**REPORT OF THE**

**EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE**

**DATED JANUARY 8, 1997**

On motion of Deputy Mayor Eadie, the Report of the Executive Policy Committee, dated January 8, 1997, was considered clause by clause.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Eadie,
That the Consent Agenda, Clauses 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8 and 9 be adopted.

Councillor Timm-Rudolph requested that Clause 2 be pulled from the Consent Agenda.

**226 -** Councillor Golden asked to be recorded as having voted against Clause 8, in accordance with Rule 50.7 of the Procedure By-law.

The motion to adopt the Consent Agenda, Clauses 1,3,4,5,6,7,8 and 9 was put and declared carried.

**Urban Centres Peripheral Development Submission File EP-1 (Vol. 18)**

**227 -** 1. Several Manitoba Urban Centres have identified common issues associated with urban peripheral development. An administrative group representing these centres was brought together to report on these issues. The report has been endorsed by the Manitoba Association of Urban Municipalities, and is ready for presentation to the Province.

Urban Centres Peripheral Group Meetings were held between the spring and fall of 1996. A number of planning, environmental and jurisdictional issues were addressed in a report to be presented to the Premier. Winnipeg is now part of a common front in approaching the Province, and has learned it is not alone in its experiences with urban peripheral development. The participants, background, issues and recommendations are outlined in Schedule “A”.

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That the Urban Centres Peripheral Development Submission be approved by City Council, including full endorsement of the recommendations.

II. That Council support a direct approach to the Premier along with other urban centre representatives.

III. That the Mayor or her designate attend the meeting with the Premier.

IV. The Commissioner of Planning and Community Services be authorized to participate in ongoing activities of the Urban Centres Peripheral Development Group.

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

Adopted by consent.

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**Proposed Lease Agreement For the use of the Pantages Playhouse Theatre with the Performing Arts Consortium of Winnipeg Inc. File F-6 (Vol. 9)**

**228 -** 2. The Performing Arts Consortium of Winnipeg Inc. has approached the City of Winnipeg through the Executive Policy Committee with a request to assume management responsibility for the Pantages Playhouse Theatre. The Consortium advises it is willing to be responsible for the day-to-day operations, bookings and facility management, and any operational losses incurred.

The Consortium commissioned an independent study from Arthur Andersen which indicated that community management of the facility is feasible and economically viable.

The Performing Arts Consortium of Winnipeg is an incorporated, non-profit organization comprised of many of the community organizations who have traditionally used the Pantages Playhouse Theatre, along with a number of concerned individuals.

The Consortium was recently organized and is currently in the process of drawing up its by-laws and applying for charitable tax status. Membership in the consortium is open to any persons or organizations who share its aims.

Although the Consortium is new, the use of the Pantages Playhouse Theatre by community arts groups is not. Historical records indicate that community groups have been performing in this facility for at least 50 years. The City of Winnipeg has recognized the value of the Pantages Playhouse Theatre and has made a commitment in Plan Winnipeg to "continue to provide a wide range of arts, entertainment and cultural facilities to meet the needs of Winnipeg residents."

The Consortium's proposal is as follows:

1. The City of Winnipeg would retain ownership of the Pantages Playhouse Theatre and responsibility for structural maintenance, related capital costs and taxes.

2. The City would enter into a lease agreement with the Performing Arts Consortium of Winnipeg Inc. for the sum of $1.00 per year for the facility. The agreement would be for an initial three year period, with provision for renewal of the lease at the end of this period.

3. The Consortium would run the facility as a performing arts venue, ensuring access to the facility by community groups and for-profit enterprises.

4. The Consortium would be responsible for the hiring and supervision of staff required to properly operate and promote the facility.

5. The Consortium would be responsible for any operating losses incurred during the lease period.

6. The Consortium would undertake to enter into written agreements with strategic partners to ensure that the facility was utilized by both community groups and for-profit companies.

The Consortium believes that the proposal meets the needs of all parties involved and ensures that the Pantages Playhouse Theatre remains available to community groups. It relieves the City of Winnipeg from liability for the operating losses of the facility, and makes the facility available for use by commercial producers.

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That a short term lease agreement be entered into with the Performing Arts Consortium of Winnipeg Inc., (without tendering for proposals) for use of the Pantages Playhouse Theatre on a three year basis, subject to a suitable business plan and agreement being reached between the City of Winnipeg and the organization.

II. That said agreement and business plan be forwarded to Council for final approval.

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

Moved by Deputy Mayor Eadie,
Adoption of the clause.

Carried.

Moved by Councillor Golden,
That the clause be reconsidered.

The Speaker ruled the motion out of order.

Councillor Golden challenged the ruling of the Chair.

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

**Corydon Avenue Business Improvement Zone - Proposed Program, Zone Levy and Budget Estimates - 1997**
**File FL-7.2 (Vol. 4)**

**229 -** 3. On March 7, 1990, Council adopted By-law No. 5378/90, being a By-law of The City of Winnipeg to designate a Business Improvement Zone to be known as the Corydon Avenue Business Improvement Zone and to establish a Management Board for the Zone. By-law No. 5378/90 requires that the Business Improvement Zone prepare its proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates each year for the consideration of Council.

The Corydon Avenue Business Improvement Zone at its Annual General Meeting held on October 1, 1996, approved the proposed annual program and budget for 1997.

On October 23, 1996, Council requested the City Centre Community Committee to conduct a public meeting to hear representations with respect to the proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates for the year 1997 and to provide recommendations to Council.

On December 10, 1996, the City Centre Community Committee had before it for consideration a communication dated October 23, 1996, from the City Clerk with respect to the above matter.

The Community Committee passed the following motion:

*WHEREAS a public meeting to review the proposed program, zone levies and budget estimates for the Corydon Avenue Business Improvement Zone was duly advertised in The Winnipeg Free Press and The Winnipeg Sun on Monday, November 25, 1996, in accordance with Section 17 of By-law No. 5378/90;*

*AND WHEREAS no objections were received in respect to the Board's proposals;*

*NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Centre Community Committee recommends to Executive Policy Committee that the proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates for the Corydon Avenue Business Improvement Zone, as adopted, be ratified by Executive Policy Committee and City Council.*

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That the proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates for the Corydon Avenue Business Improvement Zone for the year 1997 be adopted.

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

Adopted by consent.

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**Academy Road Business Improvement Zone - Proposed Program, Zone Levy and Budget Estimates - 1997**
**File FL-7.11 (Vol. 1)**

**230 -** 4. On September 27, 1995, Council adopted By-law No. 6688/95, being a By-law of The City of Winnipeg to designate a Business Improvement Zone to be known as the Academy Road Business Improvement Zone and to establish a Management Board for the Zone. By-law No. 6688/95 requires that the Academy Road Business Improvement Zone prepare its proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates for the consideration of Council.

The Academy Road Business Improvement Zone at its Annual General Meeting held on September 10, 1996, approved the proposed annual program and budget for 1997.

On October 23, 1996, Council requested the City Centre Community Committee to conduct a public meeting to hear representations with respect to the proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates for the year 1997 and to provide recommendations to Council.

On December 10, 1996, the City Centre Community Committee had before it for consideration a communication dated October 23, 1996, from the City Clerk with respect to the above matter.

The Community Committee passed the following motion:

*WHEREAS a public meeting to review the proposed program, zone levies and budget estimates for the Academy Road Business Improvement Zone was duly advertised in The Winnipeg Free Press and The Winnipeg Sun on Monday, November 25, 1996, in accordance with Section 17 of By-law No. 6688/95;*

*AND WHEREAS no objections were received in respect to the Board's proposals;*

*NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Centre Community Committee recommends to Executive Policy Committee that the proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates for the Academy Road Business Improvement Zone, as adopted, be ratified by Executive Policy Committee and City Council.*

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That the proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates for the Academy Road Business Improvement Zone for the year 1997 be adopted.

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

Adopted by consent.

**Selkirk Business Improvement Zone - Proposed Program, Zone Levy and Budget Estimates - 1997 File FL-7.5 (Vol. 2)**

**231 -** 5. On September 25, 1991, Council adopted By-law No. 5770/91, being a By-law of The City of Winnipeg to designate a Business Improvement Zone to be known as the Selkirk Avenue Business Improvement Zone and to establish a Management Board for the Zone. By-law No. 5770/91 requires that the Business Improvement Zone prepare its proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates for the consideration of Council.

The Selkirk Avenue Business Improvement Zone at its Annual General Meeting held on October 28, 1996, approved the proposed annual program and budget for 1997.

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On November 20, 1996, Council requested the Lord Selkirk-West Kildonan Community Committee to conduct a public meeting to hear representations with respect to the proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates for the year 1997 and to provide recommendations to Council.

On December 10, 1996, the Lord Selkirk-West Kildonan Community Committee had before it for consideration a communication dated November 20, 1996, from the City Clerk, with respect to the above matter.

The Community Committee passed the following motion:

*WHEREAS a public meeting to review the proposed program, zone levies and budget estimates for the Selkirk Avenue Business Improvement Zone was duly advertised in The Winnipeg Free Press and The Winnipeg Sun on Tuesday, November 26, 1996, in accordance with Section 17 of By-law No. 5770/91;*

*AND WHEREAS no objections were received in respect to the Board's proposals;*

*NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lord Selkirk-West Kildonan Community Committee recommends to Executive Policy Committee that the proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates for the Selkirk Avenue Business Improvement Zone, as adopted, be ratified by Executive Policy Committee and City Council.*

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That the proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates for the Selkirk Avenue Business Improvement Zone for the year 1997 be adopted.

