REPORT OF THE

COMMITTEE ON PROTECTION, PARKS AND CULTURE

DATED JANUARY 13, 1997

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

Moved by Councillor Clement,
That the Consent Agenda, Clauses 1,2,3,4 and 5 be adopted.

Carried.

Proposed Agreement for the Operation of the Chief Peguis Health and Fitness Centre
File PR-2 (Vol. 83)

292 - 1. The Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture has reconsidered Clause 3 of its Report dated December 2, 1996, which was referred back to it by Council at its meeting on December 11, 1996.

The Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture recommended therein:

I. That the operation of the Health and Fitness Centre located at the Chief Pequis Junior High School, 1400 Rothesay Street, be deemed to be feasible by the Parks and Recreation Department under the following terms and conditions:

1. That a formal operating agreement be drawn between the City of Winnipeg (Parks and Recreation Department) and the River East School Division No. 9 only; the term of said agreement to be for an initial period of two years.

2. That the agreement give the City of Winnipeg (Parks and Recreation Department) full management control over the Health and Fitness Centre, including but not limited to, decisions regarding hours of operation, fees and charges, program content, facility promotion, staff selection, and all other operational decisions at the site.

3. That the City of Winnipeg (Parks and Recreation Department) attempt to sustain the community involvement represented by the 1017 Co-op Inc. in the Health and Fitness Centre by encouraging that organization's role as an advisory body relative to the operation of the Fitness Centre.

4. That the City of Winnipeg continue to accept no liability for the current or future financial liabilities of the 1017 Co-op Inc., including those liabilities incurred in the capital development of the Fitness Centre.

5. That the 1017 Co-op Inc.'s involvement in the capital development of the Fitness Centre to date be recognized by the City of Winnipeg (Parks and Recreation Department) in that the Co-op be invited to continue to function as an advisory board to the Department relative to the operation of the Health and Fitness Centre.

6. That the 1017 Co-op Inc. modify their by-laws to reflect their revised role relative to the Fitness Centre's operation.

II. That in the absence of the aforementioned agreements being reached, the City of Winnipeg (Parks and Recreation Department) discontinue any active role in the management and/or operation of the Health and Fitness Centre.

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

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On January 13, 1997, Mr. Lawrence Bertram and Mr. Bob Garnet, Chief Peguis Health and Fitness Centre appeared in delegation at the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture in support of the proposed operating agreement for the Centre.

The Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture has further considered the foregoing and reaffirms its recommendations as outlined above, noting that the agreement for the operation of the Chief Peguis Health and Fitness Centre is to be on a full cost recovery basis, and therefore resubmits said clause with a recommendation for its adoption.

Copies of the 1017 Co-Op Inc. Business Plan, Parks and Recreation Department's Financial Status of the Project and the Project Income and Expense Statement, are on file in the Office of the City Clerk.

In amendment,

For the information of Council, the Executive Policy Committee wishes to advise that the intention of "full cost recovery" is that if any payment received from the Chief Peguis Health and Fitness Centre goes into arrears, that the Parks and Recreation Department staff be instructed to immediately cease all involvement with the facility.

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

Adopted by consent.

Request for Fee Waiver for Use of Auditorium at the North End Centennial Centre - North "Y" Seniors Members Club
File PR-2.10 (Vol. 9)

293 - 2. The Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture has been advised that the Lord Selkirk-West Kildonan Community Committee considered a request from the North "Y" Seniors Members Club for a waiver of fees associated with the use of the auditorium at the North End Centennial Centre from 2:15 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., Tuesday to Friday, every week.

On October 22, 1996, the Lord Selkirk-West Kildonan Community Committee recommended that inasmuch as the North YM/YWCA building is closed, and the members no longer have the North YM/YWCA available to them, that favourable consideration be given to waiving the fees for the use of the auditorium for a period of five (5) years or until such time as the North YM\YWCA is reopened.

As background history, the North Centennial Recreation Centre addition to the North Centennial Pool was completed in 1992. The North Centennial Seniors Association were instrumental in raising the $472,000.00 necessary for the construction of this facility. In recognition for their role in fundraising for the construction of this facility, the North Centennial Seniors Association was granted priority use for this facility at no charge as outlined in the conditions of a Letter of Understanding signed on August 17, 1992.

The North "Y" Seniors Members Club were allocated the use of the Board Room and Kitchen in the North Centennial Pool portion of this building for meetings at no charge when the North YW/YMCA was closed. In addition, this group utilizes the fitness and pool programs, but are charged the normal fees for these programs.

When the North YW/YMCA was closed the North Centennial Seniors Association invited the members of the North "Y" Seniors Members Club to join their group since the activities offered by both groups were similar, however, the North "Y" Seniors declined this invitation because they wanted to maintain their own identity.

Currently the North Centennial Seniors Association utilizes the North Centennial Recreation Centre from Monday to Wednesday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., on Thursday evening, and on Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

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The North "Y" Seniors Members Club have requested that they be given use of the North Centennial Recreation Centre, each week Tuesday to Friday from 2:15 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. As can be seen by the above current use by the North Centennial Seniors Association, the only two days that would be available to the North "Y" Seniors within the time frame of their request would be Thursday and Friday. As well, there is no storage space available in the centre for any additional supplies/ equipment as the storage rooms are currently filled to capacity.

