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EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

DATED JULY 3, 1996

On motion of Her Worship Mayor Thompson, the Report of the Executive Policy Committee, dated July 3, 1996, was considered clause by clause.

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

Carried.

Her Worship The Mayor and Councillors:

Expenditure of Funds from Land Dedication Reserve Fund - To Install a Condenser at the Multiplex Arena - Maples Recreation Association Inc.
File EP-2 (Vol. 23)

871 - 1. On June 18, 1996, the Lord Selkirk-West Kildonan Community Committee considered a communication dated June 18, 1996, from the President of the Maples Recreation Association Inc.

The Committee also heard representation from the Maples Recreation Association in support of a request for financial assistance to install a condenser at the multiplex arena.

Community Committee recommended that the Executive Policy Committee give favourable consideration to allocating $30,000.00 to the Maples Recreation Association from the Lord Selkirk-West Kildonan Land Dedication Reserve Fund to install a condenser at the multiplex arena.

The Executive Policy Committee recommends that funds in the amount of $30,000.00 be allocated to the Maples Recreation Association from the Lord Selkirk-West Kildonan Land Dedication Reserve Fund to install a condenser at the multiplex arena.

Adopted by consent.

Appointment of Citizen Members to the St. Boniface Museum Board
File PR-9.3 (Vol. 6) [c/r GC-7(Vol. 26)]

872 - 2. The Executive Policy Committee has been advised that the Riel Community Committee, at its meeting on May 13, 1996, heard representation from Dr. Philippe Mailhot, Administrator, St. Boniface Museum proposing amendments to the St. Boniface Museum By-law No. 4824/88.

On June 10, 1996, the Riel Community Committee reconsidered the matter of citizen member appointments to the St. Boniface Museum Board pursuant to the Executive Policy Committee's request of May 29, 1996.

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

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

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

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

Inasmuch as Council has approved the above-mentioned recommendations, the Riel Community Committee reiterates its recommendation of May 13, 1996, namely, that the following persons be re-appointed to the St. Boniface Museum Board for a two year term expiring in November, 1997, namely:

Guy Préfontaine
Jacques Rollier
Gary Tessier

The Executive Policy Committee concurs in the recommendation of the Riel Community Committee, namely, that the above-mentioned persons be appointed to the St. Boniface Museum Board for a two-year term expiring November, 1997, and submits same to Council for approval.

Adopted by consent.

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EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

DATED JULY 10, 1996

On motion of Her Worship Mayor Thompson, the Report of the Executive Policy Committee, dated July 10, 1996, was considered clause by clause.

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

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

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

Her Worship The Mayor and Councillors:

Deferment of A Local Improvement Levy Assessed Against Lot 12, Plan Number 23010, D.G.S. 46/47 (St. Vital) Roll Number 08-41675 (10 Lavalee Road) - C.T. 1163340
File SL-3 (Vol. 14)

873 - 1. The Executive Policy Committee has been advised that on April 22, 1994, a wastewater sewer was advertised in Lavalee Road which affected the subject property. Mr. Clovis Beaudry requested a petition against the proposed work which was sufficiently signed against by 63.8% of the total assessable frontage; therefore, defeating the improvement.

On October 19, 1994, Council declared the property, owned by Manitoba Hydro, unfit for building purposes and accordingly, exempted from local improvement levies.

A Petition "For" was requested on January 3, 1995 by one of the residents on Lavalee Road and returned March 8, 1995, resulting in 36.2% of the total assessable frontage signing. Privately owned frontage in favour was 72.39%. Mr. Clovis Beaudry did not sign this petition.

On May 30, 1995, the Committee on Works and Operations recommended the project be proceeded with and was adopted by Council on June 14, 1995. The wastewater sewer was constructed in 1995 and assessed on the 1996 Tax Bill.

On May 21, 1996, an application for deferment was received by the Local Improvements and Miscellaneous Revenue Branch.

Council's policy includes the requirement that-

> "... each request for deferment of a local improvement assessment be first submitted to the Board of Commissioners for report and recommendation to the Executive Policy Committee and Council, and that each such request be judged on its own merit."

The property is a rectangular holding with a frontage of 49 feet with the home thereon addressed as 10 Lavalee Road. The subject levy under Council's deferment policy could qualify for deferment on the basis of no immediate usable benefit to the owner.

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That the request for deferment received from Mr. Clovis Beaudry be approved.

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 Legislative Amendments for Repeat Offences
Files GL-5 (Vol. 5) & GL-1 (Vol. 7)

874 - 2. On June 26, 1996, the City Centre Community Committee heard representation regarding a commercial enterprise on Sargent Avenue, which had repeatedly been fined for offences under a variety of City of Winnipeg by-laws.

The Community Committee subsequently passed the following motion, namely:

> "That the Province of Manitoba be requested to enact the necessary legislative amendments to empower the City of Winnipeg to implement an escalating fine structure for repeat offences under City of Winnipeg by-laws."

The Executive Policy Committee concurs with the Community Committee's motion and recommends:

I. That the Province of Manitoba be requested to enact the necessary legislative amendments to empower the City of Winnipeg to implement an escalating fine structure for repeat offences under City of Winnipeg by-laws.

