REPORT OF THE

COMMITTEE ON PROTECTION, PARKS AND CULTURE

DATED OCTOBER 7, 1996

On motion of Councillor O'Shaughnessy, the Report of the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture, dated October 7, 1996, was considered clause by clause.

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

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

The motion to adopt the Consent Agenda, Clauses 1,2,3,4,5 and 6 was put and declared carried.

Her Worship the Mayor and Councillors:

Identification of Potential Sites of new Green Space in the City Centre area, north of the Assiniboine River
File PR-7(32) (Vol. 2)

1138 - 1. On July 24, 1996, Council ruled automatic referral of the following motion to the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture, in accordance with Rule 16.1 of the Procedure By-law No. 5400/90, namely:

Moved by Councillor Silva,
Seconded by Councillor Murray,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council identify potential sites of new green space in the City Centre area north of the Assiniboine River to convert to park space that would bring the area closer to the policy goal stated in Plan Winnipeg.

On September 9, 1996, the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture requested the Administration to submit a report identifying the potential sites of new green space in the City Centre area, north of the Assiniboine River, to convert to park space and that would bring the City Centre area closer to the policy goal stated in Plan Winnipeg.

On October 7, 1996, the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture further directed that the administrative report requested by Committee on September 9, 1996, also incorporate the concept of allocating 20% of all (gross) land sales in the City Centre area to be utilized towards the replacement of greenspace in the City Centre area.

The Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture therefore requests that Council grant an extension of time of 60 days to allow for further consideration of the matter.

Adopted by consent.

Operation and Management of the Windsor Park Nordic Ski Centre - Cross Country Ski Association of Manitoba Inc.
File PR-6.4 (Vol. 2)

1139 - 2. On September 27, 1995, Council approved that the existing contract, with Ben Smirnov, for ski operations at the Windsor Park Golf Course be extended for a one year period to expire November 30, 1996, and that mandatory trail fees be collected from all users. Ben and Jan Smirnov have been successfully operating ski operations at the site for the past 13 seasons.

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On May 22, 1996, Council approved the cancellation of the current contract when an Award of Contract was made to Ben Smirnov for the management and supervision of the golf and maintenance operations at the John Blumberg Golf Course thereby separating the previous golf/ski contract into two individual components.

As background history, the Windsor Park Golf Course, commonly referred to as the Windsor Park Nordic Ski Centre during the winter months, has since 1980 been part of a unique, combined management contract of golf and ski operations with the Golf Professional from the John Blumberg Golf Course responsible for ski equipment rentals, sales and lessons at the beginner and intermediate level.

In 1981, a 3 kilometre lighted ski trail system was added allowing skiers to ski until 10:00 p.m. nightly. In 1983, Council approved the hiring of Golf Professional Ben Smirnov for golf operations at John Blumberg and ski operations at Windsor Park Golf Course.

In 1988, the Cross Country Ski Association of Manitoba Inc. acquired a new trail grooming machine and was given permission to groom ski trails at the Windsor Park Golf Course and use the site as a training centre for provincial ski racing teams. In 1991, an additional 3.5 kilometres of lighted ski trails were installed by the Ski Association.

The Parks and Recreation Department has concluded that the past ski season (1995/1996), although very long and cold, was a success and that the introduction of mandatory trail fees was acceptable from the users' perspective. However, given that mandatory trail fees were in effect, there was the expectation the ski trails should be in perfect condition at all times and this resulted in higher costs than expected for trail grooming.

This past season, the ski shop continued to be the responsibility of Ben Smirnov under contract, who collected the ski trail fees from all user groups. In addition, he provided rental ski equipment and lessons to beginners through intermediate skiers. The Ski Association continued to provide groomed ski trails while the City provided overall management plus utility and miscellaneous costs associated with the operation.

With respect to financial arrangements, approximately $21,000.00 was collected in trail fees. These funds were utilized in offsetting costs associated with the operation of this facility. In previous years, without the collection of trail fees the Parks and Recreation Department and Ski Association absorbed all costs for utilities, grooming and supervision of the building.

