REPORT OF THE

COMMITTEE ON PROTECTION, PARKS AND CULTURE

DATED NOVEMBER 4, 1996

On motion of Councillor O'Shaughnessy, the Report of the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture, dated November 4, 1996, was considered clause by clause.

Moved by Councillor O'Shaughnessy,
That the Consent Agenda, Clauses 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,9,10 and 11 be adopted.

Carried.

Renewal of Funding Agreement - Winnipeg Boys and Girls Clubs Inc.
File PR-2.8 (Vol. 5)

74 - 1. The Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture has been advised that the existing agreement between the City of Winnipeg and the Winnipeg Boys and Girls Clubs Inc. expires on December 31, 1996.

As background history, on October 3, 1984, Council approved a one year funding agreement with the Winnipeg Boys and Girls Clubs Inc. for the provision of recreation opportunities for at risk children and youth in the core area of Winnipeg.

A three year agreement covering the years 1985 to 1987 inclusive was approved by Council on February 5, 1986, which provided $51,500.00 annually for the years 1985 and 1986, and $53,550.00 in 1987.

On December 2, 1987, Council approved a three year agreement with the Winnipeg Boys and Girls Clubs, Inc. for the period January 1, 1988, to December 31, 1990. The City agreed to provide funding in the amount of $58,500.00 in the first year of the agreement with an annual increase in the subsequent years equivalent to the percentage rate increase received by the parks and Recreation Department, Winnipeg Association of Public Service Officers staff in the particular year.

On March 15, 1991, Council adopted the recommendation of the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture that the City of Winnipeg enter into a one year agreement with the Winnipeg Boys and Girls Clubs Inc. for the period January 1, 1991, to December 31, 1991. The agreement, which provided funding in the amount of $62,967.00, was subsequently approved by Council on October 16, 1991.

Following Council approval of the 1991 funding agreement, the Parks and Recreation Department commenced negotiations with the Boys and Girls Clubs for a multi-year agreement.

On August 12, 1992, the City of Winnipeg entered into a five year funding agreement with the Winnipeg Boys and Girls Clubs Inc. from January 1, 1992, to December 31, 1996. The initial year provided for funding in the amount of $62,967.00 with each subsequent year being adjusted at a rate consistent with any increase or decrease in the current estimates of the Parks and Recreation Department as approved by City Council. The grant amounts for the subsequent years were $61,140.96 in 1993, $60,468.41 in 1994, $59,216.71 in 1995, and $60,620.15 in 1996.

The Winnipeg Boys and Girls Clubs Inc. and the Parks and Recreation Department have worked together to provide services to core area youth and children since 1984. The Winnipeg Boys and Girls Clubs' recreational, leisure and life skill services provide a positive alternative to disadvantaged children and youth. These services are recognized as effective in the community as evidenced by the corporate and funding support provided to the organization and by participation in Club activities.

The current funding agreement is related to the Freighthouse and Aberdeen sites operated by the Winnipeg Boys and Girls Clubs Inc. The Freighthouse Club operates seven days a week from 6:00 p.m. to 12:00 Midnight while the Aberdeen Club operates seven days a week after school and evenings. These clubs had an annual membership of 245 and 513 respectively in 1995. Over a twelve month period from August 1995 to July 1996, the

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Freighthouse Club had 17,316 participant contacts and the Aberdeen Club had 18,299 participant contacts. Each time participant contacts included both members and non-members participated in club activities.

Minor revisions to the present agreement will be made based on recommendations of the Parks and Recreation Department and Winnipeg Boys and Girls Clubs Inc. as follows:

(1) Clause 2(1) - "A sum of $60,620.00 adjusted at a rate consistent with any increase or decrease in the 1997 Current Estimates of the Parks and Recreation Department as approved by City Council for 1997".

(2) Clause 3 - adjust the dates to reflect the term of the new agreement 1997 to 2001.

(3) Clause 8 - adjust the amount of coverage required by the general liability insurance policy from $250,000.00 to $1,000,000.00.

(4) Clause 9 - adjust the dates for the term of the agreement to January 1, 1997 to December 31, 2001.

(5) Clause 10 - adjust the date to October 1, 2001.

In all other respects the agreement will retain the provisions of the present agreement.

On November 4, 1996, the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture heard representation from Michael Owens, Executive Director, Winnipeg Boys and Girls Clubs Inc., in support of the renewal of the funding agreement with the City of Winnipeg.

The Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture therefore recommends:

I. That the City of Winnipeg renew the funding agreement with the Winnipeg Boys and Girls Clubs Inc., with minor modifications, for a five year term from January 1, 1997, to December 31, 2001.

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

A copy of the current funding agreement between the Winnipeg Boys and Girls Clubs Inc. and the City of Winnipeg is on file in the office of the City Clerk.

Adopted by consent.

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Award of Contract for the Supply of Aircraft Services for Insect Control - Tender No. 96-112 File GL-9 (Vol. 9) [c/r PA (Vol. 10)]

75 - 2. The Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture has been advised that helicopter services for insect control have been used by the City since 1977. the companies providing these services have been Aerotrades Western Ltd., from 1977 to 1984; Yukon Helicopters Ltd., from 1985 to 1992; and Western Aerial Applications Ltd., from 1993 to 1996. The last contract with Western aerial Applications was fro a three year period.

Helicopter services are primarily used for the City's mosquito larviciding program, but may also be used for the control of adult mosquitoes and defoliating insects. An eight year history of helicopter use is provided below.

YEAR	COST/HOURS $	% INCREASE IN COST	HOURS FLOWN	TOTAL COST ($)
1996	660	4.8	351.2	231,792
1995	630	5.0	306.6	193,158
1994	600	0.0	474.8	284,880
1993	600	0.0	336.3	207,833
1992	600	4.3	284.8	176,006
1991	575	6.5	350.0	207,288
1990	540	10.2	311.2	168,048
1989	490	6.5	350.1	171,549
Average		4.7	345.6	

Offers for the supply of aircraft services for insect control closed at 12:00 Noon on September 6, 1996. Only one submission was received. This offer is open for acceptance, binding and irrevocable until November 5, 1996.

The offer from western Aerial Applications Ltd. can be considered formal, and provides for two aircraft on site and another aircraft in reserve. Also offered are two pilots, and a third required, each with extensive insecticide application experience. The Administration is the opinion that the offerer has the necessary experience and resources to complete this contract. Western Aerial Applications Ltd. has proposed not to use subcontractors.

The schedule of [prices for the three year offer is $660.00 per hour in the first year (the same cost as in 1996), and a 5% increase in cost in each year thereafter. These costs are considered to be at or below the industry standard. For example in 1996, the cost for aircraft service in Edmonton was $750.00 per hour. No other cites in Canada offer a comparable mosquito control program.

An advantage of this proposal is the guarantee of experienced service in 1999, the year that the City hosts the Pan American Games.

The Committee on Protection, parks and Culture therefore recommends:

I. That a contract for the supply of aircraft services for insect control be awarded to Western Aerial Applications Ltd.

II. That the contract be awarded for a three (3) year period, from 1997 to 1999 inclusive.

III. That a formal contract be dispensed with and a Purchase Order be issued to a maximum of $676,263.00 in lieu thereof.

IV. 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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Proposed Capital Program Change - Kitchen Upgrade and Renovation for the Assiniboine Park Conservatory Restaurant
File PR-7.1 (Vol. 8)

76 - 3. The Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture has been advised that the increase sales volume at the Conservatory Restaurant in Assiniboine Pak requires a much needed kitchen upgrade to meet the current and future demands.

As background history, the Assiniboine Park Conservatory Restaurant received a $300,000.00 addition tin 1995 funded entirely by the Concessionaire. This addition, in the form of a solarium on the south and west sides, has been well received by the public resulting in sales growth in excess of 60%. The present kitchen facilities are unable to accommodate the increase in usage, at times, on a timely basis. An upgraded and renovated kitchen will increase response times as well as position the restaurant for further increases in sales volumes.

This $100,000.00 renovation project will provide for a remote walk-in-cooler ad walk-in freezer. By removing these large pieces of equipment, it will create space for a much needed work station and the additional equipment for the increases in sales volumes as well as further growth.

The Parks and Recreation Department anticipates a total payback period of approximately three to four years.

Funding remains available from the Australian Animal Display project at the Assiniboine Park Zoo, which was completed under budget in 1993.

The Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture therefore recommends:

I. That the program description for the 1993 Capital Account No. 5593060701 for the Australian Animal Display in the Assiniboine Park Zoo be changed to allow for the kitchen upgrade and renovation at the Assiniboine Park Conservatory Restaurant at a total cost of $100,000.00.