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

Adopted by consent.

Two Percent Municipal Crime Prevention Levy File GG-2 (Vol. 23)

875 - 3. On June 19, 1996, Council ruled automatic referral of the following motion to the Executive Policy Committee, under Rule 16.1 of the Procedure By-law No. 5400/90:

Moved by Councillor Silva,
Seconded by Councillor Phillips,

WHEREAS rising crime levels have created an economic loss for a great number of Winnipeg homes and businesses;

AND WHEREAS increasing numbers of Winnipeg youth are becoming involved in street gang activity as a means of economic support;

AND WHEREAS this activity and its resulting losses are creating a situation where people are experiencing hardships in attaining insurance for their properties and businesses;

AND WHEREAS this creates an exodus from older areas of the city, in particular Downtown Winnipeg;

AND WHEREAS Winnipeg's citizens are becoming increasingly concerned about the deterioration of Downtown Winnipeg and the safety levels on Winnipeg streets;

AND WHEREAS economic development, safe streets, and downtown revitalization are key City of Winnipeg priorities;

AND WHEREAS The Province of Manitoba deems it appropriate to fund provincial fire prevention programs through a provincial levy on property protection insurance policies;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Intergovernmental Affairs Committee of Council request the Province of Manitoba to allow all Manitoba municipalities the authority to establish a two percent Municipal Crime Prevention Levy on property protection insurance policies;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Winnipeg use 50 percent of the Winnipeg proceeds of this levy to fund additional community and foot patrol officers for the Winnipeg Police Service;

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AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Winnipeg use 50 percent of the Winnipeg proceeds of this levy to fund educational, training and job creation programs for at risk Winnipeg youth;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the planning of all educational, training and job creation programs from the Winnipeg proceeds of this levy be done in consultation with The Aboriginal Council of Winnipeg, The Winnipeg Neighbourhoods Business Association, and The Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce.

The Executive Policy Committee concurs in the recommendations outlined in the resolution and recommends that the words "and training" be added to the seventh paragraph of the motion after the words "fire prevention", and submits same to Council for approval.

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

Moved by Councillor Silva,
Seconded by Councillor Angus,
That the clause be referred back with instructions that the Intergovernmental Affairs Committee consult with the Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce and liaise with the Province of Manitoba in this connection.

In amendment,

Moved by Deputy Mayor Eadie,
Seconded by Her Worship Mayor Thompson,
That the motion be amended by substituting the following words after the word "instructions,":

> "that the Executive Policy Committee reconsider the intent of the resolution in view of recent information having come forward that the Province assesses additional premium taxes on insurance premiums for provincial revenues."

The amendment to the motion was put and declared carried.

The motion to refer with instructions, as amended, was put.

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

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

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

and the motion to refer the clause with instructions was declared carried.

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DATED JULY 17, 1996

On motion of Her Worship Mayor Thompson, the Report of the Executive Policy Committee, dated July 17, 1996, was considered clause by clause.

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

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

Councillor Silva requested that Clause 4 be pulled from the Consent Agenda.

Councillor Murray requested that Clauses 5 and 9 be pulled from the Consent Agenda.

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

Councillor Lazarenko requested that Clause 8 be pulled from the Consent Agenda.

Councillor Thomas requested that Clause 14 be pulled from the Consent Agenda.

The motion to adopt the Consent Agenda, Clauses 1,2,3,7,10,11,12,13 and 15 was put and declared carried.

Moved by Councillor Murray,
That the rule be suspended to allow Council to reconsider Clause 15.

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

Yea: Councillors Lubosch, Murray, Thomas and Vandal. 4

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

and the motion to suspend the rule was declared lost.

Her Worship The Mayor and Councillors:

Proposed amendment to Plan Winnipeg By-law No. 5915/92 by redesignating lands located from Jefferson Avenue to Inkster Boulevard between King Edward Street and the North Inkster Industrial Area, from a "Rural" policy area to an "Industrial" policy area - Lord Selkirk West Kildonan Community
File EP-1.1 (PW3/96) (Vol. 1)

877 - 1. On May 22, 1996, Council adopted Clause 1 of the Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated May 22, 1996, approving a petition to amend Plan Winnipeg By-law No. 5915/92 by redesignating lands located from Jefferson Avenue to Inkster Boulevard between King Edward Street and the North Inkster Industrial Area, from a "Rural" policy area to an "Industrial" policy area.

At the Public Hearing held on July 17, 1996, there were no public representations to the proposed amendment to Plan Winnipeg By-law No. 5915/92. The Commissioner of Planning and Community Services appeared in support of the application on behalf of the City of Winnipeg.

In addition, the Executive Policy Committee received the following submissions, namely:

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1) Copy of Notice of Public Hearing

2) Communication dated June 20, 1996, from the Secretary-Treasurer, Winnipeg School Division No. 1 advising of the School Division's current plans for the establishment of schools in the general area.

