, 1998
"Invitation to the Dance" - March 19, 1998
"Ancestral Voices" - March 20 to 22, 1998
"Portraits in Music" - March 27 and 28, 1998
"Once Upon a Time" - March 29, 1998
"Chase the Sun" - April 3 and 4, 1998
"Checkmate!" - April 16, 1998

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"Sherlock Holmes' London" - April 17 to 19, 1998
"Planes, Trains and Automobiles" - May 3, 1998
"Symphony of a Thousand" - May 8 and 9, 1998
"Crown Royal Evening - Nadja Salerno-Sonnenberg" - May 20, 1998

The Women's Musical Club of Winnipeg for:
1997/98 events held at the Winnipeg Art Gallery as follows:

"1997 Eckhardt-Gramatte String Competition Winner" - November 16, 1997
"Annual Scholarship Winners Recital" - December 28, 1997
"Carlisle Wilson and Millicent Scarlett" - February 15, 1998
"Lafayette String Quartet" - April 5, 1998

MusikBarock Ensemble for:
1997/98 Concert Season as follows:

"The Italian Masters - The Sequel" - October 19, 1997 at the Crescent Fort Rouge United Church
"Organ Recital" - November 12, 1997 at the Young United Church
"Campra's Requiem" - November 30, 1997 at the Crescent Fort Rouge United Church
"Gates and Palaces" - February 22, 1998 at the Crescent Fort Rouge United Church
"The British Isles" - March 22, 1998 at the Crescent Fort Rouge United Church
"Vivaldi's The Four Seasons" - April 26, 1998 at the Crescent Fort Rouge United Church

Ukrainian National Federation for:
"Tribute to UNF" on October 19, 1997 at the Pantages Playhouse Theatre

Winnipeg Philharmonic Choir for:
1997/98 Concert Season as follows:
"Birthdays All Around" - October 26, 1997 at the Pantages Playhouse Theatre
"Christmas with the Phil" - December 7, 1997 at the Bethel Mennonite Church
"Festival of Prairie Choirs" - May 10, 1998 at the Bethel Mennonite Church

Winnipeg Chinese Cultural and Community Centre for:
"Hai-Hwa Goodwill Mission from Taiwan" on October 19, 1997 at the Walker Theatre

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

Moved by Councillor Silva,
Adoption of the clause.

Carried.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

1007 - On motion of Councillor Silva, By-law No. 7098/97, a by-law of The City of Winnipeg to amend the Amusement Tax By-law No. 3107/81, 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-6 (Vol. 15)

Councillor Golden asked to be recorded as having voted against all three readings of By-law No. 7098/97, in accordance with Rule 50.7 of the Procedure By-law.

Council here proceeded to continue to consider the order of business - "Clause 2 of the Report of the Committee on Finance and Administration, dated March 3, 1997.

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1008 -

Moved by Councillor Timm-Rudolph,
That Rule 6.1 of the Procedure By-law be suspended to allow Council to sit beyond the hour of six o'clock to complete deliberation of the clause.

Carried.

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

The amendment proposed by Councillors Golden and Clement was put and declared carried.

The recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee, as amended, was put and declared carried.

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

(See Minute No. 1032 for attachment)

Pursuant to Rules 6.1 and 6.2 of the Procedure By-law, Council stood adjourned at 6:07 p.m., to reconvene at 9:30 a.m., Thursday, September 24, 1997.

Adjourned Meeting Thursday, September 24, 1997

Council reconvened this day at 9:37 a.m.

The Speaker called the adjourned meeting to order.

Present: The Speaker Councillor Angus, Councillors Clement, Golden, Lazarenko, Lubosch, Phillips, Silva, Steek, Timm-Rudolph, Vandal and Deputy Mayor Eadie.

Councillor Thomas entered the meeting after Council had reconvened.

In attendance: Mrs. D. Browton, City Clerk, Mr. R. Kachur, Deputy City Clerk and Mrs. J. Park, Committee Clerk.

Council here proceeded to consider the order of business - "Report of the Committee on Finance and Administration, dated July 15, 1997".

REPORT OF THE

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

DATED JULY 15, 1997

On motion of Councillor Silva, Clause 1 of the Report of the Committee on Finance and Administration dated July 15, 1997 was considered.

Proposed Lease of the Former Winnipeg Canoe Club Golf Course - The City of Winnipeg to the Germanic Cultural Centre of Manitoba Inc.
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1009 - ***Note: Clause 1 has been laid over and referred to the Administration for report back.***

Laid over and referred to theAdministration for report back

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COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

DATED SEPTEMBER 15, 1997

On motion of Councillor Silva, the Report of the Committee on Finance and Administration, dated September 15, 1997, was considered clause by clause.