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

Adopted by consent.

Request to identify possible sites located in the North End of the city of Winnipeg, west of the Red River, for events during the 1999 Pan American Games
File GC-8.9 (Vol. 3)

77 - 4. On November 4, 1996, the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture passed the following motion, namely:

WHEREAS the Pan American games will be hosted by the City of Winnipeg in 1999;

AND WHEREAS the Pan Am Games are meant to be a show case for the whole City of Winnipeg, which will highlight Winnipeg's infrastructure and people;

AND WHEREAS the Pan Am Games will be a source of price for Winnipeg as a whole and for individual section of Winnipeg;

AND WHEREAS all communities of Winnipeg should participate by having some of the Pan Am Games facilities;

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council request the Administration (Parks and Recreation Department) to identify locations in the North End of the City, west of the Red River, where Games Events and/or facilities would be hosted, and communicate with the Pan American Games Society (Wpg. 1999) Inc. to identify their concerns and support for the endeavours.

and submits this resolution to Council for approval.

Adopted by consent.

Community Incentive Grant Program - Kingston Row Residents' Group
File PR-2.6(35) (Vol. 4)

78 - 5. The Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture has been advised by the Riel Community that the application for a Community Incentive Grant from the Kingston Row Residents' Group required reconsideration.

As background history, on January 15, 1995, the Riel Community Committee recommended approval of a Community Incentive Grant in the amount of $6,000.00 to the Kingston Row

Residents' Group, for the purpose of a playground redevelopment project at the junction of Kingston Row and Kingston Crescent.

On February 6, 1995, the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture considered the recommendation from the Riel Community Committee, and inasmuch as the application met the program eligibility and selection criteria, approved a Community Incentive Grant in the amount of $6,000.000 to the Kingston Row Residents' Group for the purpose requested.

On September 16, 1996, the Riel Community Committee was informed that the Kingston Row Residents' Group has only been able to raise funding in the amount of $5,000.00, rather than the $6,000.00 amount required, for the playground redevelopment project.

Under the definition of Eligible Applicants within the Community Incentive Grant Program, the application (now) does not meet the program eligibility and selection criteria inasmuch as the applicant is requesting 54% of the total project cost, and the criteria states that the grant is not to exceed 50% of the total project cost, therefore the applicant would not be contributing 50% of the capital costs from their own sources.

On September 16, 1996, the Riel Community Committee recommended that the selection criteria for the Community Incentive Grant Program be waived in this instance to allow the subject Community Incentive Grant to comprise 54% of the total project cost.

The Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture therefore recommends:

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

II. That the amount of $6,000.00 be approved to the Kingston Row Residents' Group 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.

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Policy on Cultural Grants administered by the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture - 1996 Administrative Budget Allocation
File FG-3 (Vol. 33)

79 - 6. The City Policy for Cultural Grants administered by the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture (302) has an annual global allocation of $1,974,552.00, divided into four separate accounts as follows:

Individual Artists Account	20,000.00
Administrative Account for the Winnipeg Arts Advisory Council (not to exceed 5% of the global arts allocation)	69,109.00
Special Project Grants Account (5% of the global arts allocation)	98,728.00
Primary Operating Grants Account (the balance of the Global Amount)	$1,786,715.00
Global Allocation for Cultural Grants	1,974,552.00

On January 8, 1996, the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture considered and concurred in the recommendation contained in the report dated December 7, 1995, from the Commissioner of Protection, Parks and Culture, namely, that the Winnipeg Arts Advisory Council be authorized to assist the City of Winnipeg to conduct a review of the City's Amusement Tax By-law No. 3107/81. The Committee also directed that the costs associated with the review process be done within the existing administrative budget allocation for the Winnipeg Arts Advisory Council.

On October 21, 1996, the Winnipeg Arts Advisory Council considered the matter of additional operating funds fro the Winnipeg Cultural Policy Review, and requested that favourable consideration be given to an appropriation transfer of $5,000.00 from within the 1996 global arts allocation from the Special Project Grants account to the Administrative Budget account, and that this amount be designated as budget support for the City of Winnipeg Cultural Policy Review.

On November 4, 1996, Gail Isaak, Chairperson of the Winnipeg Arts Advisory Council appeared in delegation at the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture in support of the Advisory Council's recommendation, and requested that the figure of $5,000.00 be amended to $5,273.00.