After considering all aspects of the Plan Winnipeg Amending By-law No. 6842/96, and after holding the Public Hearing and considering the representations and evidence, the Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That Council give second reading to By-law No. 6842/96, being a by-law of the City of Winnipeg to amend Plan Winnipeg By-law No. 5915/92 by redesignating lands located from Jefferson Avenue to Inkster Boulevard between King Edward Street and the North Inkster Industrial Area, from a "Rural" policy area to an "Industrial" policy area.

II. That Council direct the City Clerk to forward five certified copies of the by-law, as approved on second reading, together with a copy of the report and recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee respecting said by-law, to the Minister of Urban Affairs for approval in accordance with Section 580(1) of The City of Winnipeg Act.

III. That Council direct the City Clerk to serve the required written notice under Section 580(2) of The City of Winnipeg Act, to any person who made representation at the public hearing.

IV. That subject to provincial approval and third reading of Plan Winnipeg Amending By-law No. 6842/96 by Council, a plan be prepared for lands from Jefferson Avenue to Inkster Boulevard between King Edward Street and the North Inkster Industrial Area, from a "Rural" policy area to an "Industrial" policy area; and that the Commissioner of Planning and Community Services be required to coordinate and do all things necessary in connection with the formulation of said plan such that it may be considered by Council

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

Adopted by consent.

Merger of Operations of the Forks Renewal Corporation and the North Portage Development Corporation
File FR-4.1 (Vol. 2)

878 - 2. The Executive Policy Committee has been advised that the North Portage Development Corporation (NPDC) has three equal shareholders, namely: Canada, Manitoba and Winnipeg. The Mayor represents City Council at Shareholder meetings.

The Forks Renewal Corporation (FRC) is a wholly owned subsidiary of the NPDC, therefore FRC is the sole shareholder. Changes to legal structures of the corporations, relating to the merger of operations, require the approval of City Council.

The possibility of a merger first arose in June of 1990 when the NPDC, FRC and the Core Area Initiative made separate representations on future plans and funding needs to a special meeting of the shareholders.

A decision to pursue merger of the corporations was made in May, 1992. The "de facto" administrative merger of the two corporations has effectively been achieved over the last two and one half years.

Formal merger documents have now been finalized and have been submitted for shareholder approval.

1. Mandates of the Corporations

North Portage Development Corporation

The North Portage Development Corporation was established in 1983 to implement a program of development which involves an integration of public and private investment designed to revitalize a key zone in downtown Winnipeg. The Corporation was responsible for assembling and preparing the land to

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which it was given title, and for coordinating a revitalization strategy that includes a combination of commercial, residential, educational, cultural and entertainment facilities enhanced by public amenities such as weather-protected walkways and off-street parking.

Forks Renewal Corporation

The Forks Renewal Corporation was established in 1987 to own and redevelop a major riverfront site at the junction of the Red and Assiniboine Rivers, and to co-ordinate redevelopment of the surrounding East Yard area. The Corporation was responsible for clearing and preparing the land and for redeveloping the site as a "Meeting Place" that includes a mixture of recreational, historical/cultural, residential, institutional, and supporting commercial projects, enhanced by public amenities to ensure year-round vitality and accessibility.

2. Advantages of Merger of Operations:

Cost Effectiveness/Efficiency

Both corporations maintained separate senior staff and similar administrative support staff. With scarce public resources, such duplicate overhead is difficult to justify.

Changing Economic Environment

The economic times are simply not conducive to massive publicly driven economic development in the City of Winnipeg.

Competition Among Publicly Funded Corporations

At the present time, a combination of scarce public resources and limited development opportunities has changed the demands on the three shareholders. In different circumstances, however, the potential for competitive pressures being placed on shareholders is considerable. One merged corporation will have to reconcile these demands internally before approaching government for additional support.

Accountability Improvements

Tri-level corporations are rare in Canada. Greater effort will be required to provide functional guidelines for corporate performance that meets the accountability needs of the public and of elected governments. Generally, it will be easier to keep one such entity accountable rather than two.

More Effective Decision-making and Performance

One "board" that is more conversant with the full range of downtown development activities in Winnipeg, is more aware of the trade-offs that best serve the public interest, and is more conscious of scarce public resources will make better decisions than two boards that must compete for attention and for resources.

3. Effect of Documents Submitted

The two documents submitted for approval reflect the desire of the three levels of government to merge the operations of NPDC and FRC. The Amended and Restated Unanimous Shareholders Agreement defines and regulates the shareholders' respective rights, proprietary interest, duties and obligations.

The mandate area remains the "Forks Areas" and the "North Portage Area" as previously defined. That is, no additional area is included.

The "Business" of NPDC and FRC essentially remains the same as previously enabled.

FRC remains a wholly owned subsidiary of NPDC. A full legal merger of the two corporations does not occur. There will continue to be two Boards of Directors, two annual reports, etc. But for all practical purposes, the two corporations will act as one, under the name "The Forks North Portage Partnership".

It should be noted that these merger documents have been approved by the other shareholders, that is the Province of Manitoba and the Government of Canada.