Moved by Councillor Silva,
That the Consent Agenda, Clauses 2,3,4,5,6, and 7 be adopted.

Carried.

Recommendations for Amusement Tax Exemption File FL-6 (Vol. 15)

(See Minute No. 1006 for disposition)

Amendment to the City of Winnipeg Policy on Travel File GU-2.10 (Vol. 6)

1010 - 2. On July 10, 1991, Council adopted the City of Winnipeg Policy on Travel. The policy provides for a per diem allowance, calculated annually to offset costs related to dining (including gratuities and other related expenses) for each attended day at a function with an additional day permitted if necessary to coincide with arrival and departure requirements. The per diem allowance effective January 1, 1997 has been calculated at $59.00 CDN (within Canada) and $55.00 US (outside Canada) based on the following formula:

October/96 CPI X 1986's per diem = 1997 per diem for travel outside Canada x 1.07 = 1997 per diem for travel within Canada October/86 CPI

Note: 1.07 represents the Goods and Services Tax Rate

The travel policies of the Province of Manitoba, and the Cities of Calgary, Edmonton, Vancouver, Saskatoon and Regina have been used for comparison purposes:

Jurisdiction	Travel in Canada	Travel in U.S.	Travel out of North America	Part Day Partial Per Diem	Incidental Cost Allowance
Province of Manitoba	receipts only/no limit				$4.00
City of Calgary	no receipts/$40.00 max				
City of Edmonton	receipts only/$45.00 max	receipts only/$45.00 US max	receipts only/no limit		$10.00
City of Vancouver	$40.00-$50.00 incl. parking	$40.00-$50.00 US incl. parking	$50.00-$65.00 US incl. parking	50%	
City of Saskatoon	no receipts/$37.00 max				$5.00
City of Regina	no receipts/$35.00 max	no receipts/$35.00 US max		time restrictions	

“Trends and Forecasts for the Canadian Business Travel Industry 1997", researched by the Conference Board of Canada, reports that according to the Runzheimer International Guide to Daily Travel, 1996, average meal costs for major Canadian Cities indicates a variance from $32.90/day in Edmonton to $50.85/day in Montreal.

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City	Breakfast	Lunch	Dinner	Total
Vancouver	$11.05	$10.90	$21.65	$43.60
Calgary	10.20	9.40	21.15	40.75
Edmonton	8.00	8.10	16.80	32.90
Winnipeg	8.40	8.30	19.90	36.60
London	8.70	9.20	20.45	38.35
Hamilton	7.80	7.75	21.90	37.45
Toronto	12.25	10.45	22.35	45.05
Ottawa	9.20	8.55	20.00	37.75
Montreal	10.85	11.65	28.35	50.85
Quebec City	10.05	10.35	24.05	44.45
Halifax	10.05	10.35	24.05	44.45

Based upon a review of the above information, the per diem should be reduced from its present level to $45.00 CDN (US dollars, if travel occurs outside Canada).

The Committee on Finance and Administration recommends:

I. That the City of Winnipeg Policy on Travel be amended by decreasing the per diem allowance from $59.00 CDN to $45.00 CDN (within Canada) and from $55.00 US to $45.00 US (outside Canada), and that the per diem rates be reviewed every three years to ensure a reasonable level of reimbursement.

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

Adopted by consent.

Proposed Transfer of Jurisdiction of City-owned Lands between Notre Dame and Pacific Avenues, East of Weston Street from the Civic Buildings Department to Winnipeg Hydro File FI-2.4.4.1 (Vol. 5)

1011 - 3. On June 12, 1997, the Land & Development Services Department received a request from the Director of Winnipeg Hydro to arrange for the transfer of jurisdiction of lands currently under the jurisdiction of the Civic Buildings Department to Winnipeg Hydro, as shown on Misc. Plan No. 8899/10.

Winnipeg Hydro has determined that acquiring the reference lands would result in its adjacent property being more regular in shape, thus, allowing better development and utilization of the property.

On July 15, 1997, the Civic Buildings Department advised that it has no objections to the proposed transfer of jurisdiction.

This proposed transfer of jurisdiction would result in an intra-City acknowledgment of a new boundary line between the two City departments, therefore no costs would occur.

The Committee on Finance and Administration recommends:

I. That the transfer of jurisdiction of those lands which are currently the responsibility of Civic Buildings, as shown outlined on attached Misc. Plan No. 8899/10 be authorized to Winnipeg Hydro.

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

Copy of Misc. Plan No. 8899/10 is on file in the office of the City Clerk.

Adopted by consent.

