REPORT OF THE

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

DATED MAY 7, 1997

On motion of Her Worship Mayor Thompson, the Report of the Executive Policy Committee, dated May 7, 1997, was considered clause by clause.

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

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

The motion to adopt the Consent Agenda, Clauses 1,2,3 and 4 was put and declared carried.

Reactivation of Levies for Local Improvements Deferred (Renewal) in River Road which were deferred under By-law No. 5975/92 File SL-3 (Vol. 14)

673 - 1. The renewal of Local Improvements deferred by By-Law 5975/92 expired on March 25, 1997, namely:

Realty Roll Number - 08-36455

Legal Description - Lot 405, Plan 1052, 41/44 St. Vital

Owners - Karl H. & Susanna M. Schaible

Address - 84 River Road

Conditions set forth in Deferment By-Law 5975/92 stated:

"The deferment permitted under this By-Law will cease upon the occurrence of the following:

i) the 25th day of March, 1997;

When the lands herein become subject to special assessments as a result of cessation of deferment, such special assessment will be levied against the said lands at the then prevailing rates and paid at the prevailing cash cost or amortized at the then current capital borrowing rates."

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That the deferments authorized under By-Law 5975/92 cease, and that the appropriate assessments are reactivated with a requirement for payment to be made in either of the two ways defined hereunder:

	Cash Payment	Term	Annual Levy
Land Drain Sewer (Laterals only)	$1,800.00(a)	1997-2016	$183.33(b)

(a) The local improvement may be paid for at the prevailing cash cost up to and including the last day of the month subsequent to that during which the cash cost statement is mailed (immediately pursuant to the passing of the reactivating By-Law).

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(b) First levy(s) payable at par up to and including the last day of the month subsequent to that during which the tax statement is mailed (immediately pursuant to the passing of the reactivating By-Law).

The second and all the following levies will be scheduled to appear on the City's normal annual tax bills for the prescribed terms with the usual provisions for prepayment by commutation to apply.

II. That the foregoing reactivation be assessed against Lot 405, Plan 1052, 41/44 St. Vital C.T. A 35070

III. That the reactivation By-Law prepared by the City Solicitor be adopted by City Council.

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

Adopted by consent.

Reactivation of Levies for Local Improvements Deferred (Renewal) in River Road which were deferred under By-law No. 5976/92 File SL-3 (Vol. 14)

674 - 2. The renewal of Local Improvements deferred by By-Law 5976/92 expired on March 25, 1997, namely:

Realty Roll Number - 08-36460

Legal Description - Lot 406, Plan 1052, 41/44 St. Vital

Owners - Huguette R. Snodgrass

Address - 88 River Road

Conditions set forth in Deferment By-Law 5976/92 stated:

"The deferment permitted under this By-Law will cease upon the occurrence of the following:"

i) the 25th day of March, 1997;

"When the lands herein become subject to special assessments as a result of cessation of deferment, such special assessment will be levied against the said lands at the then prevailing rates and paid at the prevailing cash cost or amortized at the then current capital borrowing rates."

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That the deferments authorized under By-Law 5976/92 cease, and that the appropriate assessments are reactivated with a requirement for payment to be made in either of the two ways defined hereunder:

	Cash Payment	Term	Annual Levy
Land Drain Sewer (Laterals only)	$1,800.00(a)	1997-2016	$183.33(b)

(a) The local improvement may be paid for at the prevailing cash cost up to and including the last day of the month subsequent to that during which the cash cost statement is mailed (immediately pursuant to the passing of the reactivating By-Law).

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(b) First levy(s) payable at par up to and including the last day of the month subsequent to that during which the tax statement is mailed (immediately pursuant to the passing of the reactivating By-Law).

The second and all the following levies will be scheduled to appear on the City's normal annual tax bills for the prescribed terms with the usual provisions for prepayment by commutation to apply.

II. That the foregoing reactivation be assessed against Lot 406, Plan 1052, 41/44 St. Vital C.T. 1310674

III. That the reactivation By-Law prepared by the City Solicitor be adopted by City Council.

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

Adopted by consent.

Reactivation of Levies for Local Improvements Deferred (Renewal) in River Road which were deferred under By-law No. 5977/92 File SL-3 (Vol. 14)

675 - 3. The renewal of Local Improvements deferred by By-Law 5977/92 expired on March 25, 1997, namely:

Realty Roll Number - 08-36465

Legal Description - Lot 407, Plan 1052, 41/44 St. Vital

Owners - Ronald Dveris

Address - 90 River Road

Conditions set forth in Deferment By-Law 5977/92 stated:

"The deferment permitted under this By-Law will cease upon the occurrence of the following:

i) the 25th day of March, 1997;

When the lands herein become subject to special assessments as a result of cessation of deferment, such special assessment will be levied against the said lands at the then prevailing rates and paid at the prevailing cash cost or amortized at the then current capital borrowing rates."

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That the deferments authorized under By-Law 5977/92 cease, and that the appropriate assessments are reactivated with a requirement for payment to be made in either of the two ways defined hereunder:

	Cash Payment	Term	Annual Levy
Land Drain Sewer (Laterals only)	$1,800.00(a)	1997-2016	$183.33(b)

(a) The local improvement may be paid for at the prevailing cash cost up to and including the last day of the month subsequent to that during which the cash cost statement is mailed (immediately pursuant to the passing of the reactivating By-Law).

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(b) First levy(s) payable at par up to and including the last day of the month subsequent to that during which the tax statement is mailed (immediately pursuant to the passing of the reactivating By-Law).

The second and all the following levies will be scheduled to appear on the City's normal annual tax bills for the prescribed terms with the usual provisions for prepayment by commutation to apply.

II. That the foregoing reactivation be assessed against Lot 407, Plan 1052, 41/44 St. Vital C.T. J 14231.

III. That the reactivation By-Law prepared by the City Solicitor be adopted by City Council.

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

Adopted by consent.