The rental for the use of the North Centennial Recreation Centre for the two days per week that would be available to the North "Y" Seniors Members Club would be $1,440.00 per year or $7,200.00 for the five years that this group has requested. Waiver of these fees would result in an annual revenue loss for the City of $1,440.00 under the current Fees and Charges Schedule.

The Parks and Recreation Department also advised of the following considerations:

1. Waiver of fees in this instance would set a precedent that could lead to an even greater loss of revenue if other groups who have not made any sweat equity contributions to enhancing the City's facilities come forward with similar requests.

2. The seniors who are currently members of the North "Y" Seniors Members Club, do have the opportunity to continue to be active in enhancing the quality of their lives by joining the North Centennial Seniors Association in their activities at the North Centennial Recreation Centre and Pool. If they wish to meet separately, the pool boardroom and kitchen will continue to be available to them.

On January 13, 1997, Dr. Atish Maniar, President of the North "Y" Seniors Members Club appeared in delegation at the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture in support of the Club's request for a waiver of fees associated with the use of the auditorium at the North End Centennial Centre from 2:15 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., Tuesday to Friday, every week.

The Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture therefore recommends:

I. That the rental fees associated with the use of the auditorium at the North End Centennial Centre be waived for the North "Y" Seniors Members Club, for a period of five (5) years or until such time as the North YM/YWCA is reopened, with allocation of the specific hours of programming being delegated to the Director of Parks and Recreation, and acknowledging the priority user group (the North Centennial Seniors Association).

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

Adopted by consent.

Community Incentive Grant Program - Donwood School Parent Advisory Council
File PR-2.6(33) (Vol. 3)

294 - 3. The Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture has considered an application from the Donwood School Advisory Council for a Community Incentive Grant in the amount of $1,500.00 towards the acquisition of granite curling rocks and the construction of a storage unit for the curling rocks to thereby support the Jam Pail curling program at Donwood Elementary School at 400 Donwood Drive.

The application does not meet the program eligibility and selection criteria inasmuch as the project does not make a significant contribution to the long term benefit of the community at large in terms of improved facilities. In addition, the project will only remain accessible to the students and faculty of Donwood School, and therefore the community at large will not have access to the storage shed or use of the granite curling rocks.

On December 4, 1996, the East Kildonan-Transcona Community Committee recommended that the criteria for the Community Incentive Grant Program be waived in this instance, and a Community Incentive Grant in the amount of $1,500.00 be approved for this project.

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

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

II. That the amount of $1,500.00 be approved to the Donwood School Advisory Council for the purpose requested, subject to the following conditions:

(a) Confirmation of other funding sources;

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

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

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

Adopted by consent.

1997 Interim Operating Grants to Cultural Organizations File FG-1.1 (M)(R)(W)

295 - 4. On November 7, 1984, Council established the Winnipeg Arts Advisory Council and delegated it with the responsibility for screening of applications, definition of criteria and recommendations as to appropriate grant levels for cultural organizations. The Winnipeg Arts Advisory Council transits its recommendations to the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture.

On January 13, 1997, the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture considered and approved recommendations from the December 9, 1996, meeting of the Winnipeg Arts Advisory Council for interim operating grant funding to various cultural organizations.

Council Policy on Cultural Grants administered by the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture (C302) provides that the Committee shall adjudicate all applications within the global allocation and have final authority to approve grants which qualify under this policy, to an amount of $50,000.00 per individual grant. It shall submit to Council with its recommendation for approval, all requests for grants in excess of this amount.

The Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture therefore recommends:

I. That 1997 Interim Operating Grants be approved for the following cultural organizations:

Organization	Category	Interim Grant
Manitoba Theatre Centre	Theatre	$75,000.00
Royal Winnipeg Ballet	Dance	110,000.00
Winnipeg Art Gallery	Museums/Galleries	152,200.00
Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra	Music	55,000.00

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

Adopted by consent.

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Proposal to declare City-owned Riverbank Property situated adjacent to the Crescent Drive Park and Golf Course as surplus to the Parks and Recreation Department requirements - Assiniboia Community
File FI-2.4(31) (Vol. 2)

296 - 5. The Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture has been advised that on June 30, 1994, the Parks and Recreation Department provided written comments to the former Land and Surveys Department regarding the proposed sale of the property situated south of Crescent Drive and west of the Crescent Drive Park and Golf Course entrance, as identified on Plan No. 46-94. During the period between June 1994 and December 1996, the Parks and Recreation Department has consulted with representatives from the Land and Development Services Department and the local area Councillor regarding developability and disposal of the property.

With respect to the need for the subject property, the property is currently undeveloped and exists in a natural grassed state with shrubs and trees in proximity to the top of the riverbank. The property is presently located within the planning boundaries of the proposed future Fort Garry Riverbank Parkway, as shown on the Plan No. 48-94. The Parkway extends from Jubilee Avenue along the west bank of the Red River to the University of Manitoba riverbanks; utilizing publicly owned riverbanks and adjacent roadways for linkage purposes.