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

Adopted by consent.

**Norwood Grove Business Improvement Zone - Proposed Program, Zone Levy and Budget Estimates - 1997**
**File FL-7.6 (Vol. 2)**

**232 -** 6. On March 6, 1991, Council adopted By-law No. 5649/91, being a By-law of The City of Winnipeg to designate a Business Improvement Zone to be known as the Norwood Grove Business Improvement Zone and to establish a Management Board for the Zone. By-law No. 5649/91 requires that the Business Improvement Zone prepare its proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates for the consideration of Council.

The Norwood Grove Business Improvement Zone at its Annual General Meeting held on October 10, 1996, approved the proposed annual program and budget for 1997.

On November 20, 1996, Council requested the Riel Community Committee to conduct a public meeting to hear representations with respect to the proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates for the year 1997 and to provide recommendations to Council.

On December 9, 1996, the Norwood Grove Community Committee had before it for consideration a communication dated November 20, 1996, from the City Clerk, with respect to the above matter.

The Community Committee passed the following motion:

*WHEREAS a public meeting to review the proposed program, zone levies and budget estimates for the Norwood Grove Business Improvement Zone was duly advertised in The Winnipeg Free Press and The Winnipeg Sun on Sunday, November 24, 1996, in accordance with Section 17 of By-law No. 5649/91;*

*AND WHEREAS no objections were received in respect to the Board's proposals;*

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*NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Riel Community Committee recommends to Executive Policy Committee that the proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates for the Norwood Grove Business Improvement Zone, as adopted, be ratified by Executive Policy Committee and City Council.*

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That the proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates for the Norwood Grove Business Improvement Zone for the year 1997 be adopted.

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

Adopted by consent.

**Old St. Vital Business Improvement Zone - Proposed Program, Zone Levy and Budget Estimates - 1997**

**File FL-7.13 (Vol. 1)**

**233 -** 7. On November 29, 1995, Council adopted By-law No. 6715/95, being a By-law of The City of Winnipeg to designate a Business Improvement Zone to be known as the Old St. Vital Business Improvement Zone and to establish a Management Board for the Zone. By-law No. 6715/95 requires that the Business Improvement Zone prepare its proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates for the consideration of Council.

The Old St. Vital Business Improvement Zone at its Annual General Meeting held on October 2, 1996, approved the proposed annual program and budget for 1997.

On November 20, 1996, Council requested the Riel Community Committee to conduct a public meeting to hear representations with respect to the proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates for the year 1997 and to provide recommendations to Council.

On December 9, 1996, the Riel Community Committee had before it for consideration a communication dated November 20, 1996, from the City Clerk, with respect to the above matter.

The Community Committee passed the following motion:

*WHEREAS a public meeting to review the proposed program, zone levies and budget estimates for the Old St. Vital Business Improvement Zone was duly advertised in The Winnipeg Free Press and The Winnipeg Sun on Sunday, November 24, 1996, in accordance with Section 17 of By-law No. 6715/95;*

*AND WHEREAS no objections were received in respect to the Board's proposals;*

*NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Riel Community Committee recommends to Executive Policy Committee that the proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates for the Old St. Vital Business Improvement Zone, as adopted, be ratified by Executive Policy Committee and City Council.*

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That the proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates for the Old St. Vital Business Improvement Zone for the year 1997 be adopted.

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

Adopted by consent.

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**Appointment to the Winnipeg 2000 Advisory Committee File G-8 (Vol. 4)**

**234 -** 8. On May 9, 1990, Council adopted Clause 1 of the Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated May 9, 1990, appointing a number of persons to the Winnipeg 2000 Leaders Committee and the Leaders Advisory Committee and directed that any new appointment changes be approved by Council.

On December 4, 1996, a communication was received by Klaus Thiessen, President & CEO of Winnipeg 2000 Economic Development Corporation recommending the appointment of Emöke Szathmáry to the Winnipeg 2000 Advisory Committee.

The Executive Policy Committee concurs with the recommendation that Emöke Szathmáry be appointed to the Winnipeg 2000 Advisory Committee and submits same to Council for its approval.

Adopted by consent.

(See Minute No. 226 for opposition recorded by Councillor Golden)

**Subdivision and Rezoning of Land Bounded by the Perimeter Highway on the West, Charleswood Road on the East, the Abandoned CNR Cabot Subdivision (Ridgewood Corridor) on the North and the CNR Mainline/Wilkes Avenue on the South - Assiniboia Community File DASZ 7/91**

**235 -** 9. Council at its meeting held on December 15, 1993, granted the Executive Policy Committee an extension of time of 120 days to deal with Clause 6 of the Report of the Committee on Planning and Community Services, dated May 11, 1992, relative to the above.

On October 5, 1994, the Executive Policy Committee referred the matter back to the Committee on Planning and Community Services, whereupon the matter was laid over until the September 5, 1995 meeting of the Committee on Planning and Community Services, or until such time as TransPlan 2010 was to be adopted by Council.

On December 7, 1994, the Executive Policy Committee laid the matter over until November 15, 1995, with the expectation that TransPlan 2010 would be completed by this time.

On May 22, 1996, Council granted a further extension of time of 180 days for consideration of the matter as TransPlan 2010 had not been completed.

Inasmuch as TransPlan 2010 has not yet been completed, the Executive Policy Committee recommends that Council grant a further extension of time of 365 days for consideration of this matter.

Adopted by consent.

**REPORT OF THE**

**EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE**

**DATED JANUARY 15, 1997**

On motion of Deputy Mayor Eadie, the Report of the Executive Policy Committee, dated January 15, 1997, was considered clause by clause.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Eadie,
That the Consent Agenda, Clauses 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14 and 15 be adopted.

Carried.

**236** - Councillor Clement asked to be recorded as having voted against Clause 2, in accordance with Rule 50.7 of the Procedure By-law.

**237** - Councillor Golden asked to be recorded as having voted against Clause 11, in accordance with Rule 50.7 of the Procedure By-law.

**Amendments to The City of Winnipeg Act regarding Debenture Financing and Financial Agreements**
**Files GL-5.1 (Vol. 43) and FC-2 (Vol. 18)**

**238** - 1. Part 9, Finance, of The City of Winnipeg Act details the authority of the City related to terms and conditions for the issuance of debentures and permitted investments.

This Section requires that by-laws state the rate of interest for debenture issues. This prohibits the City from utilizing variable rate financing for capital expenditures

The City of Winnipeg has utilized and is currently utilizing financial instruments to manage the financial affairs of the City. The City currently has in place a SWAP agreement which converts an obligation in Japanese yen to Canadian dollars which was entered into in 1990. Futures agreements are currently utilized to lock in future foreign exchange rates for debt obligations due in U.S. dollars.

The City of Winnipeg Act prohibits the City from financing capital expenditures utilizing variable rate financing. Variable rate financing has historically proven to be a less expensive method of financing over the long term. Limits will be established which would restrict the portion of total debt which could be variable rate financed.

Amendments to The City of Winnipeg Act would be required to permit the conversion of existing fixed rate debentures to floating rate debentures by utilizing SWAP agreements. The amendments would also permit converting new fixed rate debenture issues to a floating rate basis.

The City of Winnipeg has utilized interest rate SWAP agreements and futures agreements to convert debt from one currency to Canadian dollars and lock in future foreign exchange rates. These agreements have been entered into without any specific reference in The City of Winnipeg Act.

Financial institutions (“counter parties”) are now requiring that these types of agreements be specifically listed in the relevant Act which provides authority to enter into these agreements

The City of Winnipeg would utilize SWAP, futures, options and interest rate agreements to achieve the following:

(i) SWAP or interest rate agreements convert existing fixed rate debt to floating rate debt. Borrowing costs could be reduced by converting fixed rate debt to floating rate.

(ii) SWAP agreements convert funds borrowed in a foreign currency to Canadian dollars. This would allow the City to borrow in international markets if rates were favourable yet eliminate the currency exposure.

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(iii) Futures agreements are utilized to lock in a future foreign exchange rate for an obligation that must be paid in the future. The agreement can eliminate any uncertainty as to future foreign exchange rate fluctuations.

(iv) Option agreements can be used to limit exposure to fluctuations in interest rates when using variable rate financing. Options can be utilized to convert variable rate debt back to fixed rate debt if short term rates rise to a specified rate as per the option agreement.

The City of Winnipeg Act is outdated in its present form in that many of the financial instruments that can be utilized to manage the City's financial affairs are relatively recent. Counter parties are now requiring that these types of agreements be specifically referenced in the appropriate Act providing evidence of authority.

The Province of Manitoba currently utilizes variable rate financing and is in the process of enacting similar legislation regarding financial agreements for their own purposes to that being requested by the City.

If the enabling legislation is provided, the Corporate Finance Department will prepare a formal policy for adoption by Council prior to entering into an agreement or engaging in any activities which do not conform with past practice.