McGregor/Ferrier Extension B - Proposed Acquisition of Lot 3, Plan 11493 together with Right-of-way Over South 50' Lot 4
File FI-2(34) (Vol. 4)

1012 - 4. Council on November 21, 1990, approved the realignment of the McGregor Street Right-of-Way.

On September 10, 1991, the Committee on Works and Operations concurred with the recommended alignment for the McGregor/Ferrier Street Extension between Leila Avenue and the proposed extension of Chief Peguis Trail as shown on drawing T-2881B. The Committee on Works and Operations added a recommendation to acquire any isolated properties between the proposed McGregor/Ferrier Extension and Ferrier Street. McGregor Street has been constructed as half of the four lane divided street as far north as Templeton Avenue.

At its meeting held October 24, 1994, the Board of Commissioners considered and approved an October 19, 1994 report from the Commissioner of Works and Operations recommending that the Director of the Land and Development Services negotiate for the acquisition of the subject property in this report.

In February of 1994 the owners of the subject property forwarded a letter to the City advising that they understood the City required the property and that they would be prepared to sell the property.

The Streets and Transportation Department were advised of the property's availability and recommended acquisition of the subject property (shown on Misc. Plan No. LSWK 9351) in its entirety. A large part of the lands are required for the Right-of-Way with the balance of the west side lands to serve as a public reserve for aesthetics and noise attenuation and the balance of the east side lands to be consolidated with adjacent lands once the area develops.

Negotiations which have been ongoing since 1994 have resulted in the owners reducing their price expectations to the current proposal of $25,000.00 in accordance with the terms and conditions of Schedule "A".

The proposed settlement is within the market value range as estimated by an in-house appraisal and is considered to be fair and reasonable.

Adequate funding for the proposed acquisition is available from the "Land Acquisition for Transportation Right of Way Purposes" by Budget Bureau Certificate FT 94-05.

The Committee on Finance and Administration recommends:

I. That the acquisition of the subject property as outlined on Misc. Plan No. LSWK 9351, be approved at a price of $25,000.00 and in accordance with the terms and conditions outlined on Schedule "A".

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

Copy of Misc. Plan No. LSWK 9351, Drawing No. T-2881B and Schedule "A" are on file in the office of the City Clerk.

Adopted by consent.

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Proposed Land Exchange - Lot 44, Block 26, Plan 1505, WLTO - Charles William and Marjorie Louise Hansell - Lot 85, Plan 107, WLTO - City of Winnipeg
File FI-2.4.4.1 (Vol. 5)

1013 - 5. The two properties referenced above are shown respectively, on Misc. Plan Nos. 10077 and 9871, as outlined in Exhibit "A".

The owner of the lot on Goodyear Avenue has experienced difficulty in attempting to sell the lot, due to the lack of services and the fact that the plan of subdivision was declared "obsolete" by By-Law No. 1732/77. The owner, through her son, has asked the City to consider a purchase of this lot or, alternatively, an exchange of this lot for a City-owned property.

The City-owned Stephens Street lot is included in a listing agreement with Century 21-Carrie Realty at a list of price of $4,600.00 since September 1996 with no offers having been received. This property was declared surplus by Council on December 17, 1980 and has been offered for sale by public tender on three previous occasions.

The City-owned property within the block bounded by Dugald Road/Copeland Street/Goodyear Avenue and Symington Road is under the jurisdiction of the Parks and Recreation Department. That Department advises that by acquiring the privately-owned Goodyear Avenue lot, the Department will be in a better position to consider alternatives involving the re-development of the entire block and as such, is supportive of acquiring the lot. The Department is arranging for issuance of a Budget Bureau Certificate in order to credit the Land Operating Reserve Account for the value of the Stephens Street lot.

In order to meet the interests of the owner of the lot on Goodyear Avenue, the Parks and Recreation Department and the City's objective of selling its surplus inner-city lots, a land exchange proposal has been negotiated in accordance with the terms and conditions set out in Schedule "A".

Although there is no Council-approved need for property acquisition in this area, it would be appropriate to consolidate the City's land holdings in the area either for future Parks and Recreation purposes or for a future redevelopment. This proposal would also assist in furthering the City's residential land sales program by facilitating the sale of the Stephens Street lot. Either the Parks and Recreation Department can provide adequate funding or in the alternative, the Land Operating Reserve Account could be utilized with the notion of a cost recovery at a future date when the newly acquired Goodyear Avenue lot would be disposed of in some fashion (i.e. redeveloped, sold or transferred to the Parks and Recreation Department).

The Committee on Finance and Administration recommends:

I. That the proposed exchange of lands described herein be approved, in accordance with Schedule "A".

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

Copy of Schedule "A" is on file in the office of the City Clerk.