With respect to the 1996 to 1999 Ski Seasons, and the on-going discussions regarding the management operation, the Ski Association advises that they have a tentative agreement with Jan Smirnov for the provision of facility management, rental equipment, merchandise sales and ski lessons for beginners to intermediate level skiers. Jan Smirnov is to provide all staffing required for the collection of ski trail fees and trail marshals in return for a percentage of trail fee admissions. The Ski Association will provide management and supervision of the site, the grooming of all ski trails and all other provisions outlined in the Agreement.

With respect to the financial considerations the basis of the recommended Agreement would be under the following conditions:

Distribution of Trail Fee Revenues:

(1) First charge against admission revenues is to reimburse the City of Winnipeg for all utility costs it incurs in connection with the Windsor Park Nordic Ski Centre during the cross-country ski season;

(2) Following, only directly related costs of the Ski Association in providing skiing opportunities at this centre will be considered as an acceptable charge against revenue;

(3) Thereafter, snow removal costs incurred by the Parks and Recreation Department will be reimbursed;

(4) Finally, all remaining funds from this revenue will be split as follows: 25% to the City of Winnipeg and 75% to the Windsor Park Nordic Ski Centre in a separate account for the purpose of enhancing and improving this facility.

In order to make the operation a success, the Parks and Recreation Department recommends that daily trails and seasonal fees be increased as follows: Adult, Junior and Senior daily fees would be increased by $.50 to $2.00, $1.50, $1.75 respectively and from $2.50 to $5.00 for daily family passes; and, seasonal passes be increased to $35.00 for Adults, $20.00 for Juniors, $25.00 for Seniors and $50.00 per family for the season based upon 20 visits during the approximate 90 day ski season.

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Feedback from skiers indicated that they were prepared to pay a fair and reasonable trail fee and that a significant number of skiers were visiting the site 50 to 60 times per season. For price conscious skiers, free skiing continues to be available at the other municipal golf courses and regional parks throughout Winnipeg.

Although the fees are recommended to be increased rather significantly, these fees are considered to be consistent with the high level of amenities available at this location. A similar private facility near Thunder Bay (Lappe) charges $5.00 a day for Adults. For example, by comparison with some other activities: daily downhill skiing fees in Manitoba range from $16.00 to $22.00 per day; local adult golf fees range from $18.00 to $35.00 per round; and hockey registrations for 15 year age boys range form $500.00 to $1,000.00 per season.

The Ski Association has for many years contended that they have the necessary resources to manage and market the Windsor Park Nordic Ski Centre into one of the premiere urban cross-country ski facilities in Canada. With their trail grooming expertise, program development of elite athletes, junior "Jackrabbit" ski programs, provision of "citizen" participation races and promotional ability, the Parks and Recreation Department feels that the Cross Country Ski Association of Manitoba has the mandate, the enthusiasm and the volunteers to make this project a success. Pending approval of the recommendations, the Parks and Recreation Department intends to prepare the Agreement in consultation with the Legal Services Division incorporating all appropriate clauses and conditions.

On October 7, 1996, the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture heard representation from Brent Bottomley and Laureen Goodridge, Cross Country Ski Association of Manitoba Inc. in support of the administrative recommendations on the matter.

The Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture therefore recommends:

I. That the City of Winnipeg enter into an Agreement with Cross Country Ski Association of Manitoba Inc. (CCSAM) subject to an acceptable management arrangement being entered into for ski operations at the Windsor Park Nordic Ski Centre for the period December 1, 1996, through until March 15, 1999.

II. That the mandatory trail fees at the Windsor Park Nordic Ski Centre be increased as follows:

TRAIL FEES				
	Present Daily	Present Season	Proposed Daily	Proposed Season
Adult	$ 1.50	$ 24.00	$ 2.00	$ 35.00 (a)
Junior*	$ 1.00	$ 8.00	$ 1.50	$ 20.00
Senior**	$ 1.25	$ 15.00	$ 1.75	$ 25.00
Family	$ 2.50	$ 32.00	$ 5.00	$ 50.00 (b)

Notes:
(1) The Goods and Services Tax is applicable and extra on all trail fees.
(2) Proposed fees apply for the 1996/97 ski season.
Fees to be monitored and adjusted in subsequent years of the Agreement.

(a) Based on 17 visits during the approximate 90 day ski season.
(b) Based on 1 Adult and 2 Juniors.