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That City Council request the Province of Manitoba to amend The City of Winnipeg Act to enable the City to finance a portion of capital expenditures utilizing variable rate financing; and to enter into agreements or engage in activities of a financial nature respecting the investment of public money or management of public debt including, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, agreements for management of risks relating to currency, interest rates and other matters, SWAP agreements, futures agreements, option agreements and rate agreements.

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

Adopted by consent.

**Establishment of a Red Tape Review Panel**
**File GG-2 (Vol 23)**

**239 -** 2. There is a growing need for government to be able to interact more effectively with the business community. A survey of the Economic Innovations and Technology Council revealed that "government regulations were the number two barrier (behind taxes) to economic growth in Manitoba". Plan Winnipeg... Toward 2010 was adopted by City Council in June 1993 as Winnipeg's long range plan stated (sec 2A-09) that the "City shall endeavor to simplify procedures and regulations affecting business ...".

The City of Winnipeg should review how it can improve program delivery and customer service as well as strive to eliminate duplication to strengthen its effort to promote an "open for business" attitude. Ultimately this committee will make recommendations that include an implementation plan, timetable as well as a cost/benefit analysis.

It is envisioned the committee would work closely with other levels of government, representatives of the business community and the various civic departments that most directly impact business (Land and Development Services, Fire Department, Community Services, Streets and Transportation, Corporate Services and Water and Waste). In general the committee would have the following objectives (as well as those that become apparent during the review):

- To advise on methods of improving customer service, through recommendations to Executive Policy Committee, by the elimination of "Red Tape", duplication of services between Civic departments and other levels of government, streamlining of procedure and facilitating a more seamless relationship between the City of Winnipeg and its customers.

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- To examine and advise Executive Policy Committee on regulations, rules, procedures or requirements that may be redundant, unnecessary or more satisfactorily addressed by other agencies or levels of government.

- To examine and report on opportunities regarding deregulation, self regulation and inspectorial audits with a view to both reducing costs and improving efficiencies for City of Winnipeg's customers.

- To review and advise on methods of assisting customers with the paper work of various required applications as well as opportunities for "fast tracking" customer requirements.

A suggested reporting process and timetable could be as follows:

- In 60 days committee would report back with terms of reference for the proposed review as well as the specific mandate of the committee.

- The joint review committee would report monthly to the Ad Hoc Committee on Business Liaison through the Executive Policy Committee which would in turn refer to Standing Committee with a report back in 30 days. It is important to note that many of the City of Winnipeg's policies and regulations are derived from The City of Winnipeg Act and as such some revisions may require approval by the Provincial Legislature. Implementation could be approved either internally through Council or externally by recommendation of Council to the Provincial Government.

The Committee should be structured in such a manner as to provide as broad as possible range of input with regards to improving overall customer service to the business community as well as the overall population in general.

- 2 co-chairs (comprised of a member of Council and the Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce).

- 1 member of the Winnipeg Real Estate Board (ICI Division)

- 1 member from the Urban Affairs Department of the Province of Manitoba

- 1 member from The Manitoba Taxpayers Association

The City of Winnipeg is committed to improving the city's fundamental business climate but must, on an ongoing basis question how it regulates business. Further to this it must continue to question if there are not more efficient and effective ways of accomplishing this.

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That Council establish a Red Tape Review Panel, to be chaired by Councillor Shirley Timm-Rudolph.

II. That the implementation and structure of the Red Tape Review Panel be referred to the Ad Hoc Committee on Business Liaison for report back to Executive Policy Committee and Council.

III. That the Proper Officers of the City by authorized and directed to do all things necessary to cooperate and have their staff cooperate with the panel in preparation of their "terms of reference" and their on going work.

Adopted by consent.

(See Minute No. 236 for opposition recorded by Councillor Clement)

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**West Broadway - South Sherbrook Business Improvement Zone - Proposed Program, Zone Levy and Budget Estimates - 1997 File FL-7.8 (Vol. 2)**

**240 -** 3. On March 25, 1992, Council adopted By-law No. 5921/92, being a By-law of The City of Winnipeg to designate a Business Improvement Zone to be known as the West Broadway - South Sherbrook Business Improvement Zone and to establish a Management Board for the Zone. By-law No. 5921/92 requires that the Business Improvement Zone prepare its proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates for the consideration of Council.

The West Broadway - South Sherbrook Business Improvement Zone at its Annual General Meeting held on October 22, 1996, approved the proposed annual program and budget for 1997.

On November 20, 1996, Council requested the City Centre Community Committee to conduct a public meeting to hear representations with respect to the proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates for the year 1997 and to provide recommendations to Council

On January 7, 1997, the City Centre Community Committee had before it for consideration a communication dated November 20, 1996, from the City Clerk with respect to the above matter.

The Community Committee passed the following motion:

*WHEREAS a public meeting to review the proposed program, zone levies and budget estimates for the West Broadway - South Sherbrook Business Improvement Zone was duly advertised in The Winnipeg Free Press and The Winnipeg Sun on December 23, 1996, in accordance with Section 17 of By-law No. 5921/92;*

*AND WHEREAS no objections were received in respect to the Board's proposals;*

*NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Centre Community Committee recommends to Executive Policy Committee that the proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates for the West Broadway - South Sherbrook Business Improvement Zone, as adopted, be ratified by Executive Policy Committee and City Council.*

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That the proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates for the West Broadway - South Sherbrook Business Improvement Zone for the year 1997 be adopted.

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

Adopted by consent.

**Downtown Winnipeg Business Improvement Zone - Proposed Program, Zone Levy and Budget Estimates - 1997 File FL-7.4 (Vol. 6)**

**241 -** 4. On January 25, 1989, Council adopted By-law No. 5080/89, being a By-law of The City of Winnipeg to designate a Business Improvement Zone to be known as the Downtown Winnipeg Business Improvement Zone and to establish a Management Board for the Zone. By-law No. 5080/89 requires that the Business Improvement Zone prepare its proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates for the consideration of Council.

The Downtown Winnipeg Business Improvement Zone at its Annual General Meeting held on October 25, 1996, approved the proposed annual program and budget for 1997.

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On November 20, 1996, Council requested the City Centre Community Committee to conduct a public meeting to hear representations with respect to the proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates for the year 1997 and to provide recommendations to Council.

On January 7, 1997, the City Centre Community Committee had before it for consideration a communication dated November 20, 1996, from the City Clerk with respect to the above matter.

The Community Committee passed the following motion:

*WHEREAS a public meeting to review the proposed program, zone levies and budget estimates for the Downtown Winnipeg Business Improvement Zone was duly advertised in The Winnipeg Free Press and The Winnipeg Sun on December 23, 1996, in accordance with Section 17 of By-law No. 5080/89*

*AND WHEREAS no objections were received in respect to the Board's proposals;*

*NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Centre Community Committee recommends to Executive Policy Committee that the proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates for the Downtown Winnipeg Business Improvement Zone, as adopted, be ratified by Executive Policy Committee and City Council.*

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That the proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates for the Downtown Winnipeg Business Improvement Zone for the year 1997 be adopted.

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

Adopted by consent.

**Exchange District Business Improvement Zone - Proposed Program, Zone Levy and Budget Estimates - 1997**
**File FL-7.1 (Vol. 3)**

**242 -** 5. On January 25, 1989, Council adopted By-law No. 5081/89, being a By-law of The City of Winnipeg to designate a Business Improvement Zone to be known as the Exchange District Business Improvement Zone and to establish a Management Board for the Zone. By-law No. 5081/89 requires that the Business Improvement Zone prepare its proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates for the consideration of Council.

The Exchange District Business Improvement Zone at its Annual General Meeting held on October 23, 1996, approved the proposed annual program and budget for 1997.

On December 11, 1996, Council requested the City Centre Community Committee to conduct a public meeting to hear representations with respect to the proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates for the year 1997 and to provide recommendations to Council.

On January 7, 1997, the City Centre Community Committee had before it for consideration a communication dated December 11, 1996, from the City Clerk with respect to the above matter.

The Community Committee passed the following motion:

*WHEREAS a public meeting to review the proposed program, zone levies and budget estimates for the Exchange District Business Improvement Zone was duly advertised in The Winnipeg Free Press and The Winnipeg Sun on December 23, 1996, in accordance with Section 17 of By-law No. 5081/89;*

*AND WHEREAS no objections were received in respect to the Board's proposals;*

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*NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Centre Community Committee recommends to Executive Policy Committee that the proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates for the Exchange District Business Improvement Zone, as adopted, be ratified by Executive Policy Committee and City Council.*

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That the proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates for the Exchange District Business Improvement Zone for the year 1997 be adopted.

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

Adopted by consent.

**Osborne South Business Improvement Zone - Proposed Program, Zone Levy and Budget Estimates - 1997**
**File FL-7.9 (Vol. 2)**

**243 -** 6. On July 21, 1993, Council adopted By-law No. 6201/93, being a By-law of The City of Winnipeg to designate a Business Improvement Zone to be known as the Osborne South Business Improvement Zone and to establish a Management Board for the Zone. By-law No. 6201/93 requires that the Business Improvement Zone prepare its proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates for the consideration of Council.

The Osborne South Business Improvement Zone at its Annual General Meeting held on October 21, 1996, approved the proposed annual program and budget for 1997.

On November 20, 1996, Council requested the City Centre Community Committee to conduct a public meeting to hear representations with respect to the proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates for the year 1997 and to provide recommendations to Council.