Reactivation of Levies for Local Improvements Deferred (Renewal) in River Road which were deferred under By-law No. 5979/92 File SL-3 (Vol. 14)

676 - 4. The renewal of Local Improvements deferred by By-Law 5979/92 expired on March 25, 1997, namely:

Realty Roll Number - 08-36475

Legal Description - Lot 409, Plan 1052, 41/44 St. Vital

Owners - Patricia E. Boyko

Address - 100 River Road

Conditions set forth in Deferment By-Law 5979/92 stated:

"The deferment permitted under this By-Law will cease upon the occurrence of the following:

i) the 25th day of March, 1997;

When the lands herein become subject to special assessments as a result of cessation of deferment, such special assessment will be levied against the said lands at the then prevailing rates and paid at the prevailing cash cost or amortized at the then current capital borrowing rates."

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That the deferments authorized under By-Law 5979/92 cease, and that the appropriate assessments are reactivated with a requirement for payment to be made in either of the two ways defined hereunder:

	Cash Payment	Term	Annual Levy
Land Drain Sewer (Laterals only)	$1,800.00(a)	1997-2016	$183.33(b)

(a) The local improvement may be paid for at the prevailing cash cost up to and including the last day of the month subsequent to that during which the cash cost statement is mailed (immediately pursuant to the passing of the reactivating By-Law).

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(b) First levy(s) payable at par up to and including the last day of the month subsequent to that during which the tax statement is mailed (immediately pursuant to the passing of the reactivating By-Law).

The second and all the following levies will be scheduled to appear on the City's normal annual tax bills for the prescribed terms with the usual provisions for prepayment by commutation to apply.

II. That the foregoing reactivation be assessed against Lot 409, Plan 1052, 41/44 St. Vital C.T. C 85876

III. That the reactivation By-Law prepared by the City Solicitor be adopted by City Council.

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

Adopted by consent.

Winnipeg Development Agreement Program 13A - Buildings Preservation FR-3.2(PA-13)(Vol. 1)

677 - 5. On May 7, 1997, the Executive Policy Committee passed the following motion, namely:

WHEREAS on April 30, 1997, Council adopted Clause 2 of the Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated April 23, 1997 relative to the Winnipeg Development Agreement Program 13A - Buildings Preservation;

AND WHEREAS on April 23, 1997, the Executive Policy Committee recommended as part of this clause, that a grant to Young United Church Tower located at 222 Furby Street, and a grant to Isbister School (Winnipeg Adult Education Centre) located at 310 Vaughan Street, not be approved at this time, in order to further evaluate these requests, which was not reflected in the clause adopted by Council;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council be advised that as it was the intention of the Executive Policy Committee to neither approve nor deny a grant to the Young United Church Tower and Isbister School at this time, that Clause 2 of the Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated April 23, 1997 be amended by deleting the reference to 222 Furby Street (Young United Church Tower) and 310 Vaughan Street (Isbister School - Winnipeg Adult Education Centre) in the list of summarized grants to reflect this intent.

and submits this resolution to Council for approval.

Moved by Councillor Silva,
Adoption of the clause.

Moved by Councillor Thomas,
That the clause be laid over to the June 25, 1997 Council Meeting.

Lost.

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

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

REPORT OF THE

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

DATED MAY 21, 1997

On motion of Her Worship Mayor Thompson, the Report of the Executive Policy Committee, dated May 21, 1997, was considered clause by clause.

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

Councillor Thomas requested that Clauses 1 and 4 be pulled from the Consent Agenda.

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

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

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

1997/98 Current Budget - Allocation of Facility Costs File FB (Vol. 8)

678 - 1. On January 31, 1996, during the 1996 Current Budget deliberations, Council adopted the following recommendation: *"The City should conduct a study of the feasibility of a self-financing utility enterprise operation."* The Civic Buildings Department has prepared a report in this regard, outlining a proposal for a self-financing operation. This report precedes the Civic Buildings report and outlines a proposal related to the budgeting and accounting for these costs in the short term. This is necessary in order to finalize the 1997/98 budget process.

The implementation of a self-financing Civic Buildings enterprise operation will take some time. This clause outlines an introductory phase of this initiative, primarily to set up the budget and account framework.

The methodology to charge back rent to civic departments proposed by the Civic Buildings Department is an "actual/market" model and the key components are outlined in Appendix "A".

The Civic Buildings Department report requests special status in several areas as a result of the proposal to move to a self-financing model. The special status relates to issues such as a retained earnings concept, an exclusive interest, creation of reserves, delegated authorities and incentives to reduce space requirements. Accountability, the development of service agreements, and many other issues still require resolution.

The following are some of the main changes in accounting that will occur to effect the new Civic Building fund as outlined in Appendix "B":

- A new Civic Buildings Fund will be created.
- The Civic Buildings adopted 1997/98 budget will be transferred from the General Revenue Fund (Tax supported) to the new fund.
- Civic departments will be charged for facilities costs including a "rent" charge, operating costs and overheads (this will be an expense in departments and a revenue in the new Civic Buildings Fund).
- The Civic Buildings Department will maintain a "tax-supported" component for corporate space and space not readily assignable to an existing civic department.
- A portion of the corporate tax-supported debt and finance charges related to civic accommodations will be charged to the new Civic Buildings Fund.
- The new Civic Buildings Fund will be charged "General Government Charges", which results in an expense in the new Civic Buildings fund and a revenue in the tax-supported fund.
- Transfers will have to be made between funds in this initial stage to ensure the budget bottom line is kept neutral, and to maintain the budget at its "adopted" level.
- Actual charges to departments in 1997 will equal budget to allow time to refine the system.

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Several issues remain for the next phase of this initiative from a costing, accounting and budgeting perspective. A review will be conducted to determine whether it is appropriate to charge municipal taxes to the new Civic Buildings fund, which would be charged back to civic departments. General government charges to the new fund will be reviewed along with the charges to the utilities using new ABC (activity based costing) data which is now available. Further allocation of debt and finance charges may be allocated to this new fund and to other civic programs as the City embraces the full costing methodology. Not all properties are fully managed by Civic Buildings of which fire stations are an example. These accommodations will not be charged a "market" rent in the introductory phase. A review is required to determine future accounting for these properties. Other budget and accounting issues will have to be resolved as the new operation evolves, such as revenue from asset sales, etc.

While setting up a new self-financing Civic Buildings operation is a complicated process, this clause merely proposes initial arrangements for budget, accounting, and system purposes.

