REPORT OF THE

COMMITTEE ON PROTECTION, PARKS AND CULTURE

DATED JUNE 13, 1997

On motion of Councillor O'Shaughnessy, the Report of the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture, dated June 13, 1997, was considered clause by clause.

Moved by Councillor O'Shaughnessy,
That the Consent Agenda, Clauses 1,3,4,5,6,8 and 9 be adopted.

785 - Councillor Silva asked to be recorded as having voted against Clause 5, in accordance with Rule 50.7 of the Procedure By-law.

786 - Councillor Prystanski asked to be recorded as having voted against Clause 9, in accordance with Rule 50.7 of the Procedure By-law.

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

The motion to adopt the Consent Agenda, Clauses 1,3,5,6,8 and 9 was put and declared carried.

Renewal to Operate Zootique at Assiniboine Park File PR-7.1.1 (Vol. 15)

787 - 1. The Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture has been advised that on July 8, 1992, Council awarded a contract to the Assiniboine Park Zoo Development Corporation to operate the Zootique. The contract covered the period of January 1, 1992, to December 31, 1996, and contained the following terms:

1. The City retained responsibility to pay all utilities, maintain the facility and equipment, and keep the public areas (washrooms) clean.

2. The Assiniboine Park Zoo Corporation was obligated to pay arrears owing the City (approximately $146,000.00).

3. The Assiniboine Park Zoo Corporation agreed to monthly installments equal to 10% of gross sales for the term of the agreement (annual revenues paid to the City in 1995 - approximately $25,000.00 and 1996 - approximately $28,000.00).

4. The Assiniboine Park Zoo Corporation agreed to operating conditions of the City, including hours of operation, control over product quality, pricing controls, limits on food services, general cleaning of the facility, compliance with by-laws, etc.

5. The contract administration was delegated to the Commissioner of Protection, Parks and Culture.

6. By mutual agreement of the City and Assiniboine Park Zoo Corporation, the contract could be renewed as described above.

The previous contract required and obtained the approval of City Council because it was sole source purchase and the contract required the commitment of future budget funds, therefore, a renewal would require the approval of the same authority.

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As required by the agreement, the Assiniboine Park Zoo Corporation and its parent body, the Zoological Society of Manitoba, advised the City by letter dated May 27, 1996, of its wish to have the Agreement renewed. In support of the request, the Assiniboine Park Zoo Corporation prepared and enclosed a Business Plan (Appendix "A") for the Zootique gift store, setting out financial projections for the renewal term.

The Administration has met with the Assiniboine Park Zoo Corporation regarding the Business Plan and is satisfied that the plan is realistic and will continue to generate revenue for the City, based on 10% return on gross sales. Also, the Administration is satisfied that the Assiniboine Park Zoo Corporation has met its obligations under the previous agreement, and will continue to meet those obligations for the new term.

The Administration has advised that if the recommendation is approved as submitted, the City will give notice to the Assiniboine Park Zoo Corporation of its agreement to renew on the basis that the renewal shall be on the same terms and conditions as are contained in the previous contract, except that there shall be no further right of renewal. If the recommendation is not approved, the Administration is prepared to consider alternate arrangements with respect to the future operation of the Zootique.

The Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture concurred with the administrative recommendation to renew the agreement on the basis that the renewal shall be on the same terms and conditions as are contained in the previous contract, however, it did not concur that there shall be no further right of renewal of the agreement.

The Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture therefore recommends:

I. That the agreement between the Assiniboine Park Zoo Corporation and the City of Winnipeg to operate the Assiniboine Park Zootique gift store be renewed for a five-year term from January 1, 1997, to December 31, 2002.

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 Appendix "A" is on file in the Office of the City Clerk.

Adopted by consent.