On January 7, 1997, the Community Committee considered the proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates for the Osborne South Business Improvement Zone.

The Community Committee passed the following motion:

*WHEREAS a public meeting to review the proposed program, zone levies and budget estimates for the Osborne South Business Improvement Zone was duly advertised in The Winnipeg Free Press and The Winnipeg Sun on December 23, 1996, in accordance with Section 17 of By-law No. 6201/93;*

*AND WHEREAS no objections were received in respect to the Board's proposals;*

*NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Centre Community Committee recommends to Executive Policy Committee that the proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates for the Osborne South Business Improvement Zone, as adopted, be ratified by Executive Policy Committee and City Council.*

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That the proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates for the Osborne South Business Improvement Zone for the year 1997 be adopted.

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

Adopted by consent.

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**Osborne Village Business Improvement Zone - Proposed Program, Zone Levy and Budget Estimates - 1997**
**File FL-7.3 (Vol. 4)**

**244** - 7. On December 20, 1989, Council adopted By-law No. 5322/89, being a By-law of The City of Winnipeg to designate a Business Improvement Zone to be known as the Osborne Village Business Improvement Zone and to establish a Management Board for the Zone. By-law No. 5322/89 requires that the Business Improvement Zone prepare its proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates for the consideration of Council.

The Osborne Village Business Improvement Zone at its Annual General Meeting held on October 23, 1996, approved the proposed annual program and budget for 1997.

On November 20, 1996, Council requested the City Centre Community Committee to conduct a public meeting to hear representations with respect to the proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates for the year 1997 and to provide recommendations to Council.

On January 7, 1997, the City Centre Community Committee had before it for consideration a communication dated November 20, 1996, from the City Clerk with respect to the above matter.

The Community Committee passed the following motion:

*WHEREAS a public meeting to review the proposed program, zone levies and budget estimates for the Osborne Village Business Improvement Zone was duly advertised in The Winnipeg Free Press and The Winnipeg Sun on December 23, 1996, in accordance with Section 17 of By-law No. 5322/89;*

*AND WHEREAS no objections were received in respect to the Board's proposals;*

*NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Centre Community Committee recommends to Executive Policy Committee that the proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates for the Osborne Village Business Improvement Zone, as adopted, be ratified by Executive Policy Committee and City Council.*

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That the proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates for the Osborne Village Business Improvement Zone for the year 1997 be adopted.

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

Adopted by consent.

**Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated January 15, 1997**

**Negotiations with the Winnipeg Police Senior Officers' Association**
**File GU-4.3.10 (Vol. 5)**

**245 -** 8. The current Collective Agreement has been expired since December 23, 1995. Bargaining proposals were exchanged in November of 1995. Limited negotiation has taken place since then. On January 7, 1997, Executive Policy Committee directed the City's bargaining team to enter into expedited negotiations. The proposed Memorandum is outlined in Appendix "A".

The proposed Memorandum calls for a three year agreement, for 1996, 1997 and 1998.

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That the Negotiating Team for the City of Winnipeg be authorized to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement with The Winnipeg Police Senior Officers' Association, with the terms and conditions as set out in Appendix "A", subject to ratification by The Winnipeg Police Senior Officers' Association.

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

Adopted by consent.

(See Minute No. 330 for attachment)

**Appointment of Citizen Members to the Access Advisory Committee**
**File CR-3 (Vol. 4) c/r GC-7 (Vol. 26)**

**246 -** 9. On January 25, 1995, Council adopted Clause 20 of the Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated January 18, 1995, approving the new terms of Reference for the Access Advisory Committee including the composition of said Committee as follows:

- two members from City Council
- eight members with disabilities
- two members who may or may not have a disability, but are interested in access issues
- the Mayor as an ex-officio member

On January 24, 1996, Council appointed four citizen members to the Access Advisory Committee for a two year term to expire on December 31, 1997, namely: Brennan Childs, Theresa Anne Swedick, David L. Rapson and Dule Vicovac.

On April 24, 1996, Council appointed Marilyn Hendzel to the Access Advisory Committee for a two year term to expire on December 31, 1997.

The Selection Committee has reviewed applications for citizen members to the Access Advisory Committee and has made recommendations relative thereto, namely, that the following citizen members be appointed to the Access Advisory Committee for a two year term to expire on December 31, 1998:

Terrence Merrick Beeman
Shelley Saunders
David Tweed

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

Adopted by consent.

**Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated January 15, 1997**

**Appointment of Citizen Members to the Board of Adjustment**
**File GK-12 (Vol. 5) c/r GC-7 (Vol. 26)**

**247 -** 10. Section 651(1) of The City of Winnipeg Act provides that Council shall in each year, appoint a Board of Adjustment to consider applications for variances and conditional uses and the Board shall consist of such number of members, as the Council shall decide. By-law No. 5894/92 and amendments thereto limits the number of members to no more than six.

On January 25, 1995, Council re-appointed William J. Lyons as Chairperson of the Board of Adjustment for a three-year term to expire December 31, 1997 and also appointed Lyle M. Smordin as a citizen member to the Board of Adjustment for a three year term to expire December 31, 1997.

On April 24, 1996, Council appointed Brian Hurst as a citizen member to the Board of Adjustment for a three year term to expire December 31, 1998. Council also appointed Arlene Ratuski as Vice Chairperson to the Board of Adjustment for a three year term expiring December 31, 1998.

The Selection Committee has reviewed applications for citizen members to the Board of Adjustment and recommends that the following Citizen Members be appointed for a three year term expiring December 31, 1999, namely:

William David Evans Mark G. Morgan

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

Adopted by consent.

**Appointment of Citizen Members to the Board of Revision**
**File GK-11.1 (Vol.2) c/r GC-7 (Vol. 26)**

**248 -** 11. Section 35(1) of The Municipal Assessment Act provides that Council shall in each year by resolution, appoint a Board of Revision to revise the assessment rolls and the Board shall consist of such number of members, not fewer than three, as the Council shall decide.

The Selection Committee has considered a number of applications for the appointment to the Board of Revision in order to allow the Board of Revision to continue to hear appeals at the current expanded rate and recommends that the following persons be appointed as citizen members to the Board of Revision for a one year term to expire December 31, 1997, namely:

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

Hugh Spence Forbes Allison
Roy Anders
Ed Baetz
James S. Barrie
Darleen V. Bodanski
Roland Boisvert
Ray Brunka
Tom Butterworth
Henri L. Daudet
Claude Davis
R. L. English
John Edward Ford
Claude Fredericks
Randall T. Gibbons
H. K. Bud Holohan
Max W. Goldack
Rod Jagger
Louis Levine
Douglas G. Lowry
Verne Lozinski
Bill MacInnis
Drew McArton
Brady McCrae
John R. McDougall
Gordon W. McGarva
Ron L. Merritt
Donald M. Mitchelson
Sheila Marguerita Murphy
C. H. “Bud” Newton
John G. Owen
Nancy Ann Parkhill
Edward H. (Ed) Ploszay
Allan D. Poapst
Dennis Victor Scott-Herridge
Gilbert St. Amant
Gordon S. Strong
Nick Zajic

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The Executive Policy Committee further recommends that Randall T. Gibbons be appointed as Presiding Officer - Chairperson of the Board of Revision for a one-year term to expire December 31, 1997.

Adopted by consent.

(See Minute No. 237 for opposition recorded by Councillor Golden)

**Appointments to the Community and Race Relations Committee**
**File CR (Vol. 10) c/r GC-7 (Vol. 26)**

**249 -** 12. On July 12, 1995, Council approved the recommendations outlined in Clause 2 of the Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated June 21, 1995, establishing the membership of the Community and Race Relations Committee, namely:

Mayor of the City of Winnipeg
Past Chairperson of the Committee
One Representative from the Education Community
One Representative from the Business Community
One Representative from the Ethnocultural Community
One Aboriginal Representative
One Member of Council
Chief of Police
Chief Commissioner
One Youth Representative
One Labour Representative

On May 22, 1996, Council appointed three citizen members to the Community and Race Relations Committee, as Institutional Representatives, for an 18 month term expiring in June of 1997, namely:

Ian Band as the representative from the Aboriginal Community
Amangeet Sidhu as the representative from the Youth Community
Resty Taruc as the representative from the Ethnocultural Community

On September 25, 1996, Council appointed Councillor Silva to the Community and Race Relations Committee for the balance of the Council term.

The Selection Committee has reviewed the applications submitted by those persons interested in being appointed to the Community and Race Relations Committee and recommends:

I. That the following persons be appointed as Institutional Representatives to the Community and Race Relations Committee for the balance of an 18-month term to expire December 31, 1997, namely:

Linda H. C. Purcell as the Labour representative
Rita Zuba Prokopetz as the representative from the Business Community
Fred Stambrook as the representative from the Education Community

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

Adopted by consent.

**Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated January 15, 1997**

**Appointments to the Records Committee**
**File GK-5 (Vol. 7) c/r GC-7 (Vol. 26)**

**250 -** 13. On July 24, 1996, Council adopted Clause 3 of the Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated July 17, 1996, approving draft By-law No. 6875/96 guiding departments in the management, retention, safe-keeping and disposition and destruction of records.