* Based on 17 years of age or younger.
** Based on 60 years of age or older.

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

Adopted by consent.

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Community Incentive Grant Program - Corydon Avenue Business Improvement Zone File PR-2.6(32) (Vol. 3)

1140 - 3. The Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture has considered an application from the Corydon Avenue Business Improvement Zone for a Community Incentive Grant in the amount of $25,000.00, towards the costs associated with the Corydon Avenue Streetscaping Program.

Under the definition of Eligible Applicants within the Community Incentive Grant Program, the application does not meet the program eligibility and selection criteria inasmuch as the Corydon Avenue Business Improvement Zone is not a non-profit community recreation and sport organization. In addition, the request for funding is for the total cost of the project, and therefore the applicant would not be contributing 50% of the capital costs from their own sources.

On April 16 and September 10, 1996, the City Centre Community Committee recommended that a Community Incentive Grant in the amount of $25,000.00 be approved for this project.

The Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture concurred in the recommendation of the City Centre 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 $25,000.00 be approved to the Corydon Avenue Business Improvement Zone for the purpose requested, subject to the following conditions:

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

(b) 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.

Community Incentive Grant Program - Grosvenor Square Merchants File PR-2.6(32) (Vol. 3)

1141 - 4. The Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture has considered an application from the Grosvenor Square Merchants for a Community Incentive Grant in the amount of $10,000.00, to assist with the cost of streetscaping and enhancing the corner of Stafford Street and Grosvenor Avenue by planting trees.

Under the definition of Eligible Applicants within the Community Incentive Grant Program, the application does not meet the program eligibility and selection criteria inasmuch as the Grosvenor Square Merchants is not a non-profit community recreation and sport organization.

On September 10, 1996, the City Centre Community Committee recommended that a Community Incentive Grant in the amount of $10,000.00, not to exceed a maximum of 50% of the total project cost, be approved for this project.

The Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture concurred in the recommendation of the City Centre Community Committee, and therefore recommends:

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

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II. That the amount of $10,000.00 (not to exceed a maximum of 50% of the total project cost) be approved to the Grosvenor Square Merchants 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.

Community Incentive Grant Program - Academy Road Business Improvement Zone File PR-2.6(32) (Vol. 3)

1142 - 5. The Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture has considered an application from the Academy Road Business Improvement Zone for a Community Incentive Grant to assist with the cost of an external white light project between 382 and 620 Academy Road on both sides of the street.

Under the definition of Eligible Applicants within the Community Incentive Grant Program, the application does not meet the program eligibility and selection criteria inasmuch as the Academy Road Business Improvement Zone is not a non-profit community recreation and sport organization. In addition, the applicant is requesting 66% of the total project cost, and inasmuch as the criteria states that the grant is not to exceed 50% of the total project cost, the applicant would not be contributing 50% of the capital costs from their own sources.

On September 10, 1996, the City Centre Community Committee recommended that a Community Incentive Grant in the amount of $11,000.00, not to exceed a maximum of 50% of the total cost, be approved for this project.

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 $11,000.00 (not to exceed a maximum of 50% of the total project cost) be approved to the Academy Road Business Improvement Zone 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.

Community Incentive Grant Program - Tyndall Park Community Centre Inc. File PR-2.6(34) (Vol. 5)

1143 - 6. The Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture has considered an application from the Tyndall Park Community Centre for a Community Incentive Grant in the amount of $6,121.34, towards the costs associated with leasing a tractor and purchasing a zamboni.

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Under the definition of Eligible Applicants within the Community Incentive Grant Program, the application does not meet the program eligibility and selection criteria inasmuch as the project does not involve capital construction. The application is for reimbursement of the purchase of a zamboni and the leasing of a tractor. There is no capital construction to benefit the community in terms of improved facilities, as well as the tractor project will not result in completion of a physical product due to the tractor being leased.

On July 16, 1996, the Lord Selkirk-West Kildonan Community Committee recommended that a Community Incentive Grant in the amount of $6,121.34, be approved for this project.

The Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture concurred in the recommendation of the Lord Selkirk-West Kildonan 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 $6,121.34 be approved to the Tyndall Park Community Centre Inc. 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.