Establishment of the "Citizens Hall of Fame" in the Formal Garden of Assiniboine Park File PR-7.1 (Vol. 9)

788 - 2. The Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture has been advised that in 1986, the concept of a "Citizens Hall of Fame" was conceived by the Winnipeg Real Estate Board as a means of recognizing outstanding contributions of individuals to the quality of life in the City of Winnipeg. To date, seventeen individuals have been honoured by commemorative bronze busts created by local sculptors including Leo Mol, Evan Stubbs, Helen Granger-Young and Josef Randa. Biographical information on the inductees, highlighting their achievements, accompany each sculpture. The Hall of Fame is a permanent commemoration to the pursuit and attainment of individual excellence and achievement on behalf of the City. Research indicates that the "Citizens Hall of Fame" is a unique concept in North America.

During 1992, an agreement was entered into between the City of Winnipeg and the Winnipeg Real Estate Board for the establishment of the "Citizens Hall of Fame" along the Assiniboine River Walk. Due to ongoing vandalism and damage due to flooding, the sculptures were removed.

During November 1996, representatives of the Winnipeg Real Estate Board met with representatives of the Parks and Recreation Department to identify an alternate location for the sculptures; the location selected being the tree-lined roadway of the Formal Garden in Assiniboine Park. Several meetings took place between the Parks and Recreation Department and the Winnipeg Real Estate Board over the course of several months, and on February 27, 1997, the Winnipeg Real Estate Board of Directors concurred with the proposal.

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The stately colonnade of arching elm trees, outlining the perimeter of the Formal Garden in Assiniboine Park, is considered an appropriate setting for the permanent display of the busts of the inductees into the Citizens Hall of Fame. With the sculptures interspersed between the individual elm trees, not only does the location afford the opportunity for locating upwards of one hundred sculpted busts of honoured citizens, but it turns public attention toward an historic landscape component (1908) of Assiniboine Park; and one which has not received any notable enhancement since the refurbishment of the shrub beds during the 1960's. With the imminent centenary of Assiniboine Park in 2004, such a public-private partnership as proposed, further compliments other recent initiatives as the Leo Mol Sculpture Garden, refurbishment of the English Garden, enhancement of the Conservatory and retrofitting of the Assiniboine Park Pavilion as furthering the prominence and vitality of Assiniboine Park as the City's primary public park.

Not only is the Winnipeg Real Estate Board prepared to donate the bronze sculptures, including pedestal bases estimated at $1,875.00 per installation, but it is prepared to provide ongoing maintenance as required to its investment in Assiniboine Park.

The Winnipeg Real Estate Board is anxious to receive early consideration and approval of its proposal, in order to complete the installation of the seventeen bronze busts and pedestal bases in readiness for the national convention of the Canadian Real Estate Association to be held in Winnipeg in September 1997.

The Parks and Recreation Department strongly recommends and supports this proposal by the Real Estate Board.

On June 13, 1997, the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture heard representation from Bill Burns and Peter Squire, on behalf of the Winnipeg Real Estate Board, in support of the proposal for a Citizens Hall of Fame in the Formal Garden of Assiniboine Park.

The Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture therefore recommends:

I. That authorization be provided to the Winnipeg Real Estate Board to establish the "Citizens Hall of Fame" in the Formal Garden of Assiniboine Park during the summer of 1997, as outlined on Appendix "A", and in accordance with detailed plans and specifications to be approved by the Director of Parks and Recreation.

II. That the Proper Officers of the City be directed to prepare an Agreement between the Winnipeg Real Estate Board and the City for the installation of seventeen bust sculptures of prominent citizens of the city, including pedestal bases, as well as ongoing development and maintenance of the "Citizens Hall of Fame" in the Formal Garden of Assiniboine Park.

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

Copy of Appendix "A" is on file in the Office of the City Clerk.

The Executive Policy Committee concurs with the recommendations of the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture subject to there being no costs to the City of Winnipeg.

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

In amendment,

Moved by Deputy Mayor Eadie,
That the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee be adopted.

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

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

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Construction and Operation of a Gift Shop at the Assiniboine Park Conservatory by The Friends of the Assiniboine Park Conservatory Inc.