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That the following introductory phase be approved toward the creation of a self-financing operation for Civic Buildings in order to finalize the 1997/98 current budget process:

   i. That a new Civic Buildings Fund be created to be reflected in the 1997/98 Adopted Budget documents;

   ii. That facility costs be allocated to civic departments through a charge-back system moving toward full costing of civic programs; and

   iii. That the 1997/98 budget for facilities costs/charges to civic departments be based on the "actual/market rent" methodology developed by the Civic Buildings Department, applied in a manner to have a neutral effect on the City's budget for 1997/98.

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

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

Moved by Councillor Silva,
Adoption of the clause.

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

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

Local Improvement Projects - Canadian Pacific Railway File SL(1997) (Vol. 1)

679 - 2. On November 5, 1980, City Council adopted a policy governing local improvements abutting railway properties which are unfit for building purposes. This policy was amended by Council at its meeting of August 19, 1981 and March 21, 1984, and reads as follows:

> "If the Commissioner of Works and Operations deems that railway properties on which rails are laid for the purpose of rail transportation are unfit for building purposes, that a recommendation be forwarded to Council prior to advertising the local improvements that the property be deemed unfit for building purposes, subject to the condition that if at any time the property is deemed to be a buildable site, and prior to allowing any connection to the underground services or any access to surface improvements, the City Treasurer shall initiate steps to collect the appropriate local improvement costs (either cash or amortized) at the same rate and during the same number of years as in the original term -- all subject to the provisions of Chapter 109, Province of Manitoba Statutes (1965) and Privy Council Order No. 1979/607."

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In order to ensure the construction of needed local improvements, it is proposed that the properties which are owned by the Canadian Pacific Railway company and are deemed unsuitable for building purposes, be exempted from the payment of local improvement levies in accordance with the above policy.

However, if at a future time the purpose of said lands changes and they are then classified as buildable sites, the City shall be empowered to recoup local improvement costs for the installation of services, prior to any connections being made to underground improvements such as sewer and watermains, and access to above-ground improvements such as paved streets which are all subject to the provisions of Chapter 109, Province of Manitoba Statues (1965) and Privy Council Order 1979/607.

Chapter 109 of the Province of Manitoba Statues allows for taxation for local improvements to C.N.R. and C.P.R. properties within the borders of the former City of Winnipeg only if the local improvement is a direct benefit to the railway operations of the companies or operations in connection therewith.

Concurrence in this recommendation would ensure that needed local improvements could be installed, as railway property frontage would not be considered assessable and therefore would not be allowed to petition against these projects.

The subject properties are used for the purpose of transportation and are currently unsuitable for building purposes, and as a result, do not benefit from the installation of local improvement projects. Consequently, the representatives of the railways, as has been demonstrated in the past, will petition against the installation of these projects, thus jeopardizing, if not defeating, these needed improvements.

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That the property on the first east - west lane north of Richard Avenue from Clifton Street to Spruce Street and owned by the C.P.R. which are unsuitable for building purposes not be assessed for local improvement charges.

II. That if at any time these properties are deemed to be buildable sites, that prior to allowing any connection from underground services or access from surface improvements, the Director of Corporate Finance initiate steps to collect the appropriate local improvement costs.

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

Adopted by consent.

Funding for South Transcona Land Drainage Project File PD (Vol. 12)

680 - 3. On February 12, 1997, Council adopted the 1997 Capital Estimates and instructed among other things, “that the City negotiate with the Province of Manitoba to cost share on a 50/50 basis the South Transcona Land Drainage Proposal, estimated at a cost of $3.5 million, and that the project be approved contingent on the Province approving their equivalent share of the cost” and that “this Provincial financing is over and above the recommended U.C.P.A. III financing.”

The South Transcona area has experienced flooding six times in the past 23 years, primarily in the spring due to snow melt runoff. The proposed alternative to alleviate flooding in the South Transcona area incorporates a storm water retention basin at the northwest corner of Murdoch Road and St. Boniface Road and downstream drainage improvements to the St. Boniface Ditch/Bibeau Drain system. Cost sharing with the Province was suggested because approximately 50% of the land contributing runoff is outside of the City of Winnipeg.

The Provincial response indicates a willingness to share in the cost, but not over and above UCPA III funding. In a letter to the Mayor, dated May 2, 1997, the Minister of Urban Affairs advised that the Province of Manitoba will provide funding of up to $1,750,000 under the Urban Capital Projects Allocation III (U.C.P.A. III) to construct a land drainage basin in South Transcona.

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The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That Council be requested to amend its decision of February 12, 1997, to permit funding for the South Transcona Land Drainage Project from UCPA III Agreement.

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

Moved by Councillor Clement,
Adoption of the clause.

In amendment,

Moved by Councillor Clement,
Seconded by Councillor Timm-Rudolph,

WHEREAS the Province of Manitoba has advised the City that it will not provide new funding for the South Transcona Land Drainage Project, but that funding must come through the UCPA III program;

AND WHEREAS the City has fully allocated the available UCPA III funding ($15,500,000) in the approved 1997 Capital Budget;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Province of Manitoba be requested to advance the cash flow of UCPA III funding to a total of $17,175,000 thereby providing the required $1,675,000 in 1997 for the South Transcona Land Drainage Project;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Board of Commissioners be directed to adjust the funding of other projects within the City's 5 year capital forecast (1998 and beyond) to accommodate an off-setting reduction during the remaining years of the UCPA III term.

The amendment was put and declared carried.

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

Amendment to the Financial Management Plan File F-1 (Vol. 14)

681 - 4. On May 21, 1997, the Executive Policy Committee passed the following motion, namely:

WHEREAS Council adopted the ten-point Financial Management Plan at its July 12, 1995 meeting;

AND WHEREAS the Plan is to be reviewed during this term of Council, but in light of the City's current fiscal realities, it has become apparent that one of the ten points requires clarification and revision earlier than that 1997 review;

AND WHEREAS the City has traditionally tried to control expenditures because of the growth of social services, debt costs, salary costs, or inflation, and the word "reduce" expenditures would accurately reflect the current realities facing the City;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Point 3 of the Financial Management Plan be changed from "Control Expenditures" to "Reduce Expenditures" and that the Administration take all steps necessary to revise the Plan in accordance with this amendment.