Inasmuch as the City Policy for Cultural Grants administered by the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture outlines that the Administrative Budget account for the Winnipeg Arts Advisory Council is not to exceed 3.5% of the global arts allocation, and an appropriation transfer of $4,273.00 to the Administrative Account would exceed the 3.55 figure, the City

Policy on Cultural Grants insofar as the distribution of the global allocation would be required to be waived for 1996 in order to approve the request from the Winnipeg Arts Advisory Council.

The Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture concurred in the request from the Winnipeg Arts Advisory Council, and recommends:

I. That the City Policy on Cultural grants insofar as the distribution of the global arts allocation be waived to 1996, in order to approve an appropriation transfer in the amount of $5,273.00 from the Special Project Grants account to the Administrative Budget account, and be designated as budget support for the Winnipeg Cultural Policy Review.

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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Proposed Amendment to By-law No. 6549/95 - Unauthorized Parking on Private Property
File ST-9.2 (Vol. 5)

80 - 7. The Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture has been advised that during the tender process for the "Towing and Storage of Motor Vehicles", Tender No .P.D. 95-217, the Legal Services Division, the Materials Management Division, and the Winnipeg Police Service were asked to review the insurance requirements outlined in the Tender Package. It was becoming increasingly difficult for the towing firms to purchase insurance coverage which had a $100.00 deductible. After review, it was recommended by the Administration that the maximum deductible be increased from $100.00 to $500.00 per loss and the appropriate changes were made to the document. The amendment now accurately reflects the current standards in the insurance market.

The matter of the maximum deductible allowed under the referenced By-Law was referred to the City of Winnipeg General Insurance Consortium. The Consortium advised that the suggested increase in the deductible to $500.00 would be more representative of what is readily available in today's insurance market. The Consortium further advised that the legal liability limit, Item 2(b) (2) (i), should be increased from $15,000.00 to $50,000.00. The higher limit would closely reflect present day automobile prices.

Currently there are four towing firms in the City of Winnipeg that pay the $200.00 permit fee which allows them to tow vehicles from private property. If changes are not made to the insurance requirement section they will not be able to comply with the By-Law and permits

Proposed User Fee Increase for Ambulance Services
File GF-3 (Vol. 24)

81 - 8. The Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture has been advised that the Ambulance Department has been instructed to prepare its 1997 Current Estimates based on a subsidy contribution from the general revenue fund, which does not exceed $2,103,213.00.

The Ambulance Department was further instructed to ensure current service levels were maintained. In order to achieve this objective, a greater reliance on user fee revenue will be necessary.

The 1997 budget guidelines indicate that the Ambulance Department should maintain service levels previously established. This factor, combined with a reduced subsidy provided from general revenue to the Department, necessitates a strategic change to a greater reliance on revenue being generated from user fee charges.

With the present ongoing and anticipated changes in Health Reform and a general trend to influence a decreased use of Hospital Emergency Departments; the previous upward spiral of increased revenue by annual increased call volume appears to have reached a plateau. This leveling off of actual patients transported, however, does not translate into less use or less reliance on the Emergency Medical Services (E.M.S.) system. The Ambulance Department's overall response call volume is still increasing and response times are being effected by longer transport distances, managing diversions, hospital closures, and hospital specialization (i.e, designated Treatment Centres, etc.). Advance skills performed on the street by Paramedics also influences total patients transported.

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In many cases, the emergency that precipitated the initial response is managed by the attending Paramedics, to the point where ambulance transport is no longer required. Conversely, an alternative means of transport is chosen by the victim or a family member.

The cost of providing these Paramedic services is being recognized in the recommended (Treatment - No Transport) fee being introduced for implementation in 1997.

While the Ambulance Department is confident that these new changes for a Treatment - No Transport fee will generate new revenue and also spread the cost of providing professional Emergency Medical Services over a larger base of end users, the Department is utilizing a best-guess method of projecting the amount of revenue that can be generated from this new revenue stream.

The City of Calgary has adopted this type of fee and is experiencing reasonable success with this concept of a value-added user fee charge. If adopted in Winnipeg, an experience rating with this program will allow for more accurate revenue planning in the future.