Proposal to Restore and Renovate the Assiniboine Park Pavilion for an Art Gallery and Restaurant - Pavilion Gallery Trust Inc.
File PR-7.1 (Vol. 8) [c/r PR-3 (Vol. 6)]

1144 - 7. The Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture has been advised that on August 18, 1996, representatives of the Parks and Recreation Department met with a Working Committee representing the Pavilion Gallery Trust Inc. to discuss the concept of retrofitting the Assiniboine Park Pavilion to become a permanent Art Gallery and Restaurant.

As background history, from a cultural perspective, in 1982, the Assiniboine Park Pavilion was officially designated as a Grade II Historic Building in Winnipeg by the City's Historic Buildings Committee. As such, "Sympathetic alterations and additions to the exterior and listed interior elements of these buildings may be allowed in order to maintain the economic viability of the structure. In certain instances, the adaptive re-use of listed interior elements may be permitted".

The Pavilion has occupied its central location of prominence in Assiniboine Park since the official opening of the Park in 1908, and remained the social "hub" of park activities, as well as that for much of early Winnipeg, (having hosted visiting Royalty, celebrities and dignitaries) until the 1960's when food and refreshment venues were expanded in the Park to include the Conservatory and Zoo. Although eclipsed as the focus of social events for much of the past three decades, the Pavilion has offered refreshment and banquet facilities uninterrupted for all of its 88 year history; with the exception of one year. A major fire on May 21, 1929 completely destroyed the original Pavilion with the exception of the Pergola and Lily Pond located to the north of the building (and which were constructed as additions to the Pavilion in 1909). The present Pavilion, constructed on the same site at a cost of $74,800.00, was officially opened to the public on Victoria Day, May 24, 1930.

With the exception of the elimination of a small parking lot fronting the Pavilion during 1965 and its replacement with a sunken pool and fountain, and the development of a stage terrace to the north of the Pergola during the mid-1980's; the exterior of the Pavilion has remained unaltered in appearance throughout its 66 year history.

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The primary deterrent to more extensive public use of the 7,000 square foot facility has been its "seasonality". Being constructed in an era when the City's parks were closed throughout the winter months there was no need to insulate the structure or provide a heating system. In conjunction with a proposal several years ago to retrofit the Pavilion as The Curling Hall of Fame, an investigation concluded that provision of a heating system and adequate insulation for year round use would cost in the order of $1,000,000.00.

While the first and second floors have been "modestly" renovated over the past six decades, the third floor and the 90 foot tower remain unfinished and inaccessible to the general public.

The Parks and Recreation Department advised of a Proposal by the Pavilion Gallery Trust Inc. and meetings between representatives of the Department and the Working Committee of the Trust, chaired by Hartley T. Richardson, have occurred over the past two months to discuss aspects of the proposal to convert the Pavilion into an Art Gallery and "up-scale" restaurant. The City would retain ownership of the Pavilion; but under a Management Agreement or similar Agreement, the Trust would undertake, at no cost to the City, the restoration of the entire Pavilion, including the Pergola, Lily Pond and front Court Yard. As well, the Trust would fund the entire renovation of the interior, including the tower, for Art Gallery, Restaurant and Banquet purposes; and, provide insulation of the structure along with a heating system. The installation of an elevator service into the tower would provide public access to all three floors as well as the two upper levels of the tower, which would be renovated for public viewing, a gift shop and tourist information.

The cost for the entire project to be borne by the Trust is estimated at between $3,000,000.00 to $4,000,000.00. Funding for the project would be secured through donations and grants and fully subsidized on an ongoing basis through revenues from the restaurant, banquet and gift shop revenues. While the Parks and Recreation Department would retain maintenance of the exterior and surroundings, consistent with normal park practises, the Trust would assume maintenance responsibilities for all interior areas.

The Gallery is proposed to house the art collections of three nationally acclaimed local artists;- Walter J. Phillips, Ivan Eyre, and Clarence Tellenius. The John Crabbe collection of approximately 500 of Phillip's artworks would be made available to the Gallery. Ivan Eyre has agreed to gift to the Trust approximately 40 pieces of his major artworks. As well, most of Clarence Tellenius's artwork would be available for display in the Gallery.