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The Executive Policy Committee submits this resolution to Council for ratification.

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

Carried.

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

Appointment to The Forks North Portage Partnership
File FR-4.1 (Vol. 3) c/r GC-7 (Vol. 26)

682 - 5. The Executive Policy Committee has been advised that the term of Rudy Friesen as a citizen member of The Forks North Portage Partnership has expired.

The Selection Committee recommends that Rudy Friesen be reappointed to the Forks North Portage Partnership for a three-year term to expire on May 26, 2000.

The Executive Policy Committee has ratified the recommendations of the Selection Committee and submits this appointment to Council for adoption.

Adopted by consent.

Establishment of an Expenditure Management Policy File FE (1997-1998)

683 - 6. On May 21, 1997, the Executive Policy Committee passed the following motion, namely:

WHEREAS on March 20, 1997, Council adopted strategic initiatives for reshaping the civic government, including the establishment of an Expenditure Management Committee (EMC) to scrutinize all discretionary expenditures and seek ways of reducing costs and increasing efficiencies, with particular emphasis on non personnel related categories of expenditures including services; materials, parts and supplies; and assets;

AND WHEREAS the Committee consists of three councillors (Councillor Angus, Chairperson, Councillors Silva and Phillips) appointed by the Executive Policy Committee and reporting directly to Executive Policy Committee with the following established objectives:

- *explore creation of expenditure control by-law*
- *conduct expenditure review by department*
- *identify areas of expenditures to be monitored by EMC to assure value for money*
- *use experience to conceptualize a Treasury Board function*

AND WHEREAS it is the intention of Council to implement a policy of expenditure control to ensure that resource allocations reflect the City's priorities and result in cost-effective use of the city's financial resources;

AND WHEREAS strict expenditure controls are necessary to respond to certain unpredictable expenses, including snow and ice removal, flood costs and other unforeseen expenses;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that an Expenditure Management Policy be adopted whereby the expenditure of monies included in the City's annual estimates (tax supported, utility and capital budgets) by the Civic administration is made subject to the following:-

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1. *Copies of all Tenders, Requests for Proposals, Requests for Quotations and Invitations for Offers/Proposals shall be submitted for review by Executive Policy Committee or the EMC, acting under its direction, prior to issue;*

2. *All Tenders, Request for Proposals or Contracts subject to award under the delegation of authority to the Board of Commissioners shall be submitted for review by the Executive Policy Committee or the EMC, acting under its direction;*

3. *The EMC shall develop and recommend to Executive Policy Committee, operational guidelines, as amended from time to time, including the definition of discretionary expenditures and specific accounts to be monitored; and once the guidelines are approved by the Executive Policy Committee, all expenditures in said accounts shall be approved by the Executive Policy Committee or the EMC, acting under its direction;*

4. *That the proper officers do all things necessary to implement the foregoing.*

The Executive Policy Committee submits this resolution to Council for ratification.

Adopted by consent.

Multi-Purpose Sports and Recreation Centre including a Youth Activity Centre on City-owned lands on the Portage Avenue East Site - North of the Forks
File PR-2(32) (Vol. 1)

684 - 7. On March 26, 1997, Council directed the administration to review the business plan filed by Mr. Sam Katz, and to negotiate the possible terms and conditions respecting this proposal. A comprehensive review has been conducted, and there has been much dialogue between senior administration and Mr. Katz.

On March 19, 1997, Mr. Sam Katz provided Executive Policy Committee with a plan for a Multi-Purpose Sports and Recreation Centre Including a Youth Activity Centre.

On March 26, 1997, Council considered a report from Executive Policy Committee dated March 19, 1997, and directed that the Administration conduct a thorough review of the plan. Administration was also directed to negotiate the terms and conditions of the proposed agreement.

A complete and thorough analysis of the business plan presented by Mr. Katz on March 19, 1997 was undertaken by the administration. This team consisted of civic administration, augmented with outside professional legal and accounting staff. The team reviewed all aspects of the plan including: assessment / taxation issues; land assembly; land value; site planning; roadwork and infrastructure servicing; parking; permits; and financial details. The team met many times both internally and with the outside professional staff to fully examine the various implications of this proposal.

Due to the impending flood event, key staff were reassigned away from their normal duties. Subsequently a State of Emergency was declared to deal with the flood, and the flood became the focus of all City efforts thus somewhat delaying the review / negotiation process.

The benefits that this public-private partnership can bring to the downtown are indeed recognized. The financial contributions from the other two levels of government form a major part of the proposed plan.

In recognition of the potential benefit to the City of Winnipeg, it therefore would be appropriate that The City of Winnipeg make a leading commitment. This substantial commitment not only would match the funding from the senior levels of government, but provide enhanced support by providing land, waiving permit fees, and making some accommodations with respect to taxation.

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The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That the City of Winnipeg lease the land required for this project which has a market value of approximately $5,000,000; the lease will be for $1 per year for 25 years which includes land for the stadium itself, and for the plaza; and all normal planning approvals would be required.

II. That the City of Winnipeg match the level of Federal and Provincial commitment and contribute up to $1.0 million to the overall project development.

III. That the City of Winnipeg will gift all costs and fees associated with permits and other applications related to this development; and the approximate value of this gift is $100,000;

IV. That in recognition of an approved amateur access agreement to the facility, the City offer a grant to offset the municipal property tax paid on the facility that relates to the presentation of a baseball game (approximately $182,000 per year for 25 years), along with the return of any amusement tax collected relating to Goldeyes games (approximately $ 92,000 per year for 25 years).

V. That all other costs and taxes relating to the development of the project are to be the responsibility of Riverside Park Management.

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

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

Moved by Councillor Vandal,
Seconded by Councillor Lubosch,

WHEREAS on March 26, 1997, Council unanimously approved the following motion:

That the Business Plan for the Multipurpose Sports and Recreation Centre be amended as follows::

1) that the Administrative due diligence analysis include the following:

i) a comprehensive cost opportunity analysis whereby the potential business, property and amusement tax revenue as well as parking lot revenues are calculated if another commercial and/or residential use were permitted on the subject site for the duration of the proposed 50-year lease;

ii) alternative conditions of agreement whereby the City of Winnipeg would contribute a financial amount not greater than that being contributed by the Provincial and Federal governments.

iii) a full costing of infrastructure required exclusive of the baseball facility and additional infrastructure costs which shall be borne by the city of Winnipeg to accommodate the baseball facility, including the Youth/Recreation Centre, the Plaza of the Americas and associated parking lots.

iv) that clear public accountability mechanisms be developed on the management of the proposed facility for the duration of the lease.