The risk of proceeding in the direction of continued reduced reliance of funding from general revenue may, however, reach a point of diminished return and, ultimately, effect both call volume and department-generated revenue.

It must also be noted that the 1997 projections no longer comply with the previously stated Executive Policy Committee's instructions of user fee revenue reflecting 50 percent of the Ambulance Department's operating cost.

The deficit and support funding from general revenue established for 1997 represents a 60 percent reliance on revenue generated through user fee charges.

The Ambulance Department recommended as follows:

I. That the individual user fee rate, applied for the delivery of ambulance services, be increased by $10.00 for both Emergency and Stable Patient Transports.

II. That the Ambulance Department be authorized to implement a $100.00 (Treatment - No Transport) fee for those calls where the Ambulance Department provides a legitimate value-added service, but the patient(s) is not transported to a receiving hospital.

III. That the aforementioned rates be approved and become effective January 1, 1997.

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

After deliberation, the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture concurred in the recommendations with respect to the increase of $10.00 for the individual user fee rate, applied for the delivery of ambulance services for both Emergency and Stable Patients Transport, effective January 1, 1997.

Due to a tie vote, the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture submits the matter of implementation of a $100.00 (Treatment - No Transport) fee for those calls where the Ambulance Department provides a legitimate value-added service, but that the patient is not transported to a receiving hospital, without recommendation.

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

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

The amendment proposed by Executive Policy Committee was put.

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

Yea: Councillors Clement, Lubosch, O'Shaughnessy, Silva, Steek, Deputy Mayor Eadie, Her Worship Mayor Thompson, Councillors Angus and Prystanski, 9

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

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

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

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

Yea: Councillors Clement, Lubosch, O'Shaughnessy, Silva, Steek, Deputy Mayor Eadie, Her Worship Mayor Thompson, Councillors Angus and Prystanski. 9

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

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

Proposed Acquisition of 576 St. Mary's Road
File FI-2(35) (Vol. 4)

82 - 9. The Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture has been advised that the Parks and Recreation Department has recently become aware of the availability of property situated at 576 St. Mary's Road in conjunction with a review of proposals prepared by a consultant on behalf of the St. Vital Business Improvement Zone Association.

The subject property, in addition to furthering the enhancement of the Old St. Vital Business Area, and complementing the City's Image Route Enhancement Program, also factors "critically" into the long term acquisition of riverbank properties along St. Mary's Road to eventually connect the proposed St. Boniface Riverbank Parkway to the St. Vital Riverbank Parkway.

Several years ago, City Council approved the Prioritization of Development of Riverbank Parkways in order to ultimately create a City-wide riverbank parkway system. The development of the St. Boniface Riverbank Parkway was identified as being among the top priority of six parkways, of sixteen defined individual parkways, for special consideration of funding. The St. Boniface Riverbank Parkway extended between the mouth of the Seine River in Whittier Park to the extent of riverbanks on Lyndale Drive; a distance of 3.8 miles. The St. Vital Parkway, commencing at the terminus of the St. Boniface Parkway, is proposed to extend a distance of 7.3 miles to connect with St. Vital Park and, thereafter Bishop Grandin Boulevard; as identified on Plan No. 6-94. Together the two riverbank parkways would create a continuous riverbank-oriented recreation system of 11.1 miles.

While the majority of the property assembly has been completed for the St. Boniface Riverbank Parkway, and while the development of the St. Vital Riverbank Parkway is based largely upon the existence of pleasant, quiet residential streets closely paralleling the river for continuity purposes; approximately one mile of riverbanks fronting on St. Mary's Road was identified as a major obstacle to the amalgamation of the two potential riverbank parkways that would create a continuous 11.1 mile system.

Over the past several years the City has acquired riverbanks within this approximate one mile stretch as such properties have become available for sale at a fair and equitable cost to the City. To date, approximately half of the riverbank properties have become city-owned. The acquisition of the subject property would significantly further the long term objective of creating a continuous 11.1 mile stretch of riverbank parkway; extending from the Seine River to Bishop Grandin Boulevard.

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In addition, with the recent establishment of the Manitoba/Winnipeg Core Revitalization Program (M.W.C.R.P.) - Glenlawn Program, the St. Vital Business District has made application for funding to enhance the Old St. Vital Business District; focusing on the intersection of St. Mary's and St Anne's Roads. Fundamental to the proposal, prepared by a consulting firm, is the establishment of a riverbank park; affording dramatic and attractive views of the Red River and the Downtown Winnipeg Skyline. Such a proposal also promotes the concept to "Image Enhancement" of the City for tourists and visitors to the City arriving from the Trans Canada Highway East.