File PR-7.1 (Vol. 9)

789 - 3. On January 13, 1997, the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture approved funding in the amount of $20,000.00 from the Community Incentive Grant Program to The Friends of the Assiniboine Park Conservatory Inc. towards their gift shop and workshop development project.

On May 26, 1997, The Friends of the Assiniboine Park Conservatory Inc. wrote to the Parks and Recreation Department requesting approval to proceed with the gift shop project and to enter into a formal agreement with the City for the operation of the gift shop.

As background information, the organization known as The Friends of the Assiniboine Park Conservatory ("The Friends") was founded in 1988, incorporated in 1990, and received charitable status in 1992. The primary goal of the organization is to act as a support for the ongoing development of the Assiniboine Park Conservatory, as outlined on Appendix "A".

Each year approximately 400,000 people visit the Assiniboine Park Conservatory, making it one of the most popular tourist attractions in Winnipeg. This figure includes visitors from within the City of Winnipeg, as well as large numbers from rural Manitoba, across Canada and throughout the world. As such, there has long been public demand for a gift shop from which visitors can obtain horticultural and botanically related souvenirs, gifts and educational materials.

On November 12, 1996, the Board of Directors of The Friends of the Assiniboine Park Conservatory Inc. passed a motion supporting the concept of a gift shop and workshop space within the Conservatory and allocated $20,000.00 of The Friends' funds towards the project. The Board of Directors also approved that an application would be made to the Community Incentive Grant Program for a matching $20,000.00 in funding. A Gift Shop Development Committee was established, consisting of several Friends of the Assiniboine Park Conservatory Board Members, including local architect Hendrik Herfst as the chairperson, along with support and technical assistance from Conservatory staff.

The Friends of the Assiniboine Park Conservatory Inc. view the development of a gift shop as a unique opportunity to improve the Conservatory by providing a valued service to the public. In addition, it is felt that a gift shop offers potential for promotion of The Friends activities, development of membership and enhancement of fundraising efforts. All of these benefits would aid The Friends in fulfilling their mandate to improve the Conservatory for public enjoyment.

On March 11, 1997, the Gift Shop Development Committee presented to the Board of Directors of The Friends of the Assinboine Park Conservatory Board Inc., a concept plan, proposed budget and project schedule for the development of a gift shop, which was unanimously accepted by the Board. A motion was carried that the Gift Shop Development Committee proceed with the project, including obtaining the necessary approvals.

The proposed renovation plan submitted by the Gift Shop Development Committee involves the development of presently under utilized space within the Conservatory lobby and requires no additional expenditure for construction or by the Parks and Recreation Department. Estimates have been obtained from various contractors, and from this information a proposed budget of $40,000.00, including design fees, has been established for the project. In addition, a proposed timetable for the project has been proposed that would see the gift shop opening in December 1997, in conjunction with the "Lights of the Wild" event.

It is proposed that the project would be overseen by a member of The Friends Board of Directors and local architect, Hendrik Herfst, with support from Parks and Recreation Department Administration, with all plans requiring the approval of the Director of Parks and Recreation, to ensure that all City of Winnipeg standards are adhered to.

The three-year trial management agreement will allow both the City Administration and The Friends an opportunity to assess the success of the gift shop program and to review the revenue potential of such a project. Since at the present time there is no Conservatory Reserve Fund, it may be appropriate to include in a formal agreement such clauses which ensure that the proceeds of the gift shop are put into programs and furnishing which directly benefit

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the Conservatory, and further, based on the financial data provided by The Friends of the Assiniboine Park Conservatory Inc., consideration be given to a formalized agreement after the three years, for a specific percentage of the proceeds to be credited to a reserve fund.

The proposed gift shop has no long term financial impact to the City, and is being forwarded to Council inasmuch as requests for exclusive use of space agreements require Council approval..

On June 13, 1997, the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture heard representation from Hendrik Herfst, The Friends of the Assiniboine Park Conservatory Inc. in support of the proposal.

The Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture therefore recommends:

I. That the Parks and Recreation Department be authorized to enter into a three-year trial management agreement with The Friends of the Assiniboine Park Conservatory Inc., addressing the operation of a gift shop including hours of operation, maintenance, liability, pricing and any other related matters as required.

II. That The Friends of the Assiniboine Park Conservatory Inc., for the three-year trial management agreement, be permitted to retain all revenue from the gift shop to be used in fulfilling their mandate, as outlined on Appendix "A".

III. 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 Appendix "A" is on file in the Office of the City Clerk.

In amendment,

The Executive Policy Committee concurs with the recommendations of the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture subject to there being no costs to the City of Winnipeg.

Adopted by consent.

Review of the Indoor Arena Ice Allocation Policy File PR-2.1 (Vol. 22)

790 - 4. The Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture has been advised that the Indoor Arena Ice Allocation Policy is subject to review by the Parks and Recreation Department, in consultation with major ice users, every three years.

The Indoor Arena Ice Allocation Policy was first adopted by Council in August 1982, and has been subject to review by the Parks and Recreation Department, in consultation with major ice users, on five occasions over the last fifteen years. The current Indoor Arena Ice Allocation Policy was adopted by Council on June 22, 1994, and is subject to the sixth review in 1997.

The 1997 review of the current Indoor Arena Ice Allocation Policy was conducted by the Parks and Recreation Department, in consultation with major ice users. The purpose of the Indoor Arena Ice Allocation Policy is to ensure that all major users are allocated indoor arena ice in City of Winnipeg operated arenas on a fair and equitable basis. The review of the existing Policy examined the effectiveness in meeting this purpose.

The Policy was reviewed from both a user and administrative perspective. As part of this review, the Parks and Recreation Department solicited input from all major ice users of City operated arenas. Major users were invited to provide written input outlining recommended revisions to the existing Policy. Responses show a high level of satisfaction amongst the majority of respondents with the "Schedule of User Group Priority" and "Allocation Guidelines", two main sections of the Policy. Both these areas of the Policy are deemed practical, in particular the formula for determining the amount of ice time allocated to users. Minimal negative feedback has been received by the Department from users. Much of the written input received from ice users was not directly related to Policy revisions but rather to implementation procedures, which the Department will address effective the 1997-98 season.

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The 1997 review of the Indoor Arena Ice Allocation Policy showed that the majority of major ice users are satisfied with the intent of the Policy, as it ensures fair and equitable access to indoor arena ice in City of Winnipeg operated arenas. As a result of the review, two items are of particular note:

1. The Winnipeg High School Hockey League, along with a letter of support from the Manitoba High School Athletic Association, has requested that High School Hockey be granted two hour ice blocks weekdays, beginning at 4:30 p.m. rather than the current practice of beginning at 4:00 p.m. (or earlier). A similar request has been made by High School Hockey representatives during previous reviews and has not been granted. Previous and current policies stipulate that "high school ice skate programs will be allocated ice time weekdays prior to 6:00 p.m.". The Administration once again does not recommend that high school hockey ice times extend beyond 6:00 p.m. on weekdays, due to the negative impact on other priority number two community youth programs (ie. minor hockey, ringette, figure skating) and priority number one Learn to Skate and Public Skating programs in the majority of arenas. Where there is no negative impact on other priority users in an individual arena, two hour blocks have been allocated from 4:30 until 6:30 p.m. in the past and will continue to occur in the future.

2. In 1995, a New Direction for Civic Administration was implemented for all civic services. As a result, there were a number of changes to the operation of the Parks and Recreation Department, including the centralizing of athletic facility and park bookings. The implementation of a centralized booking system (Athletic Facility and Park Booking Services) resulted in a change to the allocation process of indoor arena ice times. Prior to New Directions, ice allocation was performed at the Community Branch level. Ice allocation in all City operated arenas is now coordinated centrally, through the Athletic Facility and Park Booking Services office. There has been positive feedback from major ice users relevant to this change. Operational changes are reflected in a number of the proposed revisions in Appendix "A".