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The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That Council approve the merger of operations of the Forks Renewal Corporation (FRC) and the North Portage Development Corporation (NPDC), through the execution of the following documents:

i) Resolution of the Shareholders of NPDC authorizing the merger of operations, the execution of the Amended and Restated Unanimous Shareholders' Agreement and the termination of The Forks Renewal Corporation Unanimous Shareholders' Agreement; and

ii) Amended and Restated Unanimous Shareholders' Agreement.

II. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to execute any documents and do all other things necessary related to achieving the intent of the above-noted decision.

Adopted by consent.

(See Minute No. 876 for opposition recorded by Councillor Clement)

Management, Retention, Safe-keeping, Disposition and Destruction of Records
File GK-5 (Vol. 7)

879 - 3. On March 1, 1996, the Province of Manitoba proclaimed Subsection 80 of The City of Winnipeg Act which directed that a Records Management program be implemented and specifically that:

> "Council shall pass a by-law to provide for the management, retention, safekeeping, disposition and destruction of records."

In addition, Subsection 80.1(3) and 80.1(5) of The City of Winnipeg Act requires the by-law to provide for the appointment of a City Archivist and the establishment of a Records Committee.

Council at its meeting of March 19, 1975, passed By-law No. 937/75 which currently provides for the retention, safe-keeping and destruction of documents of the City of Winnipeg. However, By-law No. 937/75 is outdated and the current Civic policies surrounding the management, retention, safe-keeping, disposition and destruction of records no longer meet Department requirements.

To date, the numerous Departmental changes arising out of the New Directions Strategy, as adopted by Council at its meeting of April 27, 1994, exacerbate the need for the City to re-address document policies and procedures, as well as, implement a new Records Management program.

From the implementation of Unicity in 1972, the City of Winnipeg has recognized the significance attributable to ongoing records management and an archival function. In 1975, the City of Winnipeg adopted By-law No. 937/75, as required under The City of Winnipeg Act, which provided for the retention, safe-keeping and destruction of documents. This By-law also provided for a Documents Committee, comprised of the City Auditor, City Treasurer, City Clerk, Director of Civic Buildings and the City Solicitor, to advise on all matters of the by-law including audit, legal and financial requirements, microfilming services and storage space matters. The Documents Committee has not been in operation for several years, and the related City of Winnipeg Act provisions were amended in 1990.

In 1977, the City established the Archives and Records Control Branch under the City Clerk's Department, located at the Carnegie Library at 380 William Avenue. The Branch was charged with the responsibility of maintaining, documenting, storing or displaying City historical artifacts and records. In 1979, responsibility for City-wide microfilming services was transferred from the Purchasing Department to the City Clerk's Department. To date, the Branch has been operating as a Records Storage Centre utilizing manual processes.

During a review of The City of Winnipeg Act in 1986, the Cherniak Report, amongst its numerous recommendations, recommended that the City of Winnipeg,

> *"...establish a City Records Committee to be responsible for and report on the management and condition of records keeping and information handling, and to determine suitable retention and disposal authority and procedures for all City records."*

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The Provincial Government adopted Bill 32 in 1990 which included three related amendments to The City of Winnipeg Act, namely: Provision for Records Management, Provisions for Access to Information, and Provision for a City Ombudsman.

At its meeting of April 27, 1994, Council adopted Clause 1 of the Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated April 14, 1994, which appointed a person to the position of Ombudsman. At its meeting of September 27, 1995, Council adopted Clause 1 of the Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated September 20, 1995 and passed By-law No. 6420/94 which implemented an Access to Information policy for The City of Winnipeg. The Province of Manitoba proclaimed the Records Management requirements of Bill 32 on March 1, 1996.

Currently, the Records Management function is administered inconsistently across the organization and the Office of the Ombudsman has identified this as a problem requiring immediate resolution.

In July of 1995, Lea Frame prepared a report entitled "Records Management & Archives in The City of Winnipeg", which held among its recommendations the following:

1. That the City establish a comprehensive Records Management and Archives system with the following assignments of responsibility:

    a) The City Clerk's Department to provide leadership in the development and implementation of a corporate program, including the establishment of policies, provision of specialized support and expertise to department, operation of a central facility, and management of all inactive and archival records.

    b) Civic Departments to manage current and active records in accordance with established policies.

4. That the Records Committee, chaired by the City Archivist, be reactivated, to review and revise By-law No. 937/75, and to develop policies, procedures, and guidelines for decentral staff, including the investigation of technical solutions, and the application of policies to non-paper records.

5. That each Civic Department be required to assign a staff person accountable for records management, including indexing, purging files, transferring inactive records to the central facility, developing an inventory, implementing related technology, etc.

It has also been noted that the implementation of the "New Direction" strategy and the subsequent downsizing of Departments has exacerbated the need for a Records Management function to ensure that records are not inadvertently destroyed or lost.

The proposed by-law represents a preliminary step in trying to address the issues related to Records Management for The City of Winnipeg. It is based on By-law No. 937/75 and includes a number of changes based on decisions made by the now-defunct Documents Committee that were never adequately acknowledged and incorporated into the By-law, and from input received to date from Departments. Notably, investigation has identified that most Civic Departments have very limited internal Records Management policies and systems. The policy framework underlying the by-law is outlined in Appendix "A".