The consulting firm's proposal, which combines Riverbank Parkway Development with Image Route Enhancement, as well as the local Business Improvement Zone objectives, is largely contingent upon the acquisition of riverbank for parkway purposes, as illustrated on Concept Plans prepared by Hilderman, Witty, Crosby, Hanna and Associates. While additional riverbank properties must continue to be purchased as such becomes available, the subject property is particularly instrumental in (1) enhancing the Image of the City for visitors from the "east", (2) creating a sense of "arrival" in the Old St. Vital business district, (3) establishing the "link" of the City to the river system, as well as, (4) furthering the development of the City's riverbank parkway system.

Further, the City would benefit, financially, from the purchase of the property, at this time, through the partial development of an approximate one mile of riverbank, at low cost to the City. In addition to the imminent M.W.C.R.P. funding, development of the riverbanks will be complimented through funding contributed from the budget approved for the reconstruction of the Main Street-Norwood Bridges (extended streetscaping program), as well as, the potential funding source of the Winnipeg Development Agreement (Program 12 - Tourism and Riverbank Development).

On October 28, 1996, the Committee on Finance and Administration considered the report dated October 24, 1996, from the Chief Commissioner and the Commissioner of Protection, Parks and Culture, in this connection, and concurred in the recommendations contained therein.

The Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture established and approved the need for greenspace at this location, and therefore recommends:

I. That the Director of Land and Development Services be authorized to negotiate the purchase of 576 St. Mary's Road, as identified on Plan 33-96, at a total estimated cost of $115,000.00, for riverbank parkway purpose of the St. Boniface Riverbank Parkway and the St. Vital Riverbank Parkway; chargeable to the Riverbank Land Acquisition Account and the Account for General Unspecified Purposes.

II. That the Director of Land and Development Services be requested to monitor and advise the Director of Parks and Recreation of the availability of riverbank properties situated west of St. Mary's Road between Dunraven and Harrowby Avenues; Vivian Avenue and Morier Avenue and Fifth Avenue and Lyndale Drive, in order that the properties be acquired as they become available for sale.

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

Copies of Plan Nos. 6-94 and 33-96, as well as the Concept Plans prepared by Hilderman, Witty, Crosby, Hanna and Associates, in this connection, are on file in the office of the City Clerk.

Adopted by consent.

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Business Strategy Proposal for the Food Concession Rights at Assiniboine Park Zoo - Zoological Society of Manitoba

Files PR-7.1.1 (Vol. 15)
[c/r PR-3 (Vol. 6) and PR-7.1 (Vol. 8)]

83 - 10. The Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture has been advised that the Zoological Society of Manitoba has expressed an interest in obtaining the food concession rights at the Assiniboine Park Zoo (Carousel Restaurant).

As background history, on December 14, 1994, Council adopted Clause 4 of the Report of the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture dated November 24, 1994, resolving that the Mariott Corporation of Canada Ltd. be granted a 10-year contract from December 1, 1994, to November 30, 2004, to operate the Food and Beverage Services at the Parks and Recreation facilities, with the exception of the Assiniboine Park Pavilion and Carousel locations, which would be on a year to year basis and not to exceed 10 years, and subject to a number of conditions with respect to the Assiniboine Park Conservatory facility.

On May 23, 1996, Council adopted Clause 1 of the Report of the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture dated May 6, 1996, resolving that a Memorandum of Understanding for the negotiation of a partnership agreement between the City of Winnipeg and the Zoological Society of Manitoba involving the Assiniboine Park Zoo, be approved.

On November 4, 1996, the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture heard representation from the Zoological Society of Manitoba, more specifically a delegation comprised of Dale Willson, President, Kerry Renaud, Executive Director, and Peggy May, Member of the Board and President of the Zootique, accompanied by Alan B. Finnbogason, Management Consultant, expressing their interest in obtaining the food concession rights at the Assiniboine Park Zoo (Carousel Restaurant).