Should the number of arenas in the City's inventory be reduced over the life of the Policy, the following statement allows for an adjustment to the formula for calculating block ice allocations. "...This calculation (ie. thirty minutes per team) may be modified without notice should the Department's available inventory be reduced as the result of the loss of one or more arenas under its jurisdiction" (Category C, Allocation Guidelines, Numbers 3.1 and 4). It is also important to note, that the currently contracted operations of Kinsmen Allard and West Kildonan arenas require the contractors to meet the needs of youth activities, as defined by the Indoor Arena Ice Allocation Policy. Future contracts could ensure similar stipulations.

Through the review process, the Parks and Recreation Department has taken into consideration both user and administrative recommendations and has outlined final revisions to the Policy in Appendix "A". The intent of the Policy has been maintained and the recommended modifications are minor in nature.

The Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture therefore recommends:

I. That the Indoor Ice Allocation Policy be revised in accordance with Appendix "A".

II. 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.

Carried.

(See Minute No. 823 for attachment)

Councillor Clement 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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Extension of Lease Agreement - Winnipeg Soccer Complex, 900 Waverley Street
File PR-2 (Vol. 83)

791 - 5. The Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture has been advised that the current lease agreement with the Alexander Park Corporation/Manitoba Soccer Association Inc. for the Winnipeg Soccer Complex at 900 Waverley Street expires on July 31, 1997.

On July 23, 1986, Council adopted Clause 8 of the Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated July 16, 1986, authorizing a Lease Agreement between the City of Winnipeg and the Alexander Park Corporation / Manitoba Soccer Association Inc. for the operation and management of the Winnipeg Soccer Complex.

On August 14, 1996, the Parks and Recreation Department advised the Manitoba Soccer Association Inc. that this lease agreement was set to expire on July 31, 1997, and suggested that negotiations for a new agreement should commence.

On January 13, 1997, the Committee on Protection Parks and Culture considered a communication dated September 11, 1996, from The Order of the Sons of Italy requesting an opportunity to submit an alternative proposal for the operation of the Winnipeg Soccer Complex. The Committee referred the request to the Administration for review and recommendation.

On February 10, 1997, the Committee on Protection Parks and Culture considered report dated February 3, 1997, recommending a call for proposals for the operation of the Winnipeg Soccer Complex. The Committee subsequently requested that the Manitoba Soccer Association Inc., the Alexander Park Corporation, The Order of the Sons of Italy, and any other interested non-profit groups, submit proposals in conjunction with the management of the Winnipeg Soccer Complex for amateur soccer in the City of Winnipeg.

Inasmuch as the term of the existing lease expires on July 31, 1997, some confusion has been caused as to the appropriate timing for the issuance of such a request for proposals.

Once a request for proposals is issued for the operation of the Winnipeg Soccer Complex, the City must allow an appropriate period (approximately ten to twenty days) for interested parties to respond with formal operating proposals. Following the close of this period, the City must evaluate the proposals and make recommendation to the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture on the awarding of the Management Agreement. The agreement must then be prepared by the Administration and submitted to the Standing Committee and Council for consideration and approval. It would be very unlikely that all of these steps could effectively be accomplished prior to July 31, 1997.

Moreover, it is not particularly desirable for the City of Winnipeg to attempt to enter into a new agreement for the operation of the Soccer Complex in mid summer. The Winnipeg Soccer Complex operates from approximately May 1 to October 31 of any given year; a period corresponding to the outdoor soccer season in Manitoba. This operation requires that rental and use agreements must necessarily be struck between the management of the Complex and the leagues utilizing the Complex. A potential change in management of the Complex could cause some confusion and anxiety to current users of the site.

As well, the current operators of the Complex will have incurred costs for utilities, staff, materials and supplies by July 31. A potential management change in mid-season would allow for an inordinate possibility of disputes arising regarding the financial responsibilities at the Complex.

It is in the best interests of both the City of Winnipeg and the users of the Winnipeg Soccer Complex that the current operational control of the site be allowed to run to the end of the current season and that subsequent Management Agreements have an expiry date which corresponds to the end of the outdoor soccer season.

The Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture therefore recommends:

I. That the current Lease Agreement between the Alexander Park Corporation/Manitoba Soccer Association Inc. and the City of Winnipeg, for the Winnipeg Soccer Complex at 900 Waverley Street, be extended to October 31, 1997.

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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.

Adopted by consent.

(See Minute No. 785 for opposition recorded by Councillor Silva)

Request for Fee Waiver for use of Bertrand Arena - Fund Raiser for Victims affected by the 1997 Flood
File PR-2.10 (Vol. 9)

792 - 6. The Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture has considered a request from a group of employees from Canadian National Railway to waive the rental fees for the use of the Bertrand Arena and adjacent grounds for a fund raising event on July 12, 1997, with the proceeds from the event to be forwarded to the Canadian Red Cross or the Salvation Army for distribution to victims of the 1997 flood.

Upwards of 30 nonprofit organizations book Parks and Recreation Department facilities and amenities on an annual basis. Like this fund raiser, all of the bookings are for credible community events, with proceeds to charitable organizations such as the Terry Fox Foundation, Easter Seals, Aids Research and the Society for Manitobans with Disabilities.

The use of Bertrand Arena has been requested for this event. As specified in the Council approved Fees and Charges Schedule, the rate including GST for the use of an indoor arena (non ice) by a nonprofit organization is as follows:

Admission Charged		No Admission Charged	
8 Hour Duration	$358.45	8 Hour Duration	$294.25
12 Hour Duration	$470.80	12 Hour Duration	$390.55
16 Hour Duration	$888.10	16 Hour Duration	$449.40

If the fees were to be waived for this fund raiser, revenues of between $294.25 and $888.10 would not be realized. The rental fee is based on whether or not admission fees are charged and the length of time the arena is required, including set up, take down and clean up.

In addition, Bertrand Arena is the site of a summer youth drop-in centre and skateboard program from June 16 to August 7, 1997. To accommodate this fund raiser, numerous large pieces of sports equipment, such as the skateboard ramps would have to be moved and stored elsewhere. The Parks and Recreation Department would incur additional costs to clear the arena floor and restore the facility for the program to resume on the following Monday.

By waiving the rental charges, the Parks and Recreation Department would set a precedent for future requests from nonprofit organizations. As a result, this would increase costs to the Department and result in loss of revenue necessary to sustain a cost effective operation of these City owned and operated facilities and amenities.

The Parks and Recreation Department, as of March 31, 1997, is projecting a revenue shortfall for 1997 of approximately $600,000.00.

On June 13, 1997, the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture heard representation from Richard Brasher, on behalf of a group of employees from the Canadian National Railway, in support of the request for a fee waiver.

The Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture therefore recommends:

I. That rental fees for the use of the Bertrand Avenue and adjacent grounds, by the group of employees from the Canadian National Railway, for a fund raising event on July 12, 1997, for victims affected by the 1997 flood, be waived.

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

Adopted by consent.

Community Police Offices
File GF-2.5 (Vol. 10)

793 - ***Note: Clause 7 has been referred back by the Executive Policy Committee to the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture for further consideration.***

Referred back by the Executive Policy Committee to the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture for further consideration.

Funding Additional Police Positions in the Stolen Auto Unit - Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation
File GF-2 (Vol. 48)

794 - 8. The Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture has been advised that since 1991 there has been a consistent increase in the number of vehicles stolen in Winnipeg. In 1991, a total of 2,400 vehicles were stolen, and in 1996 that number had risen to 6,218. The Winnipeg Police Service Stolen Auto Unit, which consists of two full-time police officers, lacks the required personnel to undertake significant preventative and enforcement initiatives required to reduce the number of stolen vehicles in Winnipeg.