By-law No. 6875/96 also establishes a Records Committee comprised as follows:

(i) the City Archivist, or designate, who shall be the Chairman of the Committee
(ii) the City Clerk, or designate
(iii) the City Treasurer, or designate
(iv) the City Auditor, or designate
(v) the City Solicitor, or designate
(vi) two citizen members who shall not be employees of the city and whose term shall be for not more than 3 years.

The Selection Committee recommends that the following citizen members be appointed to the Records Committee for a one-year term to expire December 31, 1997, namely:

DeLloyd J. Guth Tom Nesmith

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

Adopted by consent.

**Appointments to the St. Boniface Museum Board**
**File PR-9.3 (Vol. 5) c/r GC-7 (Vol. 26)**

**251 -** 14. On June 19, 1996, Council adopted Clause 6 of the Report of the Committee on Protection Parks and Culture dated June 3, 1996, recommending the following amendments to the St. Boniface Museum By-law, namely:

1. Amend Clause 4(a) of the By-law to permit the appointment of nine instead of eight members to the Board (of whom one shall be a Councillor and eight shall be citizens);

2. Amend Clause 2 of the By-law to read as follows: "Citizen" means a person other than a Councillor who is an inhabitant of the Community and is entitled to vote in the municipal elections of the said City and is functional in both Official Languages.

3. Amend Clause 2 of the By-law to define the word "Community" as including the entire City, rather than just the Riel Community.

On April 24, 1996, Council appointed Gilbert St. Amant as a citizen member to the St. Boniface Museum Board for a two year term expiring in November, 1997.

On July 24, 1996, Council passed By-law No. 6858/96 approving the above-mentioned amendments to the St. Boniface Museum By-law, and appointed the following persons to the St. Boniface Museum Board for a two-year term expiring in November, 1997, namely:

Guy Préfontaine
Jacques Rollier
Gary Tessier

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The Selection Committee recommends that the following persons be appointed to the St. Boniface Museum Board as citizen members for a two year term to expire December 31, 1998, namely:

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| Luc Cote | Charles Gagne |
| Alfred Monnin | Sylvie Ross |

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

Adopted by consent.

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

**252 -** 15. The Executive Policy Committee has been advised that the terms of Janice Penner and Mary Richards as citizen members of The Forks North Portage Partnership have expired.

The Selection Commttee recommends that Janice Penner be appointed to fill in for the balance of the three-year term to expire May 26, 1998, and that Mary Richards be appointed to fill in for the balance of the three-year term to expire May 26, 1999.

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

Adopted by consent.

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**EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE**

**DATED JANUARY 22, 1997**

On motion of Deputy Mayor Eadie, the Report of the Executive Policy Committee, dated January 22, 1997, was considered clause by clause.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Eadie,
That the Consent Agenda Clauses 1,2,3,4,5,6,7 and 8 be adopted.

Councillor Thomas requested that Clause 1 be pulled from the Consent Agenda.

**253 -** Councillor Golden asked to be recorded as having voted against Clause 2, in accordance with Rule 50.7 of the Procedure By-law.

Councillor Lazarenko requested that Clause 6 be pulled from the Consent Agenda.

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

The motion to adopt the Consent Agenda, Clauses 2,3,4,5 and 8 was put and declared carried.

**Policy Confirmation Re: Amusement Tax Payments to Winnipeg Enterprises Corporation File F-5 (Vol. 20)**

**254 -** 1. On December 19, 1979, City Council approved an annual grant payment to Winnipeg Enterprises Corporation (WEC) of an amount equal to the amusement taxes collected on all events held at the Winnipeg Arena from October 1, 1979 - December 31, 1987.

On July 29, 1987 Council approved an extension by authorizing Winnipeg Enterprises Corporation to retain amusement tax from all events held in all facilities under Winnipeg Enterprises Corporation control. The amendment was part of a financial package which was approved in conjunction with the Arena Expansion Program. The agreement was to end in the year 2000 but due to the recent departure of the Jets, it is arguable that the agreement has been technically terminated. The City Solicitor has advised that as at this point in time, "the City can terminate such payments effective with the date that the WEC/Winnipeg Jets lease was terminated".

In 1996 the Winnipeg Jets Hockey Club franchise was sold. The Club was exempt from collecting amusement tax. In the fall of 1996, the Manitoba Moose began operating and collecting amusement tax on their games. This, in addition to other arena events, generated additional amusement tax revenue of $670,000 in 1996. The refund is expected by WEC as part of its normal annual budget and it has no impact on the overall financial position of the City. However, the budget for amusement tax from all other sources, other than WEC, has exceeded actual for several years. In 1996, a projected shortfall from other sources of $322,000 results in total amusement tax revenue increasing by only $348,000 ($670,000 less shortfall of $322,000).

The City of Winnipeg Amusement Tax By-Law No. 3107/81 provides the City with the authority to impose a tax on persons attending places of amusement. The tax is 10% of the admission price, on admissions of $5.00 or more. The by-law provides exemptions from the amusement tax in certain situations providing the organization meets certain criteria. The revenue collected is disbursed to non-profit community arts groups and amateur sports groups by way of grants. The total annual grant is guaranteed at a minimum of $1,974,552, whether or not the guaranteed amount is in fact collected.

Appendix “A” illustrates that the net amusement tax collected (after the refund to WEC) has been considerably less than the guaranteed grants of $1,974,552. The difference between net amusement tax revenue and the total guaranteed grant has been 1994 - $767,000, 1995 - $821,000 and projected for 1996 - $897,000.

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The Executive Policy Committee recommends that the City confirm its policy of providing an annual grant to WEC equal to the Amusement Tax raised on account of events held at WEC facilities and that for 1996, an additional appropriation be approved in the amount of $670,000 which reflects the additional revenue received from WEC. In future years, the routine of balancing revenues and expense related to the amusement tax collected by WEC be delegated to The Board of Commissioners.

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That the City confirm its policy of providing an annual grant to Winnipeg Enterprises Corporation equal to the Amusement Tax raised on account of events held at WEC facilities;

II. That for 1996, an additional appropriation in the amount of $670,000 be approved which reflects the actual additional revenue received from Winnipeg Enterprises Corporation;

III. That in future years, the routine of balancing the revenues and expense related to the amusement tax raised on account of events held at WEC facilities be delegated to The Board of Commissioners.

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

Moved by Deputy Mayor Eadie,
Adoption of the clause.

Moved by Councillor Lazarenko,
That the clause be referred to the Committee on Finance and Administration.

The motion to refer the clause to the Committee on Finance and Administration was put.

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

Yea: Councillors Golden, Lazarenko, Murray, Thomas and Vandal. 5

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

and the motion to refer the clause to the Committee on Finance and Administration was declared lost.

The motion for the adoption of the clause was put.

At the request of Councillor Timm-Rudolph, Council considered the first two recommendations together and the third recommendation separately.

The first and second recommendations were put.

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

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

Nay: Councillors Golden, Lazarenko, Murray, Thomas and Vandal. 5

and the first and second recommendations were declared carried.

The third recommendation was put.

**Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated January 22, 1997**

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

Yea: Councillors Prystanski, Clement, Lubosch, O'Shaughnessy, Phillips, Silva, Steek, Deputy Mayor Eadie, Her Worship Mayor Thompson and Councillor Angus. 10

Nay: Councillors Golden, Lazarenko, Murray, Thomas, Timm-Rudolph and Vandal. 6

and the third recommendation was declared carried.

**Appointment to the Winnipeg 2000 Leaders Committee File G-8 (Vol. 4)**

**255** - 2. On May 9, 1990, Council adopted Clause 1 of the Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated May 9, 1990, appointing a number of persons to the Winnipeg 2000 Leaders Committee and the Leaders Advisory Committee and directed that any new appointment changes be approved by Council.

On January 10, 1997, a communication was received from Klaus Thiessen, President & CEO of Winnipeg 2000 Economic Development Corporation recommending the appointment of John Loewen to the Winnipeg 2000 Leaders Committee.

The Executive Policy Committee concurs with the recommendation that John Loewen be appointed to the Winnipeg 2000 Leaders Committee and submits same to Council for its approval.

Adopted by consent.

(See Minute No. 253 for opposition recorded by Councillor Golden)

**West End Business Improvement Zone - 1997 Proposed Program, Zone Levy and Budget Estimates File FL-7.7 (Vol. 2)**

**256** - 3. On March 6, 1991, Council adopted By-law No. 5650/91, as amended, being a By-law of The City of Winnipeg to designate a Business Improvement Zone to be known as the West End Business Improvement Zone and to establish a Management Board for the Zone. By-law No. 5650/91, as amended, requires that the Business Improvement Zone prepare its proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates for the consideration of Council.

The West End Business Improvement Zone at its Annual General Meeting held on January 6, 1997, tentatively approved the global amount of $218,100, subject to further discussion at an additional duly advertised meeting to be held on January 29, 1997 as outlined in Appendix "A".

The Executive Policy Committee recommends that pursuant to By-law No. 5650/91, as amended, Council request the City Centre Community Committee to conduct a public meeting to hear representations with respect to the proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates for the year 1997 and to provide recommendations to Council within 60 days from receipt of Council's request.

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

Adopted by consent.

**Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated January 22, 1997**

**Downtown Transcona Business Improvement Zone - Proposed Program, Zone Levy and Budget Estimates - 1997**
**File FL-7.12 (Vol. 1)**

**257** - 4. On December 20, 1995, Council adopted By-law No. 6729/95, being a By-law of The City of Winnipeg to designate a Business Improvement Zone to be known as the Downtown Transcona Business Improvement Zone and to establish a Management Board for the Zone. By-law No. 6729/95 requires that the Business Improvement Zone prepare its proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates for the consideration of Council.

The Downtown Transcona Business Improvement Zone at its Annual General Meeting held on October 2, 1996, approved the proposed annual program and budget for 1997.

On November 20, 1996, Council requested the East Kildonan - Transcona Community Committee to conduct a public meeting to hear representations with respect to the proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates for the year 1997 and to provide recommendations to Council.

On January 21, 1997, the East Kildonan-Transcona Community Committee had before it for consideration a communication dated November 20, 1996, from the City Clerk with respect to the above matter.

The Community Committee passed the following motion:

*WHEREAS a public meeting to review the proposed program, zone levies and budget estimates for the Downtown Transcona Business Improvement Zone was duly advertised in The Winnipeg Free Press and The Winnipeg Sun on January 3, 1997, in accordance with Section 17 of By-law No. 6729/95;*

*AND WHEREAS no objections were received in respect to the Board's proposals;*

*NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the East Kildonan - Transcona Community Committee recommends to Executive Policy Committee that the proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates for the Downtown Transcona Business Improvement Zone, as adopted, be ratified by Executive Policy Committee and City Council.*

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That the proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates for the Downtown - Transcona Business Improvement Zone for the year 1997 be adopted.

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

Adopted by consent.

**Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated January 22, 1997**

**Development of Guidelines for the Ombudsman to follow**
**File GL-5. 8 (Vol. 11)**

**258 -** 5. On May 23, 1996, Council at its reconvened meeting, ruled automatic referral of the following motion to the Executive Policy Committee, under Rule 16.1 of the Procedure By-law No. 5400/90:

*Moved by Councillor Angus,*
*Seconded by Councillor Eadie,*

*WHEREAS subsection 66(2) of The City of Winnipeg Act provides for Council to pass a by-law in regard to the ombudsman, which may include guidelines for the ombudsman to follow in performing the duties of the position;*

*AND WHEREAS Council at its meeting of March 4, 1992, adopted By-law No. 5901/92 which provided for the appointment and position of ombudsman, but did not specifically identify guidelines for the ombudsman to follow in performing the duties of the position;*

*THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Executive Policy Committee be requested to develop guidelines for the ombudsman to follow in performing the duties of the position, and that By-law 5901/92 be amended accordingly.*

On October 23, 1996, Council granted an extension of time of 90 days to allow for further consideration inasmuch as the report from the Administration had not been submitted.

On January 22, 1997, the Executive Policy Committee considered a communication dated November 13, 1996, from the Ombudsman addressed to the Deputy Mayor addressing the process and procedures following submission of a report to City Council. A copy of the communication is attached as Appendix ”A”.

The Executive Policy Committee concurs with Option #1 contained in Appendix “A” and recommends that following submission of a report by the Ombudsman to City Council, the matter be referred immediately to either the Standing Committee(s) with jurisdiction over the subject matter of the complaint, or the Secretariat Committee for review and report back to City Council.

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

Adopted by consent.

**1995 Operational Review of the Winnipeg Housing Rehabilitation Corporation**
**Files FA-2 (Vol. 32) & Ex-9 (Vol. 6)**

**259 -** 6. On June 19, 1996, Council passed the following motion, namely:

*Moved by Councillor Angus,*
*Seconded by Councillor Lazarenko,*

*WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg Audit Department has completed an Operational Review of the Winnipeg Housing Rehabilitation Corporation, and a copy of the Review has been forwarded to all members of Council;*

*THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 1995 Operational Review of the Winnipeg Housing Rehabilitation Corporation be referred to the Executive Policy Committee for its consideration and report back to Council on the recommendations of the Audit Department contained therein.*

On September 11, 1996, Executive Policy Committee referred the matter to the Audit Committee for further discussion with the City Auditor for report back.

**Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated January 22, 1997**

The Executive Policy Committee requests an additional extension of time of 60 days in order to further consider this matter.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Eadie,
Adoption of the clause.

Carried.

**Request for a Business and Operational Plan from The Winnipeg Housing Rehabilitation Corporation**
**Files FA-2 (Vol. 32) & Ex-9 (Vol. 6)**

**260 -** 7. On January 22, 1997, the Executive Policy Committee passed the following resolution, namely:

*WHEREAS the original mandate of The Winnipeg Housing Rehabilitation Corporation called for the acquisition, repair and recycling of approximately 395 homes over a five year program;*

*AND WHEREAS Winnipeg Housing Rehabilitation Corporation has continued in operation for almost 20 years, but is not fulfilling its original mandate, namely to acquire, repair and recycle housing stock for low income tenants;*

*AND WHEREAS the Federal and Provincial Governments no longer funds the Winnipeg Housing Rehabilitation Corporation which leaves the corporation with fewer revenues, and the corporation has now become a property manager which runs a yearly deficit;*

*AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg provides yearly funds to The Winnipeg Housing Rehabilitation Corporation, but the liabilities are outweighing the assets of the corporation;*

*AND WHEREAS in order to return to the original mandate and provide upgraded housing stock for low income tenants, the corporation should be dissolved by the Board of Directors and a new plan for this service be proceeded with;*

*THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of The City of Winnipeg hereby request the Members appointed by it to the Winnipeg Housing Rehabilitation Corporation to submit, pursuant to the Articles of Incorporation and the By-laws of the Organization, a motion for the dissolution of that Organization to the Winnipeg Housing Rehabilitation Corporation for its consideration.*

*AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Council of The City of Winnipeg request the members appointed by it to the Winnipeg Housing Rehabilitation Corporation, to develop a business and operational plan that will direct the Corporation back to its original mandate, that is, the acquisition, repair and recycling of existing housing stock;*

and submits this resolution to Council for approval.

Moved by Councillor Silva,
Adoption of the clause.

In amendment,

Moved by Councillor Thomas,
Seconded by Councillor Murray,

BE IT RESOLVED since one cannot both “dissolve” and “develop a business and operational plan”, that the first therefore be it resolved be deleted from the clause.

**Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated January 22, 1997**

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

The Speaker advised that on Council's direction, Rule 6.1 of the Procedure By-law would be suspended and that Council would not recess until conclusion of the deliberation of the clause.

The amendment was put.

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

Yea: Councillors Golden, Lazarenko, Lubosch, Murray, Thomas and Vandal. 6

Nay: Councillors Prystanski, Clement, O'Shaughnessy, Phillips, Silva, Steek, Timm-Rudolph, Deputy Mayor Eadie, Her Worship Mayor Thompson and Councillor Angus. 10

and the amendment was declared lost.

The motion for the adoption of the clause was put.

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

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

Nay: Councillors Lazarenko, Lubosch, Murray, Thomas and Vandal. 5

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

Council recessed at 12:08 p.m., and reconvened at 1:37 p.m., same members present.

Councillors Lubosch and Silva entered the meeting after Council had reconvened.

## Civic Benefit Plans File GG-2 (Vol. 23)

**261** - 8. On September 26, 1996, Council at its reconvened meeting, ruled automatic referral of the following motion to the Executive Policy Committee, under Rule 16.1 of the Procedure By-law No. 5400/90:

*Moved by Councillor Lazarenko,*
*Seconded by Councillor Murray,*

*WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg strives to have fair and equitable employment policies:*

*AND WHEREAS The Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms is redefining dependents and broadening the definition of families:*

*THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Police Committee review the definition of dependents in civic pension, health and benefit plans and bring forward a policy to include all legal dependent family members in civic benefit plans.*

On October 9, 1996, the Executive Policy Committee referred the matter to the Administration for report back.

The Executive Policy Committee requests an additional extension of time of 120 days in order to further consider this matter.

Adopted by consent.

**REPORT OF THE**

**EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE**

**DATED JANUARY 29, 1997**

On motion of Her Worship Mayor Thompson, the rule was suspended and the Report of the Executive Policy Committee, dated January 29, 1997, was considered clause by clause.

**Appointment of a Chief Financial Officer**
**File GP-1.29 (Vol. 1)**

**262 -** 1. On March 18, 1996, Council appointed Mr. John Scurfield, Q.C., as the Inquiry Officer to conduct the City of Winnipeg's "Property Tax Inquiry". Mr. John Scurfield submitted his report at a Special Meeting of the Executive Policy Committee on July 23, 1996. Amongst its analysis and recommendations, the report recognized that it would be desirable to have a chief financial officer to oversee all financial responsibilities of the City.

On September 25, 1996, Council adopted Clause 12 of Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated September 18, 1996 and resolved that a chief financial officer position be created. In addition, Executive Policy Committee was directed to undertake the recruitment and selection of a suitable candidate and report back to Council.

Ernst and Young, Management Consultants, were contracted to assist in conducting a search for a suitable candidate. After an extensive provincial and national search, the Selection Committee, consisting of Her Worship Mayor Thompson, Deputy Mayor Eadie, Councillors Clement, O'Shaughnessy, Silva and Steek, and Chief Commissioner Frost interviewed six short-listed candidates. Mr. Robert P. Gannon was the unanimous recommendation of the Committee.