The proposed by-law is intended as a temporary guide to aid Departments over the next two years. Over this period, an intensive study of each Department's records will be carried out in order to create a comprehensive listing of all City records. This comprehensive listing is being undertaken with the cooperation of the City Records Manager/Archivist and staff by using the information that each Department will have the opportunity to contribute to the City's Records Management program, while defining their internal Records Management function.

The current physical storage practice followed by Departments for records is to be continued or determined by the City Archivist as required.

By January 1, 1998, the City of Winnipeg will publish a listing of Departmental files in its "Access Guide". Once this listing is compiled, the proposed by-law can be amended to accommodate the Departmental and City requirements. This by-law could then be updated on an as required basis. It is anticipated that each Department will then have its own retention schedule.

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The issue of micro-filming has been addressed only briefly in this by-law. Investigation and subsequent discussion with Departments has revealed that the micro-filming process is no longer a viable method of long term storage of records. As such, micro-filming will only be done on a individual request basis for Departments. A methodology for a technology to replace micro-filming will be the subject of a future report.

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That the draft by-law be adopted by Council to guide departments in the management, retention, safe-keeping, disposition and destruction of records.

II. That the by-law be reviewed within 2 years in keeping with the publication of the Access Guide which is required to be published by January 1, 1998, in accordance with By-law No. 6420/94, Access to Information.

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

Adopted by consent.

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

Adoption of Forward Thinking: Winnipeg Public Library Plan 1996 - 2000
File L-1 (Vol. 13)

880 - 4. On September 27th, 1995 a Directive from City of Winnipeg Council requested that the Libraries Department conduct a public consultation process to review the Council Library Policy.

In March of 1996, the Libraries Department established the Forward Thinking Steering Committee to conduct the Library planning process. The Committee was co-chaired by Councillor Amaro Silva and Mr. Abe Anhang (Chair of the Winnipeg Public Library Board) and had 17 members representing the Winnipeg community.

The Forward Thinking Steering Committee has completed its deliberations and prepared a document entitled “Forward Thinking: Winnipeg Public Library Plan - 1996 - 2000". This document, as outlined in Appendix “A”, articulates a vision for the future of library services in Winnipeg along with recommendations intended to see that vision realized over the long term.

The Forward Thinking Strategic Plan reflects the opinions of a wide variety of Winnipeggers. The result is a balanced approach, one that addresses the main concerns and explores recognized opportunities. The plan is realistic and strategic. It focuses on specific actions that can provide stability in the short term while building toward long term gain.

As the major financial contributor to the Library, the City of Winnipeg Council has the responsibility for implementing many of the recommendations in the plan. The recommendations for which Council is responsible are outlined below and form the basis of this Committee’s request of Council.

1. That City of Winnipeg Council endorse the Library strategic plan document entitled ”Forward Thinking: Winnipeg Public Library Plan - 1996 - 2000" to set a framework for future actions and decisions regarding the Winnipeg Public Library.

2. That the City of Winnipeg Council provide the Libraries Department with a 1997 operating budget equal to that of 1996 and provide a 2% increase in operating budget for 1998.

3. That the City of Winnipeg Council establish a capital program to expand the introduction of technological resources into the Winnipeg Public Library system.

4. That the City of Winnipeg Council allocate a total of $3.9 million in its capital budget (to be spent in the years 1997 and 1998) for investment in new technology and training.

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5. That the City of Winnipeg Council allocate revenues generated from overdue fines; replacement fees for lost items, room rentals, non resident fees, and photocopy fees (currently allocated to General Revenues) to a special reserve fund dedicated for ongoing technological improvements within the Libraries Department.

6. That the City of Winnipeg Council allocate revenues from all new cost recoveries to a reserve fund dedicated to improvements to its collections.

7. That the City of Winnipeg Council take the necessary steps to fill staff positions that are currently vacant and budgeted within the Libraries Department.

8. That the City of Winnipeg Council direct the Winnipeg Public Library and the City of Winnipeg Audit Department to undertake an assessment of Library processes and operations to see if any efficiencies, savings, or improvements in service delivery can be realized.

9. That the City of Winnipeg Council amend the Winnipeg Public Library Board By-law and the City of Winnipeg Organizational By-law to more clearly define the responsibilities of this Board.

10. That the City of Winnipeg Council amend the Winnipeg Public Library Board By-law and the City of Winnipeg Organizational By-law to delegate the following responsibilities to the Board: public involvement, fundraising, long range planning and preparing an annual report on the activities of the Board.

11. That the City of Winnipeg Council amend the Winnipeg Public Library Board By-law and the City of Winnipeg Organizational By-law to require that the Libraries Department confer with the Winnipeg Public Library Board on matters related to policy and budget, with the objective of reaching agreement, prior to the Department submitting any recommendations to Winnipeg City Council.