As result of ongoing discussions between the Winnipeg Police Service and the Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation, on May 20, 1997, the Winnipeg Police Service submitted a proposal to the Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation (MPIC) wherein funding was requested from MPIC for the following: six additional Police positions to the existing Stolen Auto Unit, one Identification Technician (staff position), six surveillance vehicles, a portable lap top computer, a cellular telephone, five pagers, and additional specialized training in advanced auto theft techniques. The related salary and equipment costs detailed in the proposal amounted to $487,613.44 per annum and the proposal was for a three-year period.

On May 28, 1997, the Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation, by way of letter, advised the Winnipeg Police Service that MPIC was in agreement with the proposal and requested that the Police Service proceed with drawing up a contract between the Winnipeg Police Service and the Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation to put the additional police and one staff position in place.

The number of auto thefts in Winnipeg have been progressively increasing since 1991. In order to attack the problem and decrease the number of thefts, a concerted effort must be put forward by the Police Service relative to not only traditional enforcement strategies, but also education and preventative strategies aimed at car owners and target groups of individuals who have a high propensity to steal vehicles.

With the current complement of two officers assigned to the Stolen Auto Unit, the Police Service is not able to have a substantial impact on the auto theft problem in Winnipeg. The Police Service is not in a position to assign additional resources to the Stolen Auto Unit at this time. If a contractual agreement could be arrived at between the City of Winnipeg and the Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation for MPIC to fund six Police positions and one Identification Technician position, the Police Service would be in a position to undertake a comprehensive multifaceted approach involving prevention strategies as well as enforcement aimed at reducing auto thefts in the City of Winnipeg.

Although the positions would be funded by the Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation, they would be under the direct control and supervision of the Police Service. The MPIC would be provided with statistical reports as they relate to the activities of the unit and the number of auto thefts.

The proposal calls for an initial three-year contract, at the end of which time, a determination would be made as to whether it would be in the interest of MPIC and/or the City to enter into a further agreement.

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As the personnel that would be assigned to this function would initially be drawn from existing resources, an addition to the complement of six Police positions and one civilian Identification Technician would be required to ensure the provision of existing service in the Field Operations is not affected.

The Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture therefore recommends:

I. That the Winnipeg Police Service and the Corporate Services Department, Legal Services Division, be authorized to negotiate a contractual agreement with Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation to fund six police and one staff position in the Stolen Auto Unit; the major points for an agreement as outlined in Appendix "A".

II. That the Winnipeg Police Service and the Corporate Services Department, Legal Services Division, be authorized to negotiate a contractual agreement with Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation for the funding of six police and one staff position, plus specified related costs, on a full cost recovery basis, to be presented to the Board of Commissioners for ratification and that the Board of Commissioners be satisfied that it is a full cost recovery.

III. That the Winnipeg Police Service established complement of police officers and staff be increased to the number which full cost recovery allows for the duration of this agreement with Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation.

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.

Copy of Appendix "A" is on file in the Office of the City Clerk.

Adopted by consent.

Declaration of Surplus Park Property - 1120 McPhillips Street
File FI-2.4 (Vol. 6)

795 - 9. The Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture has been advised that on April 11, 1997, the Committee on Finance and Administration considered report dated March 27, 1997, from the Director of Land and Development Services, with respect to the property located at 1120 McPhillips Street at the northeast corner of Huron Avenue, as outlined on Misc. Plan LSWK 9830, and legally described as Lot 5 of Plan 25239.

The report contains the results of circulation of the particulars to the other Civic Departments and the Lord Selkirk-West Kildonan Community Committee. The report outlines that on December 20, 1995, Council in considering the construction of the Northwest Branch Library reaffirmed its decision of October 31, 1990, to amalgamate the Brooklands and McPhillips Branch Libraries. The Northwest Branch Library opened on February 18, 1997. The Director of Libraries has advised that the site now belongs to the Civic Buildings Department. The report recommendation is that the Committee on Finance and Administration withhold this property from sale pending a further report from the Civic Buildings Department.

On April 11, 1997, the Committee on Finance and Administration referred the matter of the sale of the subject property to the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture for favourable consideration and recommendation to Council that the property which is zoned "PR-1" be declared as surplus to the City's requirements and be subsequently offered for sale.