Adopted by consent.

(See Minute No. 1033 for attachment)

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Parking Area Encroachment within the Craddock Avenue Right-of-way
File ED(35) (Vol. 1)

1014 - 6. The Committee on Finance and Administration has received a request from Mr. George Beikos, Maxime Restaurant, 1131 St. Mary's Road to use a portion of Craddock Avenue (not presently developed as street) for accessory parking in conjunction with a developed parking lot which serves the restaurant operation.

Mr. Beikos has advised that neighbouring residents are not in opposition to his continued use of the subject right-of-way. The proposed terms and conditions of Leave and License which Mr. Beikos is agreeable to are outlined as Schedule "A". Briefly, the salient features provide for the following:

Term:	Five (5) years with an option to renew for a further five (5) year term
Purpose:	Accessory parking
Rental:	$1,550.00 per annum plus an amount equivalent to realty taxes. Rental during the option period to be mutually agreed upon but in no event less than the rental paid during the first five (5) year term

The Committee on Finance and Administration recommends:

I. That a Leave and License be granted to Mr. George Beikos, Maxime Restaurant, to formalize his existing encroachments within the Craddock Avenue right-of-way shown and identified as "Subject Parking Lot Encroachment" on Misc. Plan No. 10023/2 in accordance with the terms and conditions outlined herein and any other terms and conditions deemed necessary by the City Solicitor/Manager of Legal Services.

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

Copies of Misc. Plan No. 10023/2 and Schedule "A" are on file in the office of the City Clerk.

Adopted by consent.

Proposed Sale of Surplus City Property in Block between Sadler/Hindley Avenues, West of Fitzpatrick Road
File FI-2.4(35) (Vol. 4)

1015 - 7. The "Subject City Property" as shown shaded on Misc. Plan No. RIEL 9900/2. (Exhibit "A") has been under the jurisdiction of the Streets and Transportation Department for many years and has been reserved from sale pending the future development of the area. Those parcels requiring a short-form subdivision before transfer can occur are shown lettered, while those parcels which can immediately be transferred are numbered 21, 23, 25, 40, 55 and 62.

Pursuant to a recent enquiry from one of the adjoining owners, the Streets and Transportation Department has reviewed its requirements and now considers the property to be surplus to its needs. No easements are required.

The Riel Community Committee considered the proposal at its meeting held January 20, 1997, and had no objections.

The Land and Development Services Department has negotiated the sale of these parcels with 28 adjoining owners. To date two have returned completed Offers to Purchase with corresponding full payment, four have phoned to indicate an interest in purchasing and will be completing their respective Offers to Purchase. Only one adjoining property owner has advised that she has no interest in acquiring additional land. The terms and conditions of the Offers are consistent with terms and conditions of similar transactions. Particulars of the completed Offers to Purchase are contained in Schedule "A".

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The proposed purchase prices represent one-half the assessed value of the properties, pursuant to policy set by Council on October 31, 1977, and as amended on February 13, 1991. In addition those applicants purchasing parcels requiring a short-form subdivision will each also pay $250.00 towards the cost of the Plan of Survey.

Pursuant to the delegation of authority adopted by Council on July 21, 1993, the Director of the Land and Development Services may approve the remaining future sales, once Council has declared the subject property to be surplus to the City's needs.

The Committee on Finance and Administration recommends:

I. That the subject City property, as shown on Misc. Plan No. 9900/2, be declared surplus to the needs of the City, and that the two Offers to Purchase be accepted as outlined herein and in accordance with the terms and conditions contained in Schedule "A".

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

Copy of Schedule "A" is on file in the office of the City Clerk.

Adopted by consent.

(See Minute No. 1034 for attachment)

Proposed Acquisitions - The St. Vital Parkway File FI-2(35)(Vol. 5)

1016 - ***Note: Clause 8 has been laid over by the Executive Policy Committee***.

Laid over by the Executive Policy Committee

Proposed Pantages Playhouse Theatre Management Agreement File F-6 (Vol. 9)

1017 - ***Note: Clause 9 has been referred back to the Board of Commissioners and the Joint Committee of City Council and CUPE Representatives.***

Referred back to the Board of Commissioners and the Joint Committee of City Council and CUPE Representatives

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CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

1018 - On motion of Councillor Silva, By-law No. 7084/97, a by-law of The City of Winnipeg to widen part of the east side of Brookside Boulevard south of Mollard Road, was read a first, second and third time, the rule being suspended for the third reading, and was passed and ordered to be signed and sealed.
Files FI-2 (34) (Vol. 4) and S-7 (Vol. 3)