Crescent Drive, being a quiet, attractive residential street, will be utilized as a lineal parkway connector between riverbank properties for the future parkway. Given the character of private property ownership of lands situated between Crescent Drive and the Red River, it is highly unlikely that acquisition of the remaining adjacent private residential properties to the east as well as other residential properties along the Drive could be achieved within the next half century. Therefore, it is the opinion of the Parks and Recreation Department that the subject property is not required for future lineal riverbank linkage purposes.

In addition to reviewing the need for lineal riverbank parkway purposes, the Parks and Recreation Department also considered the need for retaining the property for community-local-neighbourhood access to the river. Currently, local area residents have the opportunity for accessing the river at several other locations within the community including Crescent Drive Park and Golf Course and the Wildwood Community Centre. As well, potential exists for establishing linear riverbank access at the Wildewood Club Golf Course and at the St. John's Ravenscourt School sites in the future through negotiations with the owners. As a result, the Parks and Recreation Department is satisfied that the Community is provided with sufficient existing and potential opportunities for direct public riverbank access, and therefore, the subject property is considered redundant to needs.

As well as considering the need for riverbank access, the Parks and Recreation Department examined the need for the property relative to potential expansion of Crescent Drive Park and determined that no significant benefits to the park could be achieved. As such, the Department has no objection to the sale of the land given the character of adjacent development of lands situated east of the property (Lots 52 through 55) for residential purposes.

With respect to the Riverbank Land Acquisition Account, the Five Year Capital Budget, and the Winnipeg Development Agreement, during 1996, the Parks and Recreation Department in conjunction with the Land and Development Services Department, disposed of approximately $6.5 million dollars of property under the jurisdiction of the Department. The funds from the sale of the properties was credited to the City's General Revenue Account in order to reduce the potential budget shortfall in 1996.

Recently, the Parks and Recreation Department has been informed that the budget allocations to the Land Acquisition for Riverbank Purposes Account for 1997 and 1998 are deleted as part of the proposed Five Year Capital Program. As such, funding for acquisitions to complete land assembly for the North Winnipeg, Assiniboine, Churchill and St. Boniface Parkways, as well as other opportunities to purchase riverbank properties as they become available will have no source of funding.

Given that assembly of properties is approximately 95% complete for each of the aforementioned riverbank parkways and that funding, in part, to develop each of the parkways is likely to become available from the Winnipeg Development Agreement under the Riverbank Program, the Parks and Recreation Department is highly supportive of directing the sale proceeds of this property to the Land Acquisition for Riverbank Purposes Account to provide funding to further the assembly of required riverbank properties.

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

The Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture therefore recommends:

I. That the property as shown on Plan No. 46-94 under the jurisdiction of the Parks and Recreation Department be declared as surplus and be disposed of accordingly.

II. That the Director of Land and Development Services be authorized to subdivide and dispose of the subject property for residential development purposes.

III. That the net proceeds from the sale of the property, estimated at $200,000.00, be credited to the Land Acquisition for Riverbank Purposes Account in order to provide capital funding for riverbank property acquisitions.

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

Copy of Plan Nos. 46-94 and 48-94 are on file in the Office of the City Clerk.

Adopted by consent.

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MOTIONS

Moved by Councillor Murray,
Seconded by Councillor Silva,

297 - WHEREAS Council on August 9, 1995, approved the acquisition of 512 and 514 Stradbrook Avenue, for local community parks and recreation purposes, and identified the source of funding as follows: $100,000 from the Fort Rouge Manitoba/Winnipeg Core Rehabilitation Program, $26,700 from the Land for General Unspecified Purposes Account, and $50,000 from the City Centre Community Incentive Grant Program; however, the Community Committee previously recommended that the aforesaid figure of $50,000 be allocated from the City Centre Land Dedication Account;

AND WHEREAS the City Centre Community Committee did not make a recommendation to allocate funding in the amount of $50,000.00 from its Community Incentive Grant Program for this property acquisition;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the source of funding for the acquisition of the properties located at 512 and 514 Stradbrook Avenue be amended with respect to the aforesaid figure of $50,000 to be allocated from the City Centre Land Dedication Account rather than the City Centre Community Incentive Grant Program.

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

Moved by Councillor Murray,

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

Carried.

The motion was put and declared carried.

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QUESTION PERIOD

298 - The Deputy Speaker recognized Councillor Timm-Rudolph who referred to recent fire protection services provided to Border Chemicals. Councillor Timm-Rudolph noted that Border Chemicals paid the City approximately $7,600.00 for services rendered. Councillor Timm-Rudolph further advised that representatives from Border Chemicals were currently negotiating with the City of Winnipeg for the provision of future fire services.

Councillor Angus referred to the draft current estimates and questioned if the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture had considered a trial experiment whereby community clubs would take responsibility for numerous initiatives currently performed by the Parks and Recreation Department, and what the budget impacts would be for 1997 and 1998.

Councillor O'Shaughnessy noted that the concept was to be looked at over the next four years and that it would be considered by the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture. He further noted that the concept may not have budget implications in that its focus was on increased community involvement.