Pursuant to Section 156(2) of The City of Winnipeg Act, the approval of at least two-thirds majority of Council is required for the sale of property designated or acquired for park purposes.

The Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture therefore recommends that the City-owned land located at 1120 McPhillips Street at the northeast corner of Huron Avenue, as outlined on Misc. Plan No. LSWK 9830, be declared surplus to the City's parks and recreation requirements.

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A copy of Misc. Plan No. LSWK 9830 is on file in the office of the City Clerk.

Adopted by consent.

(See Minute No. 786 for opposition recorded by Councillor Prystanski)

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COMMITTEE ON PROTECTION, PARKS AND CULTURE

DATED JUNE 18, 1997

On motion of Councillor O'Shaughnessy, the Report of the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture, dated June 18, 1997, was considered clause by clause.

Moved by Councillor O'Shaughnessy,
That the Consent Agenda, Clause 2 be adopted.

Carried.

Proposed Old Exhibition Grounds Athletic Site Redevelopment Strategy
File PR-7(34) (Vol. 1)
[c/r GC-8.9 (Vol. 4)]

796 - ***Note: Clause 1 has been referred by the Executive Policy Committee to the Board of Commissioners for report back.***

Referred by the Executive Policy Committee to the Board of Commissioners for report back.

Community Incentive Grant Program - Rothesay Community Church
File PR-2.6(33) (Vol. 3)

797 - 2. The Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture has considered an application from the Rothesay Community Church for a Community Incentive Grant to assist with the costs associated with the operation of a kids day camp program ("Kids Kamp in the City") at the Rothesay Community Church at F-844 McLeod Avenue from July 7 to August 8, 1997.

The application falls outside the intended purpose of the Community Incentive Grant Program, and does not meet the following eligibility and selection criteria contained in the Program, namely:

(a) The project is to make a significant contribution to the long term benefit of the community-at-large in terms of improved facilities;

(b) The project is not to compete with or duplicate other community facilities; and

(c) The project is to clearly articulate a plan of activities including projected work schedules, materials, labour, equipment and other project requirements, and lead to the completion of a substantial physical product.

On June 17, 1997, the East Kildonan-Transcona Community Committee recommended that a Community Incentive Grant for no more than the amount of $3,000.00, be approved for the purpose requested.

The Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture concurred in the recommendation of the East Kildonan-Transcona Community Committee, and therefore recommends:

I. That the criteria for the Community Incentive Grant Program be waived in this instance.

II. That a Community Incentive Grant for no more than the amount of $3,000.00 be approved to the Rothesay Community Church, for the purpose requested, subject to the following conditions:

(a) Confirmation of other funding sources;

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(b) Approval of final plans and specifications for the project by the Director of Parks and Recreation; and

(c) The applicant entering into a formal agreement with the City of Winnipeg.

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

Adopted by consent.

COMMITTEE ON PROTECTION, PARKS AND CULTURE

MOTIONS

Moved by Councillor O'Shaughnessy,
Seconded by Councillor Golden,
798 - WHEREAS Glenwood Community Centre has completed a thorough facility and needs analysis with the Parks and Recreation Department;

AND WHEREAS Glenwood Community Centre has developed an extensive Program of Requirements with the Civic Buildings Department for the renovation of the existing arena and construction of a new 10,708 sq. ft. facility;

AND WHEREAS Glenwood Community Centre has confirmed funding in the amount of $1,294,360.00;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Civic Buildings Department be directed to request Design Build Proposals based on the existing Program of Requirements for the renovation and new construction at Glenwood Community Centre.

The Speaker ruled automatic referral to the Committee on Protection Parks and Culture, in accordance with Rule 16.1 of the Procedure By-law.

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

Carried.

The motion was put and declared carried.

Council recessed at 12:03 p.m., and reconvened at 1:34 p.m., same members present except for Councillors Golden, O'Shaughnessy and Steek.

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