AND WHEREAS on March 26, 1997, Council unanimously adopted the fiscal prudence motion:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that all reports, motions, and/or initiatives considered by Council, Committee and/or Board of Commissioners:

- identify related current budget impacts over a five year period
- include all staff costs, salaries, benefits, fixed costs, fixed overhead costs, equipment costs, contract costs, insurance costs, consulting costs, and any additional costs over the five year period

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AND WHEREAS the clause does not contain any of the information requested by Council on March 26 amendment on the business plan for the Multipurpose Sports & Recreational Centre or any of the details as directed by the March Fiscal Prudence motion;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the clause be referred back to Executive Policy Committee for the information requested as per the above referenced motions.

In amendment

Moved by Her Worship Mayor Thompson,
Seconded by Councillor Angus,

THAT the clause be amended by deleting the existing Recommendation VI and adding new items VI and VII as follows:

VI. That the City's commitment to the terms outlined herein be contingent upon:

a) confirmation from the proponent of acceptance of the terms outlined herein by June 21, 1997; and

b) approval by Council of the final form of the lease agreement and related legal documentation by June 25, 1997; and

c) submission by the proponent of all required development applications by June 30, 1997.

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

Councillor Thomas rose on a point of order noting that a motion to refer takes precedence and must be dealt with prior to the consideration of any other motions.

The Deputy Speaker ruled that the motion to refer, with instructions, was in fact debatable and would be given precedence in voting.

Councillor Vandal challenged the ruling of the Chair.

The question, "Shall the ruling of the Chair be sustained?" was put.

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

Yea: Councillors Clement, Phillips, Silva, Steek, Timm-Rudolph, Deputy Mayor Eadie, Her Worship Mayor Thompson, Councillors Angus and Prystanski. 9

Nay: Councillors Golden, O'Shaughnessy, Thomas and Vandal. 4

and the ruling of the Chair was sustained.

Council recessed at 11:54 a.m., and reconvened at 1:38 p.m., same members present, the Speaker in the Chair.

Councillors O'Shaughnessy, Silva, and Steek entered the meeting after Council had reconvened.

The motion to refer, with instructions, proposed by Councillors Vandal and Lubosch, was put.

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

Yea: Councillors Lubosch, Thomas and Vandal. 3

Nay: Councillors Prystanski, Clement, Golden, Lazarenko, O'Shaughnessy, Phillips, Silva, Steek, Timm-Rudolph, Deputy Mayor Eadie, Her Worship Mayor Thompson and Councillor Angus. 12

and the motion was declared lost.

The amendment proposed by Her Worship Mayor Thompson and Councillor Angus was put.

The Speaker advised that each item in the motion would be considered separately.

Item a) was put.

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

Yea: Councillors Prystanski, Golden, Lubosch, O'Shaughnessy, Silva, Steek, Thomas, Timm-Rudolph, Vandal, Deputy Mayor Eadie, Her Worship Mayor Thompson and Councillor Angus. 12

Nay: Councillors Clement, Lazarenko and Phillips. 3

and item a) was declared carried.

Item b) was put.

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

Yea: Councillors Prystanski, Lubosch, Silva, Steek, Thomas, Timm-Rudolph, Vandal, Deputy Mayor Eadie, Her Worship Mayor Thompson and Councillor Angus. 10

Nay: Councillors Clement, Golden, Lazarenko, O'Shaughnessy and Phillips. 5

and item b) was declared carried.

Item c) was put.

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

Yea: Councillors Silva, Thomas, Timm-Rudolph, Deputy Mayor Eadie and Her Worship Mayor Thompson. 5

Nay: Councillors Prystanski, Clement, Golden, Lazarenko, Lubosch, O'Shaughnessy, Phillips, Steek, Vandal and Angus. 10

and item c) was declared lost.

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

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

Yea: Councillors Prystanski, Clement, Golden, Lubosch, O'Shaughnessy, Silva, Steek, Timm-Rudolph, Deputy Mayor Eadie and Councillor Angus. 10

Nay: Councillors Lazarenko, Phillips, Thomas, Vandal and Her Worship Mayor Thompson. 5

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

REPORT OF THE

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

DATED MAY 28, 1997

On motion of Her Worship Mayor Thompson, the Report of the Executive Policy Committee, dated May 28, 1997, was considered.

Provencher Bridge - Flood Damage Repairs
File SB-13 (Vol. 3)

685 - 1. The Executive Policy Committee has been advised that the Provencher Bridge was built in 1917. Its original design incorporated a twin-leaf lift span to accommodate the passage of the river boats of the time. With a subsequent downswing in river freight traffic/navigation, the lift span operation was no longer required, and as such the opening equipment was removed from service over 40 years ago. Currently, all river navigation adequately passes under the bridge at normal summer water levels.

Although the lift span has not been operated for over 40 years, it still remains in its original form, with counterweights in place within the two hollow bascule piers. These counterweights each weigh 1,300,000 lbs., and are still required to balance the weight of the cantilevered lift spans.

The Provencher Bridge is currently scheduled for replacement in the five-year forecast. Funds have been placed in the budget to begin community consultation and environmental approvals beginning in 1997 and detailed design in 1999. Actual construction is to begin in the year 2000 and continue until the year 2003 with a total cost for replacement estimated at $45 million.

The existing steel structure and concrete piles are in deteriorated condition and extension of the bridge's useful lifespan beyond that outlined above is not realistic. The remedial repairs being recommended herein will not lengthen the estimated five-year remaining lifespan of the existing structure and serve to restore the bridge to its pre-flood condition.

All major City bridges are inspected on a regular basis during spring flood periods to confirm the continued safety of all users. This has been the case for the Provencher Bridge during the 1997 Flood event.