Mr. Gannon has served in the capacity of senior executive for financial planning and fiscal management in a number of industries including manufacturing, distribution, and financial services. His last position was Vice-President Finance and Treasurer with James Richardson and Sons Limited. He has an impressive reputation for successfully redesigning financial reporting systems and participating in organizational restructuring. Mr. Gannon is a Chartered Accountant and holds a Master of Business Administration. Mr. Gannon resides in Winnipeg with his wife and three children.

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That Robert P. Gannon, MBA, CA, be appointed to the position of Chief Financial Officer, at Step 21 of Level XII of the Senior Management salary scale ($123,552 per annum) on a contract to be negotiated based on instructions from Executive Policy Committee.

II. That the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the appropriate amendment to By-law No. 6550/95, the City's Organizational By-law to establish an administrative division comprising the Corporate Finance Department and the Assessment Department under the supervision of the Chief Financial Officer.

III. 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.

Carried.

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**Management Agreement - Restoration and Renovation of the Assiniboine Park Pavilion as an Art Gallery and Restaurant - Pavilion Museum Inc.**
**File PR-7.1 (Vol. 8) (c/r PR-3 (Vol 6)**

**263** - 2. The Executive Policy Committee has been advised that the Solicitors for the Pavilion Museum Inc. have advised The City's Legal Services Branch that Council's terms and conditions of the agreement between The City of Winnipeg and Pavilion Museum Inc. as adopted by Council on December 11, 1996, are acceptable, together with those changes as set out in the following resolution.

The Executive Policy Committee has reconsidered Clause 2 of the Report of the Committee on Finance and Administration dated January 21, 1997 and is of the opinion that the matter should be filed inasmuch as the following resolution will consolidate the terms and conditions acceptable to both parties.

The Executive Policy Committee recommends that the following resolution be adopted by Council, namely:

WHEREAS Council on December 11, 1996 adopted Clause 6 of the report of the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture with respect to the above matter which recommended:

1. That authorization be provided to finalize either a Management Agreement or a Lease Agreement between The City of Winnipeg and the Pavilion Museum Inc. (Pavilion Museum Inc.) incorporating the terms and conditions as outlined in Appendix "A" together with such other terms and conditions as deemed necessary by the City Solicitor/Manager of Legal Services and the Director of Parks and Recreation to implement the intent of Council, in order that the redevelopment work can commence in January 1997 in readiness for re-opening to the public on July 1, 1997.

2. That the proper officers in the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the foregoing including the execution of any necessary documents related thereto;

AND WHEREAS Committee on Finance and Administration at its meeting held January 6, 1997 adjourned to January 7, 1997 and at its meeting held January 21, 1997 considered the terms and conditions of such Management Agreement;

AND WHEREAS it is in the interests of the City and Pavilion Museum Inc. to further clarify such terms and conditions;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council ratify and confirm terms and conditions of an agreement between The City of Winnipeg and Pavilion Museum Inc. as adopted by Council at its meeting held December 11, 1996 subject to adjustment of such terms and conditions to provide for the following:

1. That the City's responsibility for repair and maintenance shall not extend to the interior of the Facility but will include the exterior of the Facility once all renovation and restoration work is complete, provided that any expenditure requested in this regard be submitted in accordance with City's budget procedures, that is, no new capital projects in the first three (3) years of a capital budget.

2. That Pavilion Museum Inc. establish and maintain a sinking fund equivalent to three (3%) percent of gross revenues from all sources which fund would be used to meet its obligations to repair and maintain the Facility under the agreement.

3. That construction, rehabilitation and renovation work proceed in two stages; Stage One consisting of the renovation of the existing Pavilion building at an aggregate cost of approximately $2,500,000.00 and Stage Two consisting of the construction of the new greenhouse-style restaurant in the pergola area at a cost of approximately $1,500,000.00. Work on any stage of development will not commence prior to sufficient funds being in place or committed to meet the cost of such work.

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4. That the developed Facility be limited to those lands and buildings contained within boundaries identified by broken line on attached sketch identified as Appendix "B", the exact limits and dimensions of which shall be defined by Pavilion Museum Inc. in consultation with the City's Director of Parks and Recreation.

5. That the Facility be open to the public a minimum of forty (40) hours per week with the general public having access to the main floor washroom.

6. That all work on the Facility be subject to architectural certification in accordance with the plans approved by The City of Winnipeg.

7. That if the City at any time in the future imposes charges for entry to the Park, the patrons of the Facility will not be exempt.

8. That the City shall maintain the existing water service at the Pavilion, and, at it sole cost and expense be responsible for providing adequate sanitary/wastewater sewer services to the Facility sufficient for the proper and efficient operation of the Facility. All other utilities or services required at the Facility shall be the responsibility of the Pavilion Museum Inc.

9. That security in the Park in excess of what is currently provided shall be at the cost of Pavilion Museum Inc. provided that the requirement for such security arises out of the operation of the Facility.

10. That the date for completion of construction, renovation and rehabilitation work at the Facility be extended to such date as is reasonably acceptable in the opinion of the Director of Parks and Recreation.

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

The Speaker advised that the clause would be tabled for consideration with Clause 2 of the Report of the Committee on Finance and Administration dated January 21, 1997.

(See Minute No. 327 for disposition)

## EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

## MOTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

(Laid over by Council on December 11, 1996)

Moved by Councillor Vandal,
Seconded by Councillor Thomas,

**264 -** WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg has a large number of Aboriginal residents;

WHEREAS the Aboriginal community of Winnipeg is diverse and comprised of First Nation, Métis, Inuit and non status Indians;

WHEREAS the Aboriginal Council of Winnipeg represents the interests of urban Aboriginal peoples of Winnipeg on an inclusive or status blind basis;

WHEREAS the Aboriginal community is often adversely affected by Federal and Provincial policy and program changes with such changes having an impact on urban Aboriginal peoples and on the provision of City services, including health, policing and other supports;

WHEREAS the report of the Royal Commission on Aboriginal Peoples recommended that Municipal governments establish Aboriginal Affairs committees to provide advice and guidance on urban Aboriginal issues;

WHEREAS the Federal Government Policy Guide on the Implementation of the Inherent Right and the Negotiation of Aboriginal Self-Government recognizes that municipal governments and Aboriginal peoples must have meaningful opportunities to have input into the negotiation processes that may directly affect their interests.

WHEREAS active planning and involvement as between the City of Winnipeg and Aboriginal peoples will provide for an effective means to make joint representations to the Federal and Provincial governments on issues arising out of policy and program changes, with a view to preventing any negative impact that may result from these changes to the City of Winnipeg and Aboriginal peoples;

WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg has been chosen as the first urban area to be considered for research into the issue of self-determination for Aboriginal peoples;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT :

1. Council establish an Aboriginal Affairs Committee to provide guidance and advice on Aboriginal issues and to make representations to the Federal and Provincial government relating to Aboriginal issues.

2. The Committee be chaired by Councillor Dan Vandal and that the Aboriginal Council of Winnipeg, the Manitoba Métis Federation and the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs be a member of the committee.

3. The resources and office of the Director of Intergovernmental Affairs and Business Liaison and the Planning Department be involved in the Committee.

Moved by Councillor Vandal,

That the motion be referred to the Executive Policy Committee.

Carried.

## EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

## MOTIONS

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

**265 -** WHEREAS at the Public Hearing held on November 27, 1996 to consider a Proposed Amendment to Plan Winnipeg it was presented that the amendment, if approved, would be contingent upon the registration in the Winnipeg Land Titles Office of a caveat recording Zoning Agreement DAZ 222/96 against the land affected thereby as a first charge, other than any caveat filed by The City of Winnipeg or an "Area Municipality", as defined in The City of Winnipeg Act, any public utilities caveat or any building restriction caveat registered prior to the date of rezoning application DAZ 222/96;

AND WHEREAS Council on December 11, 1996 adopted Clause 1 of the Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated November 27, 1996 and gave second reading to By-law No. 6856/96, being a by-law of the City of Winnipeg to amend Plan Winnipeg By-law No. 5915/92 redesignating lands located between Gateway Road and The City of Winnipeg Hydro Transmission Line, South of Springfield Road from a "Neighbourhood" Policy Area to an "Industrial" Policy Area;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to Subsection 580(1) of The City of Winnipeg Act, five (5) certified copies of By-law No. 6856/96 have been forwarded to the Minister of Urban Affairs for approval;

AND WHEREAS By-law No. 6856/96 did not contain an enactment clause to reflect the intent that the by-law will not come into effect until registration in the Winnipeg Land Titles Office of the caveat as described;

AND WHEREAS pursuant to Section 631 of The City of Winnipeg Act, Council may, if it is of the opinion that a proposed amendment to a by-law is of a minor nature and does not prejudice the rights of any person, amend the by-law without conducting a public hearing;

AND WHEREAS it would be desirable to amend By-law No. 6856/96 in accordance with Section 631 of The City of Winnipeg Act to add the enactment clause upon third reading by Council;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following amendment be concurred in and presented at third reading of By-law No. 6856/96:

> "This By-law shall come into force and effect upon registration in the Winnipeg Land Titles Office of a caveat recording Zoning Agreement DAZ 222/96 against the land affected thereby as a first charge, other than any caveat filed by The City of Winnipeg or an "Area Municipality", as defined in The City of Winnipeg Act, any public utilities caveat or any building restriction caveat registered prior to the date of rezoning application DAZ 222/96."