12. That the City of Winnipeg Council amend the Winnipeg Public Library Board By-law and the City of Winnipeg Organizational By-law to strengthen and broaden representation on the Board to include qualified appointments representing a wide variety of groups, from within the Winnipeg community.

13. That the City of Winnipeg Council instruct that all things necessary be done to enact an amended Winnipeg Public Library Board By-law and an amended City of Winnipeg Organizational By-law, and make the appointments to the Board, by January 1, 1997.

The Executive Policy Committee recommends that the Formal Thinking Report submitted by the Steering Committee on the Winnipeg Public Libraries dated July 10, 1996 be received; and further recommends:

I. That recommendations 2 through 6, as outlined above, be referred to the Capital and Current Budget review process commencing in the fall of 1996.

II. That the City Auditor be directed to conduct an Operational Audit of the Library Department in 1997.

III. That the Committee on Planning and Community Services be requested to review recommendations 9 through 13, as outlined above, for report back to Council prior to January, 1997.

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

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

In amendment,

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

WHEREAS the Forward Thinking: Winnipeg Public Library Plan 1996 - 2000 is a comprehensive document which requires both administrative and financial changes;

AND WHEREAS the Executive Policy Committee recommendations refer all the budgetary related matter to the 1997 budget deliberations;

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the report submitted to Council be approved in principle;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that City Council use its best efforts to implement the recommendations contained therein.

Moved by Councillor Lazarenko,
That the question be now put.

Carried.

The amendment was put and declared carried.

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

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

Council recessed at 11:53 a.m., and reconvened at 1:38 p.m., same members present.

Councillors Golden and Thomas entered the meeting after Council had reconvened.

Sale of The Winnipeg Jets NHL Franchise
File F-5.1 (Vol. 5)

881 - 5. On January 24, 1996, Council ruled automatic referral of the following motion to the Executive Policy Committee, under Rule 16.1 of the Procedure By-law No. 5400/90:

Moved by Councillor Thomas,
Seconded by Councillor Murray,

WHEREAS Clause 26 of the Report of Executive Policy Committee dated January 17, 1996, provides information for Council on the Winnipeg Jets Agreement;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT:

1) The Mayor inform Council fully of what the Jets operating budget was, as approved by the Steering Committee on October 5, 1995 and if there have been any changes to the 1995/96 budget and all revisions to date;

2) The Mayor clarify publicly the position of City Council to all parties involved in the sale of the Winnipeg NHL franchise. This to include:

A) That the City/WEC will be fully redeemed for the sale of its shares in the Winnipeg Jets NHL Hockey franchise in the 1996 fiscal year;

B) That the City notify the current owners and all parties to the sale agreement that the City considers the current sale arrangements of the Winnipeg Jets between Mr. Shenkarow et al and Mr. Gluckstern et al to be an irrevocable sale and that the WEC will offer no further subsidy of the team or ice time in the Winnipeg Arena beyond the current season;

C) That the date of the closing of the sale of the team be specified to be on or before June 30, 1996.

On February 7, 1996, Executive Policy Committee referred the matter to the Board of Commissioners for report back, and on April 24, 1996, Council granted an extension of time of 30 days.

On May 15, 1996, Council granted an additional extension of time of 60 days.

Inasmuch as the final report from the administration has not yet been submitted, the Executive Policy Committee recommends that Council grant an additional extension of time of 60 days to allow for consideration of this matter.

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

Carried.

Request for an Amendment to The City of Winnipeg Act to empower the Mayor to appoint Vice-Chairpersons for each Standing Committee
File GL-5.6 (Vol. 8)

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

Moved by Councillor Angus,
Seconded by Councillor Prystanski,

WHEREAS a three Committee Structure is deemed appropriate and would allow the senior administration to be aligned with the decision-making structure;

AND WHEREAS the Committee Structure would be enhanced with the addition of a Vice-Chairperson who would act in the absence of the Chairperson and share the responsibility for policy development;

AND WHEREAS it would be more expedient to have the Standing Committees report directly to Council;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of Manitoba be requested to amend The City of Winnipeg Act to provide for the following:

I. Empower the Mayor to appoint Vice-Chairpersons for each Standing Committee.
II. Provide for remuneration for Vice-Chairpersons at a rate of 1/3 of the level set for the Chairperson.
III. Allow the Vice-Chairpersons to sit and vote on Executive Policy Committee in the absence of the Chairperson.

The Executive Policy Committee requests an extension of time of 90 days in order to further consider this matter.

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

Carried.

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

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

Moved by Councillor Angus,
Seconded by Councillor Eadie,

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

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

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

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The Executive Policy Committee requests an extension of time of 90 days in order to further consider this matter.

Adopted by consent.

Request for State of the City addresses on a quarterly basis File GC-1 (Vol. 3)

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

Moved by Councillor Lazarenko,
Seconded by Councillor Thomas,

WHEREAS the Mayor has adopted the custom of presenting a State of the City address once a year at a Chamber of Commerce dinner;

AND WHEREAS the Chamber of Commerce does not represent the citizens of Winnipeg nor does a Chamber dinner provide a public forum where the Mayor may answer questions from the media;

AND WHEREAS a State of the City address once a year is too infrequent to portray adequately the affairs of the City and the vision of its elected leadership;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council request the Mayor to present State of the City addresses on a quarterly basis as soon as practically possible;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that these quarterly addresses take place in public, before the media and all interested parties, in a forum where the Mayor may answer questions.