On May 1, 1997, with the water level at 24.3 James, additional vibration/noises first became evident on the south side of the Provencher Bridge bascule span, after the river level in the City had come up over 2 ft. in the preceding 36 to 48 hrs. Immediately manpower and equipment was put into place to pump water out of the hollow bascule piers, where the counterweights were partially immersed in water. Buoyance force calculations established that the effective dead load of each counterweight had been reduced by 400,000 lbs. to 900,000 lbs., as a result of this partial immersion of the counterweight in water. After pumping that evening and through the night, it was noted that initial gains in dropping the water level had been lost by the morning of May 2, 1997. Additional pump capacity was added to the task, but only reduced the water level in the piers between 6 to 12 inches by that afternoon.

Due to concerns about increasing seepage from the pumping operation opening up existing cracks and/or disturbing the foundation of the piers, the pumping operation was suspended. By 7 p.m. on May 2, 1997, the curb lanes of the bridge were closed to vehicular traffic to effectively reduce the live load on the bascule span to mitigate the buoyancy effect on the counterweights.

This partial closure remained in effect through the weekend of May 3/4, 1997, and through the morning of Monday May 5, 1997, but the vibration was becoming more significant, especially after Monday morning rush hour traffic and with increasing truck and bus loads. Due to this worsening condition, the bridge was ordered closed to all traffic and pedestrians at 1 p.m.

Based on monitoring of the bascule span and an evaluation of the bascule piers, it was determined that additional thrust forces occurred at the pier as a consequence of the downward deflection of the lift spans due to the buoyancy effect. The deflection in the lift spans did not rebound following drawdown of river levels and subsequent removal of the buoyancy effect.

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To temporarily stabilize the bascule span, tension ties across the bascule span between the piers were installed by May 13, 1997. This work removed the additional horizontal thrust forces on the piers resulting from the bascule span displacements. This work also makes safe the restoration of pedestrian and cyclist access along the center of the bridge. The estimated cost of work to date is $75,000.

Pedestrian and cycle access along the center of the bridge was restored on May 16, 1997. Pedestrians and cyclists are separated from construction activities by chain link fencing.

The Streets and Transportation Department recommends undertaking immediate design of pier top reinforcement works for the two bascule piers, and engaging a contractor to undertake the related construction, such that the repairs can be completed by late June, 1997.

The Streets and Transportation Department cannot determine at this time whether the pier top reinforcement work would fully restore the structure to its pre-flood condition. Further repairs may be required to the bascule span and piers, but this additional work can only be assessed following the aforementioned pier top reinforcement repairs and following an assessment of the underwater pier condition at normal summer water levels. These additional works could extend the closure of the Provencher Bridge into September of 1997.

The Streets and Transportation Department will also be undertaking a hydrographic study to determine the degree of scour around the river bridge piers resulting from the flood. Placement of rip rap in any scoured areas would be most economically undertaken during the winter of 1997/1998 and will be delayed until then if feasible.

A summary of estimated costs for this work is outlined in “Appendix A”. The total estimated cost of the work may be as high as $1,000,000, depending on whether the aforementioned additional works are required.

The City of Winnipeg carries an all risk property insurance policy for City structures, including bridges and overpasses, with a policy limit of $360,000,000 and a deductible for flood damage of $500,000. Facilities which may be insured for flood are not eligible for Disaster Financial Assistance. It has not been confirmed at this time whether the $500,000 deductible may be eligible for Disaster Financial Assistance. This issue is being investigated now, with first indications from senior levels being that our deductible amount is not an eligible cost. More research is being conducted on this issue and it is recommended that the City vigorously pursue having this deductible cost recovered. It is the view of the Administration, an expense that would not have incurred if not for the flood should be eligible for recovery. In addition, our administrative interpretation of the Financial Assistance Manuals leads us to believe that this is a recoverable cost. Assuming that these flood related costs are recoverable, the overall cost to the City would be approximately $50,000 on the estimated $1,000,000 of work.

Finally, it must be recognized that there are real costs to the community in having this structure closed. Provencher Boulevard is a major traffic artery in Winnipeg, with the bridge carrying over 35,000 movements a day. In addition, Provencher Boulevard is a major Truck Route in Winnipeg, and lineups and delays in moving people and goods in our City represent real costs to the community beyond the immediate St. Boniface area. In addition, the commercial frontages on Provencher Boulevard have experienced a drop-off in business due to reduced traffic volumes. The costs of the aforementioned issues can be quantified and easily exceed the incremental cost of repairs to the City.

With respect to compensation for reduced business, there is no provision for payments of this kind from the City in connection with damage to the street system. However, some merchants may have coverage for business interruption under their insurance policies. In addition, retailers may wish to contact the Provincial Government’s Disaster Assistance Program to determine whether there is any possibility of coverage under that program.

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That the administration be directed to commence design and construction of remedial repairs to the Provencher Bridge immediately.

II. That every effort be made to obtain Disaster Financial Assistance for our insurance deductible of $500,000.

III. That the process for community consultation regarding final alignments and design of the replacement Provencher Bridge be commenced in 1997.

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

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

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

Carried.

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

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

MOTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Moved by Councillor Murray,
Seconded by Councillor Thomas,

A PROPOSAL FOR A REFORMED BUDGET PROCESS

686 - WHEREAS a budget process is needed with greater control of spending by citizens through their Councillors.

AND WHEREAS to evaluate the health of any budget process, the budget process should have objectives and a criteria that the process and results can be evaluated by to determine success or failure.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the budget process should be amended to include these features:

1. The process should follow clear, consistent and published rules established by council. The system used should reasonably accommodate representations from Councillors and concerned citizens.

2. It should promote consensus building and constructive debate within the principles of majority rule.

3. The budget should be developed from clear policies and supported by accessible, readable and complete budget documents and financial statements.

4. The timing of the budget process should begin and end before the beginning of fiscal year in which it is to be expended. A critical path that allows for appropriate preparation, development, review and approval sessions should be established.

5. Revenue and expenditure projections should realistically reflect past experience, thereby avoiding year-end corrections which become necessary to maintain services such as snow removal or temporary staffing.