A restaurant of the calibre of the "Old Spaghetti Factory", "Pasta La Vista" and "Green Gates" is proposed to be developed in the interior of the Pergola courtyard. The glazed-in structure, reminiscent of a Victorian conservatory, would be designed to not visually compromise the historic integrity of the pergola structure. Restaurant patrons would be afforded panoramic views, year round, of the broad expanse of the Children's Meadow to the north including the Duck Pond and Foot Bridge over the Assiniboine River. The 87 year old Lily Pond has structurally deteriorated to the point that extensive renovations will be required to become a year round central water feature within the restaurant. The renovated pond could be used to house the Department's collection of Koi and Goldfish, (currently wintered in the greenhouses of the Conservatory) for year round public viewing.

Mr. D. Steven, president of WOW Hospitality Concepts Inc. and a member of the Trust's Working Committee, has estimated a parking requirement for the restaurant operation of between 100 to 120 cars. As valet parking for the restaurant is being contemplated, existing parking accommodations at the Conservatory and Central Picnic Grounds may be adequate. However, the Trust Fund is making budget provision of approximately $60,000.00 to $80,000.00 for the expansion of the existing Conservatory parking Lot to accommodate an additional 90 parking stalls, as required.

The project of the Pavilion Gallery Trust would provide several benefits to the City:

(a) The project would restore the Pavilion to prominence as a major tourist attraction of the City and central activity focus of the Park, at no direct cost to the City.

(b) The art collections displayed in the Pavilion would expand and compliment the cultural aspect of Assiniboine Park;- the Leo Mol Sculpture Garden, the Conservatory, the English Garden, the Zoo and the Outdoor Stage performances of the Royal Winnipeg Ballet, Winnipeg Symphony, and the Manitoba Theatre Company.

(c) The City would be relieved of further security and liability for the Pavilion and associated maintenance costs of the interior. Currently, this maintenance represents approximately $27,000.00 per year (average costs 1993 - 1996) and approximately $4,000.00 per year in utility costs.

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(d) The project would ensure the long term preservation of a significant Historic Building and one of the prominent symbols of the City's image, at no cost to the City. The restoration, heating systems and insulation are estimated to cost approximately $2,000,000.00.

(e) An expanded park visitor and tourist base attributable to the Pavilion would generate increased use (and associated revenues) of all other park attractions and facilities, year round ("tourism" being an increased focus of the current Plan Winnipeg).

(f) An alternate style of food service would be available to park patrons.

(g) For the first time in the Pavilion's 88 year history, public viewing of the park from its 90 foot high tower would be available.

(h) A new stage with a band shell in the Children's Meadow (contemplated for a later phase of development by the Trust) would expand the entertainment opportunities of the Park.

(i) The project would realize an earlier initiative (unsuccessful) of the Parks and Recreation Department to solicit, through open public proposal call, private interest and investment in the restoration of the Pavilion.

Additional issues of consideration are as follows: existing revenues, existing food service, restaurant hours of operation, the Marriott food service contract, and banquet commitments for 1997.

Existing Revenues - Although maintenance costs for the Pavilion have averaged approximately $27,000.00 per year, as well as an additional $4,000.00 annually for utilities, the City receives approximately $27,000.00 per year in revenue from Marriott Food Services operation at the Pavilion. This suggests a modest net loss of approximately $4,000.00 per year for the City. However, this figure does not accurately reflect the true situation; as many costly maintenance repairs of a Capital nature to the aging 66 year old structure have been deferred due to the City's financial situation. Such deferral of repairs cannot continue indefinitely if the Pavilion is to be preserved. For example, during 1996 approximately $30,000.00 was expended to repair the sewer line in the Pavilion Basement and the drainage line from the Lily Pond. The Trust's offer to completely restore the Pavilion as well as install a heating system and insulate the structure for a total estimated cost of approximately $2,000,000.00 is timely and outweighs any modest revenues as might be realized by the City from the current operation.