Inasmuch as the Mayor attends many public events and speaking engagements throughout the term of office by virtue of the position, before the media and interested parties, the Executive Policy Committee is of the opinion there is no need to formalize this process and recommends that the motion be filed.

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

Carried.

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

Winnipeg Jets Hockey Club File F-5.1 (Vol. 6)

885 - 9. On April 24, 1996, Council ruled automatic referral of the following motion to the Executive Policy Committee, under Rule 16.1 of the Procedure By-law No. 5400/90:

Moved by Councillor Lazarenko,
Seconded by Councillor Thomas,

WHEREAS the Winnipeg Jets Hockey Club has ended its current season;

AND WHEREAS the hockey club will be shifting play to Phoenix, Arizona for the 1996-97 season;

AND WHEREAS the revenue generating capacity of the hockey club has now been reduced to negligible amounts;

AND WHEREAS the expense side of the hockey club operations will continue to impose heavily upon the coffers of the City of Winnipeg;

AND WHEREAS negotiators for the City of Winnipeg and Province of Manitoba have not provided a copy of the contract for the sale of the Winnipeg Jets to the Phoenix group;

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AND WHEREAS both the City and the Province have adhered to the letter and the spirit of the 1992 Interim Operating Agreement governing payment of the hockey club's losses;

AND WHEREAS the public has been deprived of an accounting for the losses because of secrecy provisions in the Interim Operating Agreement;

AND WHEREAS the public continues to fund losses exceeding 65 million dollars since 1991, with final 1995-96 figures yet to be compiled;

AND WHEREAS the marketing efforts of the Phoenix Coyotes have been underway for several months;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Winnipeg, in conjunction with the Province of Manitoba, set aside any expenses of the Winnipeg Jets Hockey Club incurred after the end of the season;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the management fee paid to the President of the Winnipeg Jets Hockey Club be pro-rated to coincide with the end of the hockey club's current season;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the goods and chattels belonging to the Winnipeg Jets Hockey Club consisting of hockey equipment, sweaters, sticks, souvenirs, posters, photos, press materials, pennants, trophies, etc. be set aside as now belonging to the people of Winnipeg and the Province of Manitoba and that a committee be formed to decide which of the goods and chattels are to be enshrined permanently in hockey museums and sports halls of fame, and which good and chattels will be sold off at public auctions or by other means, so as to offset the hockey club's losses.

On May 1, 1996, Executive Policy Committee laid the matter over and referred it to the Board of Commissioners for report back.

On June 19, 1996, Council granted an extension of time of 30 days.

Inasmuch as the final report from the administration has not yet been submitted, the Executive Policy Committee recommends that Council grant an additional extension of time of 90 days to allow for consideration of this matter.

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

Carried.

Amendment to The City of Winnipeg's Organizational By-law No. 6550/95
File GL-5.6 (Vol. 8)

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

Moved by Councillor Angus,
Seconded by Councillor Lazarenko,

WHEREAS Council approved the New Directions strategy at its meeting of April 27, 1994;

AND WHEREAS Council passed its current organizational by-law, By-law No. 6550/95, which provided for a "transitional model to meet the requirements of implementing the New Directions strategy";

AND WHEREAS, the transitional structure of four Standing Committees is not aligned to the senior administration created by New Directions;

AND WHEREAS the current decision-making structure and dual committee responsibility of Councillors can be onerous and can give rise to duplication of effort;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that a three Committee Structure be implemented as identified on Appendix "A" and include the following premises:

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I. Each Councillor would sit on one Standing Committee
II. Each Standing Committee shall have Community Committee representation.

and that the necessary by-law to amend By-law No. 6550/95, be forwarded to Council not later than September 25, 1996 to allow for implementation November 1, 1996.

The Executive Policy Committee requests an extension of time of 90 days in order to further consider this matter.

Adopted by consent.

Council Member Appointment to the Winnipeg Safe City Committee
File GF-2.7 (c/r GC-7)

887 - 11. At its Organizational Meeting on November 8, 1995, Council referred the matter of Council member appointments to the Winnipeg Safe City Committee to the Selection Committee requesting that one member of Council representing the Executive Policy Committee and one member of Council representing each Standing Committee be appointed to the Committee.

On June 19, 1996, Council approved the following Council member appointments, namely:

I. That Councillor Murray be appointed as the Council representative from the Committee on Planning and Community Services, for the term expiring November, 1996.

II. That Councillor Lubosch be appointed as the Council representative from the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture, for the term expiring November, 1996.

III. That Councillor Thomas be appointed as the Council representative from the Committee on Works and Operations, for the term expiring November, 1996.

IV. That no member be appointed from the Executive Policy Committee to serve on the Winnipeg Safe City Committee.

On July 4, 1996, the Committee on Finance and Administration recommended that Councillor Phillips be appointed as the Councillor representative from the Committee on Finance and Administration to the Safe City Committee.