6. Reserve, surplus accounts, funds and utility transfers should have clear policies establishing the criteria under which disbursements can be made. These accounts should not be used as a substitute for current income. Regular reports on activities and transactions associated with these accounts and reserves should be made to Council.

7. The Mayor and Executive Policy committee take responsibility for the budget drafts and present a budget to council for review based on a policy document. Documents such as Plan Winnipeg and major policy papers drafted by Standing committees such as New Directions for Libraries, City Waste Minimization Strategy and so on.

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8. A Central Budget committee of councillors should be established on the model of a Treasury Board. The function of this Committee would be to coordinate the budget Review Process with all Standing Committees. This review would facilitate the development of policy and budgets within the overall framework established by Council.

9. The reliance on capital expenditures to implement policy should be limited and an integrated review of capital and operating expenditures in each program should be undertaken. For example, transportation and waste management capital projects should proceed at a much faster pace than the operating components of these programs.

10. Policy statements and budget envelopes should be assigned to each area of the civic Administration at the beginning of the process. Once overall spending guidelines have been established for the upcoming year, each Standing Committee should establish a budget envelope for each directorate under its policy responsibilities. Specific Departments under each directorate would develop a budget within the assigned envelope consistent with the approved policy and priorities statement.

11. Each Department should establish list of essential and non essential services. Core services which are fundamental to the delivery of the civic Administrations' mandate should be identified and reviewed separately from non-essential services. The criteria for establishing core services should be flexible given the diversity of City programs.

12. The current Operating Budget should be developed with the rolling three year projections of expenditures for each area of operations. Estimates of revenue growth and mill rates would reduce the unpredictability currently associated with property taxes. A larger Operating Budget Window would lend itself to more realistic efforts to control expenditures which involve reorganization or replacement of programs. This system would also mitigate against political quick fixes that result in long-term increases in Operating Costs. Delaying expenditures that are inevitable, compounds the cost on the following years Budget.

13. The expenditure of current [Operating] and Capital Budget Allocations require a strong mechanism for accountability. The auditor should ensure expenditures can demonstrate efficiency, effectiveness and equity. A Freedom of Information By-law should be enacted to ensure that audits and budget information is accessible in a readable format. Provisions should be made to allow major capital expenditures to be the subject of a citizen review through plebiscites.

14. Reorganization and rationalization of services needs to ensure direct service cuts are not undertaken at the expense of vulnerable populations and less affluent communities. Public services must be sensitive to Winnipeg's diverse population. Creative extension and delivery of services can be achieved through enhanced partnerships with Community and Business and Labour groups with careful planning to ensure clear lines of public accountability.

15. Productivity levels should be considered in the development of budgets. Productivity as it relates to service effectiveness should be of concern as a ratio of input costs to outputs. Some cities have built productivity measurement and enhancement programs into their budget process. Strategies to improve productivity include improvements to operating procedures, utilization of new technology, enhancement of the skills and motivation employees and improving labour relations. This is not based on an assumption that Departments are not productive but rather that such strategies work to improve the use of resources and serve the public. An ethic of striving for excellence and being the finest City should be at the foundation of our budget process.

Moved by Councillor Thomas,

That the motion be laid over to the June 25, 1997 Council Meeting.

Carried.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

MOTIONS

Moved by Councillor Eadie,
Seconded by Councillor Phillips,

687 - WHEREAS Council on April 30, 1997, adopted By-law No. 7025/97, a By-law of The City of Winnipeg to designate a Business Improvement Zone to be known as the "St. James Village Business Improvement Zone" and establish a Management Board for the Zone;

AND WHEREAS Section 6(1)(b) of the By-law provides that the membership shall consist of eight (8) members who each shall be from a business which is located in the Zone, and who shall be appointed in accordance with the process provided in Sections 8 to 11 inclusive of By-law No. 7025/97;

AND WHEREAS nominations for Zone Board members were received in the Office of the City Clerk from eight (8) persons from amongst the businesses in the Zone;

AND WHEREAS Section 9(4) of the By-law provides that if the number of persons nominated is eight (8) or less, then those nominated shall be considered to be selected by acclamation and the names of those persons selected by acclamation shall be forwarded to Council for appointment;

AND WHEREAS Section 7(c) of the by-law provides that the initial term of office of the eight Zone Board members shall be as follows:-

1. Four (4) Zone Board members shall hold office from the date of appointment to the first meeting of Council in January, 1999;

2. Four (4) Zone Board members shall hold office from the date of appointment to the first meeting of Council in January, 2000;

AND WHEREAS the eight persons declared selected by acclamation are:

John D. Steel
Roy Poltronetti
Doug Clarke
Ed Lounsbury
Merv Penonzek
Dale McDermid
Rocco Filleti
Almer Jacksteit

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following Zone Board members hold office from the date of appointment to the first meeting of Council in January, 1999, namely:

John D. Steel
Roy Poltronetti
Doug Clarke
Ed Lounsbury

AND FURTHER THAT the following Zone Board members hold office from the date of appointment to the first meeting of Council in January 2000, namely:

Merv Penonzek
Dale McDermid
Rocco Filleti
Almer Jacksteit

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the matter of appointment of a Member of Council to the Management Board of the St. James Village Business Improvement Zone be referred to the Executive Policy Committee for recommendation.

Carried.

Executive Policy Committee - Motions (continued)

Moved by Councillor Phillips,
Seconded by Councillor Eadie,

688 - WHEREAS Council on April 30, 1997, adopted By-law No. 7024/97, a By-law of The City of Winnipeg to designate a Business Improvement Zone to be known as the "Airport Area Business Development Association Inc. Business Improvement Zone" and establish a Management Board for the Zone;

AND WHEREAS Section 6(1)(b) of the By-law provides that the membership shall consist of eighteen (18) members who each shall be from a business which is located in the Zone, and who shall be appointed in accordance with the process provided in Sections 8 to 11 inclusive of By-law No. 7024/97;

AND WHEREAS nominations for Zone Board members were received in the Office of the City Clerk from seventeen (17) persons from amongst the businesses in the Zone;

AND WHEREAS Section 9(4) of the By-law provides that if the number of persons nominated is eighteen (18) or less, then those nominated shall be considered to be selected by acclamation and the names of those persons selected by acclamation shall be forwarded to Council for appointment;