Existing Food Service - The existing take-out food service caters primarily to casual park visitors, sports games and other major events in the Children's Meadow. The replacement of this food service with up-scale dining will result in a void in Park service. At such time as approval is granted to the Pavilion Gallery Trust Inc., the Department will meet with Marriott Food Services to review options for satisfying this void in service. One option may involve the use of a mobile fast food service on weekends and during major events in the Children's Meadow. Another, more permanent option, could involve the expansion of the existing Picnic Shelter and Washrooms Building adjacent to the Duck Pond. In addition to being more centrally located to activity areas in the Children's Meadow, a fast-food service would be more convenient to visitors of the English Garden, the Leo Mol Sculpture Garden as well as the Duck Pond. As a permanent structure, if heated for year-round use, the food service could be operational on week-ends throughout the winter in conjunction with skating on the Duck Pond, the toboggan Slides and cross country skiing.

Restaurant Hours-of Operation - The Parks and Recreation By-Law No. 3219/82 states that City parks shall close to the public at 11:00 p.m. Although the proposed restaurant in the Pavilion would close at 10:00 p.m. on weekdays, normal weekend service would extend to 12:00 midnight. The By-Law would need to be amended to accommodate this need.

Marriott Food Service Contract - Although Marriott Food Services Ltd. has eight years remaining in the current ten year contract with the City to operate all food concessions and banquet catering in the parks system; the Pavilion has been excluded from the Agreement. As such, the Pavilion concession is operated on a year by year basis. What is required by the Agreement is to provide Marriott Foods with "sufficient notice" (usually at the season's end of the previous year) of the City's intent for the coming season. The City must negotiate with Marriott regarding the impact of removing this facility from the concession package. This cost could be significant, and the final resolution is unknown at this time. It should be noted that this is the second venue proposed to be removed from the contract package. As the objective of the Pavilion Gallery Trust is to be operational for an official opening on Canada Day, July 1, 1997; Marriott Foods should be provided with official notice of the Pavilion's non-availability past the current season, within the next few weeks.

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Banquet Commitments for 1997 - Presently 12 weddings have been booked by Marriott for the Pavilion during 1997. The Trust has agreed to suitably accommodate the existing bookings elsewhere in the event the new banquet facilities in the renovated Pavilion are not operational in time.

In view of these latter two issues, regarding notification of Marriott Foods and 1997 commitments to banquets in the Pavilion, an expedient response by the City to the proposal of the Pavilion Gallery Trust Inc. is being requested.

The Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture therefore recommends:

I. That the proposal by the Pavilion Gallery Trust Inc. to renovate and retrofit the Pavilion in Assiniboine Park as a permanent Art Gallery and Restaurant, be approved in principle, in accordance with the conditions outlined above.

II. That the Proper Officers of the City be directed to meet with representatives of the Pavilion Gallery Trust Inc. for the purposes of developing an appropriate agreement between the City of Winnipeg and the Pavilion Gallery Trust Inc.

III. That the Administration also be authorized to do all things necessary to arrive at an agreement acceptable to all affected parties, and to report back to Council for final approval.

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

Carried.

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QUESTION PERIOD

1145 - Councillor Timm-Rudolph noted that on a number of occasions, the City of Winnipeg Fire Department had attended emergencies outside City limits and questioned if it was true that the municipalities were not being billed for services rendered.

Councillor O'Shaughnessy stated that municipalities had been billed in the past, including Headingley. He cited two instances where the Fire Department was dispatched only to arrive and find the location outside of the city limits. He further stated the policy was such that if the Fire Department was asked to attend, they would. But, if someone placed a call from out of town, the information would be passed along to the appropriate municipality. Councillor O'Shaughnessy stated that the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture would be prepared to review this policy if requested.

Councillor Timm-Rudolph raised the matter of liability and risk for employees each time they went on a call. She further stated the Council should have some type of policy for any situation outside of the City's own jurisdiction where an employee, or citizen being rescued, became injured. She noted that the City could expose itself to a greater liability. Councillor Timm-Rudolph further questioned that if a review of the policy was to take place in the context of budget and cost savings, that this review should acknowledge these concerns.

Councillor O'Shaughnessy advised he would put the matter on the agenda of the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture to be dealt with in its entirety.

Councillor Golden requested an informational update on the Leo Mol Sculpture garden project, and the City's fiscal commitment.

Councillor O'Shaughnessy took the question as notice.

Councillor Murray made reference to a half constructed pathway which ran west of Osborne Street, from the Granite Curling Club, to Cornish Avenue and its deplorable condition and questioned when it would be brought up to standard for safe pedestrian travel.

Councillor O'Shaughnessy took the question as notice.