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the aforementioned amendment be formally communicated to the Minister of Urban Affairs in accordance with Subsection 580(1) of The City of Winnipeg Act.

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

Moved by Councillor Silva,

That the rule be suspended to allow consideration of the motion at this time.

Carried.

The motion was put and declared carried.

**Executive Policy Committee - Motions (continued)**

Moved by Councillor Angus,
Seconded by Councillor Silva,
**266** - WHEREAS the 1997 & 1998 Current Estimates were tabled at the Executive Policy Committee Meeting of January 23, 1997;

AND WHEREAS the Current Estimates propose a tax increase of approximately 5 percent;

AND WHEREAS Members of Council are committed to fiscal prudence with relation to ongoing expenditures;

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

AND BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that the standard administrative report form be amended to acknowledge this identification.

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

Moved by Councillor Silva,
Seconded by Councillor Angus,
**267** - WHEREAS the Winnipeg Development Agreement is an interdisciplinary agreement involving a number of City of Winnipeg Departments;

AND WHEREAS the Winnipeg Development Agreement is an intergovernmental agreement between three levels of government;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the delegated authority to oversee the Winnipeg Development Agreement be delegated to the Executive Policy Committee of The City of Winnipeg.

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

Moved by Councillor Silva,
Seconded by Councillor O'Shaughnessy,
**268** - WHEREAS the West End Winnipeg Business Improvement Zone (the "Zone") was designated by By-law No. 5650/91;

AND WHEREAS By-law 5650/91 established a Board for the Zone consisting of seven (7) members of the Zone and one (1) Councillor;

AND WHEREAS on June 11, 1996, the City clerk received a petition from the Zone to alter and expand the boundaries of the said Zone and to expand the number of Board members to a total of twelve (12);

AND WHEREAS Council passed By-law 6939/96 on December 11, 1996, and thereby did expand the boundaries of the Zone;

AND WHEREAS it deemed expedient to expand the number of members of the Board to reflect the request contained within the petition, and the expansion of the boundaries of the Zone;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council expand the number of Board Members from a total of eight (8) members to thirteen (13).

**Executive Policy Committee - Motions (continued)**

The Speaker ruled automatic referral to the Executive Policy Committee, 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.

## EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

## CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

**269 -** On motion of Her Worship Mayor Thompson, the rule was suspended and By-law No. 6973/97, an initial borrowing by-law of The City of Winnipeg to authorize the borrowing of money by the issue and sale of debentures of the City in the principal amount of $40,987,249.00 to make expenditures for the purpose of the City in connection with its 1996 Supplementary Capital Estimates and to cancel certain unused borrowing authority by previous initial borrowing by-laws, was read a first time. File FC-2 (Vol. 18)

Her Worship Mayor Thompson moved that this constitute the first reading of By-law No. 6973/97, which motion was carried.

## EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

## QUESTION PERIOD

**270 -** Councillor Golden referred to correspondence pertaining to the Mr. Canada's Entertainment Network Inc. theatre proposal, which was addressed to the Chairperson of the Committee on Finance and Administration, and questioned if Her Worship had received a copy of the letter and had responded.

Her Worship noted that she was not aware of the letter and advised that she had just returned from her business trip and had not yet had an opportunity to attend to all correspondence.

The Speaker acknowledged Councillor Steek who noted that the letter simply indicated that Mr. Flett was still interested in discussing his proposal with the City as opposed to pursuing a lawsuit.

Councillor Golden noted that the letter, dated January 15, 1997, put forward a proposal to the City of Winnipeg which required a response. Councillor Golden further advised that he would circulate the letter to all Members of Council but expressed concern that the letter had not been previously shared with the Executive Policy Committee.

The Speaker acknowledged Councillor Silva who noted that the letter was addressed to Councillor Steek as Chairperson of the Steering Committee and advised that the committee, a sub-committee of the Executive Policy Committee, was dissolved by Executive Policy Committee resolution.

Councillor Lazarenko noted the City had contributed funding of approximately $175,000.00 for the Festival du Voyageur and questioned if the Mayor had been approached to place a City of Winnipeg advertisement in the Festival magazine given that advertisements appeared from other levels of government.

Her Worship noted that her staff had contacted the Festival communications person to ensure that the matter would be resolved by next year's issue.

**Executive Policy Committee - Question Period (continued)**

Councillor Murray referred to a motion tabled at Council regarding the Winnipeg Development Agreement (WDA) which proposed that the Executive Policy Committee be delegated authority to oversee the agreement and questioned why the motion was before Council. Councillor Murray further questioned if Her Worship was cognizant of the motion and inquired why persons actively involved with the WDA were not consulted.

The Speaker advised that this motion was not before Council as it had been automatically referred to the Executive Policy Committee and further directed Councillor Murray's question to the mover of the motion, Councillor Silva.

Councillor Silva referred to the complexity of the Winnipeg Development Agreement and noted that the motion was brought forward because the agreement had been difficult to administer due to its interdisciplinary / intergovernmental nature, and that this motion was meant to address these complexities.

Councillor Murray requested that the Chairperson, Councillor Silva, reconsider this position.

Councillor Silva noted the numerous City departments involved in Winnipeg Development Agreement programs and further noted that the Executive Policy Committee is the only committee with reporting responsibility for all departments. Councillor Silva also noted that the Executive Policy Committee is the delegated authority for Intergovernmental Affairs and further advised that the intent of the motion was simply to get the agreement moving and administered properly.

Councillor Golden questioned if Councillor Steek had responded to the January 15, 1997 correspondence received from Mr. Flett.

Councillor Steek replied in the negative and indicated that the Committee to which the matter had been referred no longer exists and that the reference was made to an ongoing initiative that had come to an end therefore a reply from himself would have been inappropriate.

Councillor Golden further questioned if Her Worship would respond to Mr. Flett's letter.

Her Worship Mayor Thompson replied in the affirmative.

Councillor Lazarenko noted the importance of the Flett letter and questioned why Councillor Steek had not distributed the letter to all Members of Council.

Councillor Steek reiterated the fact that the committee no longer existed and indicated that numerous Councillors were aware of the letter and that Councillor Golden had had the opportunity to bring the matter to the Committee on Finance and Administration for review and had not done so.

The Speaker called Councillor Thomas to the Chair in order to participate in the debate.

Councillor Lazarenko requested an update on the status of the Winnipeg Taxation Fairness Committee.

Councillor Steek advised that the committee would be in place shortly and noted that key committee members would meet with Her Worship on Friday, January 31, 1997.

Councillor Angus referred to the 1997 Preliminary Estimates introduced by Executive Policy Committeee which called for a 5.2 percent property tax increase and questioned how the increase would fit into the proposed economic business plan which was adopted by Council and called for a 5 percent property tax reduction.

Councillor O'Shaughnessy noted that the Financial Management Plan called for a reduction on overall spending and the percentage of funds raised through property tax, not a 5 percent reduction in property taxes. Councillor O'Shaughnessy further noted that taxes could go down 20 percent or up 15 percent depending on the City's overall spending.

**Executive Policy Committee - Question Period (continued)**

Councillor Angus questioned how the proposed 5 percent reduction on property tax reliance initiative related to or affected the proposed 5.2 percent budget increase.

Councillor O'Shaughnessy stated that the matter of reliance on property taxes related to revenues and reaffirmed that the long term strategy was to reduce the budget's reliance on property taxes. He further noted that all Members of Council would be expected to work together to find ways to bring the proposed tax increase to zero percent.

Councillor Angus asked what percentage of property tax reliance is reflected in the proposed 5.2 percent tax increase.

Councillor O'Shaughnessy noted that with the inclusion of payment in lieu of taxes and business tax, it would amount to approximately 66 percent of the net budget.

Councillor Timm-Rudolph questioned whether Her Worship had had advance notice of the closing of the Molson Brewery plant and the sugar beet plants and further inquired as to what action was taken by the City, Winnipeg 2000 or the Province of Manitoba to stop the closures.

Her Worship noted that neither herself, the Provincial Minister or Winnipeg 2000 representatives were aware in advance of the plant closures. Her Worship further noted that the brewery industry was undergoing significant restructuring and that the sugar beet closure had been as a result of United States federal trade regulation changes.

The Acting Deputy Speaker, Councillor Thomas, called the Deputy Speaker, Councillor Prystanski, to the Chair.

Councillor Timm-Rudolph questioned if Molson Breweries and the sugar beet plants were aware that the City was looking at water rate restructuring.

Her Worship noted that they were in fact aware of the City's plans to look at water rate restructuring and further noted that plant closure at Molson Breweries was a result of the removal of provincial tariffs, market share problems, corporate restructuring and centralization.

Council here proceeded to consider the order of business - "Executive Policy Committee - Consideration of By-laws".

## EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

## CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

**271** - On motion of Her Worship Mayor Thompson, the rule was suspended and By-law No. 6975/97, a by-law of The City of Winnipeg to amend By-law No. 5650/91, being a By-law to designate a Business Improvement Zone to be known as the West End Business Improvement Zone, was read a first, second and third time, the rule being suspended for the third reading, and was passed and ordered to be signed and sealed.
File FL-7.7

The Speaker here resumed the Chair.