AND WHEREAS Section 7(c) of the by-law provides that the initial term of office of the eighteen Zone Board members shall be as follows:-

1. Nine (9) Zone Board members shall hold office from the date of appointment to the first meeting of Council in January, 1999;

2. Nine (9) Zone Board members shall hold office from the date of appointment to the first meeting of Council in January, 2000;

AND WHEREAS the seventeen persons declared selected by acclamation are:

Athena Dinos-Hoople
Kenneth E. Horch
P.H. Grant
Jerry Kruk
Clayton McMurren
Grace Hurtubise
Beverley Ann Fenn
John Trowbridge
Eileen Blackmore
Dennis A. Dempsey
Jim Neal
Clyde McBain
Bill Easton
Don Knight
Warren Thompson
Scott Whitesell
Dave S. Deighton

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following Zone Board members hold office from the date of appointment to the first meeting of Council in January, 1999, namely:

Dave S. Deighton
Don Knight
Jim Neal
Warren Thompson
Athena Dinos-Hoople
Kenneth E. Horch
P.H. Grant
Jerry Kruk
Clayton McMurren

Executive Policy Committee - Motions (continued)

AND FURTHER THAT the following Zone Board members hold office from the date of appointment to the first meeting of Council in January 2000, namely:

Grace Hurtubise
Beverley Ann Fenn
John Trowbridge
Eileen Blackmore
Dennis A. Dempsey
Clyde McBain
Bill Easton
Scott Whiteshell

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the matter of appointment of a Member of Council to the Management Board of the Airport Area Business Development Association Inc. Business Improvement Zone be referred to the Executive Policy Committee for recommendation.

Carried.

Moved by Councillor Vandal,
Seconded by Councillor Steek,
689 - BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct that $10,000 be allotted from the 1997 Public Consultation budget for the Provencher Bridge, for the purposes of developing a "marketing-public relations" strategy for merchants along Provencher Boulevard;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the area merchants, along with the Commissioner of Works and Operations and the area councillor develop the "marketing-public relations" strategy.

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

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

The motion to suspend the rule was put.

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

Yea: Councillors Lazarenko, Lubosch, O'Shaughnessy, Silva, Steek, Thomas, Vandal, Golden. 8

Nay: Councillors Prystanski, Clement, Phillips, Timm-Rudolph, Deputy Mayor Eadie, Her Worship Mayor Thompson and Councillor Angus. 7

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

Moved by Councillor Golden,
Seconded by Councillor Clement,
690 - WHEREAS a new multi-purpose sports and recreation facility including a youth activity centre on City-owned lands on Portage Avenue East would require City sponsored involvement;

AND WHEREAS the City would receive benefits from such a development;

AND WHEREAS it is desirable to be informed as to the costs/benefits to the City if this project were to proceed;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Winnipeg undertake a cost / benefit analysis of this proposed development.

Executive Policy Committee - Motions (continued)

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

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

The motion to suspend the rule was put

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

Yea: Councillor Golden, Lubosch, Thomas and Vandal. 4

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

and the motion to suspend the rule was declared lost.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

QUESTION PERIOD

691 - Councillor Steek questioned if the City's external Auditor, Deloitte & Touche would be bringing forward a report on the budgetary process to which Her Worship Mayor Thompson replied in the affirmative.

Councillor Steek requested confirmation if there had been discussions between Executive Policy Committee and the Provincial Government on a special taxpayer levy to help offset some of this year's deficit.

Her Worship replied that there has been nothing from Executive Policy Committee formally or informally and noted that a citizen had brought up the issue in a letter to the editor and that there had been discussion at the administrative level.

Councillor Thomas questioned if the City would be having a special spring clean up day and when it would be occurring.

Her Worship noted that Take Pride Winnipeg had usually initiated the program, but as they were without an Executive Director at the present time, that there had been no official date assigned for the spring clean up. Her Worship advised she would investigate the matter further.

Councillor Thomas referred to the possible special taxpayer levy and requested that consideration be given to people's ability to pay and that senior citizens living on small lots not be hit with the same amount as those who are living in larger homes. Councillor Thomas also questioned how the fund would be distributed and that a criteria be established.

Her Worship Mayor Thompson reiterated that nothing was being discussed about a special levy but noted it had been brought to the forefront by some citizens. She further suggested that any suggestions or comments on the matter be forwarded to herself or the Chief Financial Officer.

Councillor Lazarenko questioned whether Her Worship had been informed that the Province was going to declare a State of Emergency for the flood.

Her Worship Mayor Thompson noted the close working relationship that she had enjoyed with the Province regarding flood matters and advised that she had received prior notice of the Province declaring a State of Emergency and stated that she would check into the actual process that occurred.

Executive Policy Committee - Question Period (continued)

Councillor Lazarenko questioned how much water the City of Winnipeg would have been faced with without the floodway and the Brunkild Dyke.

Her Worship Mayor Thompson advised that in 1950, without the floodway, the water flow was 108,000 cubic feet of water per second. This year, there was 138,000 cubic feet of water per second coming through and noted that without the floodway, Winnipeg would have been devastated.

Councillor Lazarenko questioned if a certificate of recognition would be provided to former Premier Duff Roblin commending his vision to build the floodway.

Her Worship Mayor Thompson noted that Senator Duff Roblin deserved recognition for the vision and suggested that she would be pleased to take Council's direction on the matter.

Councillor Golden asked if progress had been made in getting the senior levels of government to agree to allow dykes that were built to be made permanent wherever feasible and wherever the riverbanks could sustain them.

Her Worship Mayor Thompson noted there was discussion between the two levels of government over the earth dykes and that she would request that the administration respond to Council on the matter.

Councillor Golden questioned whether leaving up the dykes would preclude some homeowners from applying for flood relief compensation.

Her Worship suggested that Councillor Golden take this matter up with the Chief Commissioner or Commissioner Carroll.

Councillor Golden questioned if a task force would be formed to compile what had been learned from the flood fighting experience in order that the City be safeguarded from future occurrences at the lowest possible cost.

Her Worship Mayor Thompson noted the fact that during the flood some of the City's records were not as complete as they should have been and stated that immediately after the crisis an administrative committee had been put in place to deal precisely with the matter.