The delegation presented the Zoological Society's business strategy proposal for the operation of the food concessions at the Assiniboine Park Zoo, and advised that the Society has demonstrated their ability to successfully plane, organize, set up and maintain food concessions for the Assiniboine Park Zoo as part of the "Boo at the Zoo" event undertaken from October 24 to 31, 1996. The "Lights of the Wild" event undertaken in December 1995, and to be undertaken again from December 19, 1996, to January 12, 1997, has also demonstrated the Society's ability to operate in a business teamwork environment, maintaining an excellent working partnership with the Assiniboine Park Zoo.

The delegation also advised that with the Zoological Society operating the existing food concession(s), a "Win-win-win" opportunity for the Zoological Society, the Assiniboine Park Zoo and the City of Winnipeg is created. The profits gained from the food concession operation will be utilized for the betterment of the Zoo programming, the enhancement of the capital development and the continuing improvement of the food concession operations.

The Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture therefore recommends:

I. That the Business Strategy Proposal from the Zoological Society of Manitoba for the food concession rights at the Assiniboine Park Zoo be approved in principle.

II. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to negotiate with representative of the Zoological Society of Manitoba for the purposes of developing an appropriate agreement between the City of Winnipeg and the Zoological Society of Manitoba.

III. That the Administration be authorized to do all things necessary to arrive at an agreement acceptable to both the City of Winnipeg and the Zoological Society of Manitoba, and report back to the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture for final approval.

IV. That if City Council approves the above recommendations I, II and III, the City immediately give official notice to Marriott Corporation of Canada Ltd. of the termination of the Assiniboine Park Zoo Carousel location from the food and beverage contract.

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

Adopted by consent.

Renewal of Contract for Administrative Support Services for the Winnipeg Arts Advisory Council
File FG-3 (Vol. 33)

84 - 11. The Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture has been advised that the existing contractual agreement for administrative support services for the Winnipeg Arts Advisory Council expires December 31, 1996.

On September 27, 1995, Council adopted Clause 11 of the Report of the Committee on Protection, parks and Culture dated September 11, 1995, extending the existing contractual agreement between the City of Winnipeg and Billie Stewart for a further one year period from January 1 to December 31, 1996.

On October 21, 1996, the Winnipeg Arts Advisory Council recommended that the existing contractual agreement between the City of Winnipeg and Billie Stewart be renewed for a further one year period from January 1 to December 31, 1997, and that the annual salary of $35,094.53 be increased by 3% to $36,147.36.

On November 4, 1996, Gail Isaak, Chairperson of the Winnipeg Arts Advisory Council appeared in delegation at the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture in support of the Advisory Council's recommendation.

On November 4, 1996, the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture acknowledged the additional duties being undertaken by the Administrator of the Winnipeg Arts Advisory Council, for example, the support services provided for the Winnipeg Cultural Policy Review and the increased volume of applications received for exemption of amusement tax, just to name two, and noted that the position was originally intended to be part time, however, is now full time.

The Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture therefore recommends:

I. That the existing contractual agreement between the City of Winnipeg and Billie Stewart be renewed for a further one year period from January 1 to December 31, 1997, at an annual salary of $36,147.36, and the job description be amended to reflect the additional duties undertaken by the incumbent Administrator.

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

Adopted by consent.

COMMITTEE ON PROTECTION, PARKS AND CULTURE

MOTIONS

Moved by Councillor Steek,
Seconded by Councillor Murray,
85 - WHEREAS on October 23, 1996, Council approved a Community Incentive Grant in the amount of $11,000.00 (not to exceed a maximum of 50% of the total project cost) to the Academy Road Business Improvement Zone to assist with the cost of an external white light project between 382 and 620 Academy Road on both sides of the street;

AND WHEREAS in approving this grant the criteria for the Community Incentive Grant Program was waived in this instance inasmuch as the Academy Road BIZ is not a non-profit community and recreation and sport organization;

AND WHEREAS the Community Incentive Grant Program also provides that an organization shall contribute 50% of the capital costs form their own sources;

AND WHEREAS the total project cost has now been estimated at $16,500.00 and in order that the full amount of $11,000.00 can be granted to the Academy Road BIZ, the criteria must further be waived to allow the organization to contribute less than 50% of the capital costs from its own sources;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the criteria for the Community Incentive Grant Program be further waived in this instance; and the amount of $11,000.00 be approved to the Academy Road Business Improvement Zone for the purpose requested, subject to the conditions previously approved on October 23, 1996.

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

Carried.

The motion was put and declared carried.