The Executive Policy Committee concurs with the recommendation of the Committee on Finance and Administration that Councillor Phillips be appointed to the Winnipeg Safe City Committee as the Councillor representative from the Committee on Finance and Administration and submits same to Council for approval.

Adopted by consent.

Request to use the Crest of the Former City of St. James-Assiniboia by the Merchants of St. James Village
File GK-1 (Vol. 3)

888 - 12. On July 17, 1996, the Executive Policy Committee passed the following motion, namely:

WHEREAS in 1994 a group of businesses along Portage Avenue from Queen Street to Ferry Road formed an Association called the "Merchants of St. James Village" to promote a positive business environment in this area; and

WHEREAS the Merchants of St. James Village have received funding from the City of Winnipeg Streetscape Program for various streetscaping improvements in this area; and

WHEREAS the Merchants of St. James Village have agreed that a component of their enhancement project should include banners and other forms of advertising relating to the village area; and

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WHEREAS the Merchants of St. James Village would like to incorporate the crest of the former City of St. James-Assiniboia in their banners and other related advertising;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Executive Policy Committee recommends to Council that permission be given to the Merchants of St. James Village to use the crest of the former City of St. James-Assiniboia in banners and other forms of advertising relating to the defined area of the "St. James Village";

and submits this resolution to Council for approval.

Adopted by consent.

Joint Use Agreement Between Winnipeg Public Library and Manitoba Multicultural Resource Centre Inc.
File L-31 (Vol. 1)

889 - 13. The Manitoba Multicultural Resource Centre, Inc. is a voluntary, non-profit organization which seeks to preserve and promote multicultural heritage in the province, and facilitate multicultural understanding and harmony among all Manitobans.

For the past ten years it has resided at the University of Winnipeg.

On a yearly basis the MMRC provides a variety of public programs designed to promote the many facets of multiculturalism in Manitoba. These programs include educational workshops on the various aspects of heritage preservation, cross-cultural issues, special heritage and Cultural Projects and the March 21st International Day for the Elimination of Racism event in conjunction with the City of Winnipeg Police Services, the RCMP and Winnipeg School Division No. 1.

The MMRC provides a number of services to its members including a monthly Bulletin of multicultural events around the province.

In addition, MMRC acts as a resource centre with a developing library of books, journals, dissertations and magazines on multicultural topics.

A primary resource in the MMRC library is the Ethnobank binder. This computer-based information directory of Manitoba's cultural communities is updated annually by the staff of the MMRC. In recent months, the staff of the MMRC has completed work on the creation of a home page on the Manitoba Blue Sky Community Network to promote the goals and objectives of the Centre.

For the past six years, the Library Department has served as an institutional representative on the board of Directors of the Manitoba Multicultural Resource Centre, Inc. During that time the City of Winnipeg Library Department has assisted in the promotion of the centre's goals by serving on various committees, and providing program room space for co-operative programs.

This unique opportunity has allowed the Library Department to promote its own collections, services and programs, network with representatives of the multicultural community, and raise its profile within the multicultural community.

For the past ten years the Manitoba Multicultural Resource Centre, Inc. has been based at the University of Winnipeg. However, as a result of limited campus space, the University has been forced to reclaim this space for faculty use. This action has precipitated the need for MMRC to look for new office space.

MMRC's requirements include approx. 250 sq. ft. of office space, access to a board room and program room space, and access to photocopying equipment.

The St. James Library, 1910 Portage Avenue currently has a number of vacant offices on the second floor that are empty or being used for storage space only. There is also a board room adjacent to these second floor offices that is rarely used and would accommodate the MMRC's monthly board meetings.

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In addition, the second floor of the library provides access to public photocopiers as well as program room space and a kitchen facility that is no longer used by the staff. There are also wheelchair accessible washrooms on the second floor.

In discussing the viability of this facility with the MMRC, the Executive Director has toured the facility and it meets their basic requirements.

The Centre has limited financial resources and is not in a position to pay a significant monthly rent. The MMRC bases most of its funding on government grants and is currently reorganizing the operation to broaden its revenue base. Thus, any arrangement entered into by the Library Department, would have to be based less on the financial gains the city could achieve and more on the co-operative benefits the library's customers could gain.

The President of the MMRC advises there is a certain willingness to provide the Library Department to gain access for its customers to a resource collection of approximately 500 books, journals and dissertations related to the area of multiculturalism in Canada. The MMRC is amenable to having this material catalogued by the Library Department and accessible to all library users through the automated Dynix system of the Library.

In addition, the MMRC has collected a large number of artifacts and other items that could be set up in library display cases throughout the system to promote the rich multicultural heritage of the province.

Numerous opportunities exist for the development of co-operative programs and workshops with the Centre that would help to promote the ideals of the Centre and provide the Library Department with access to services and programs for this growing segment of its user base.

Approval is required to provide space in City of Winnipeg facilities to community groups

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That approval be given to the Library Department to enter into an agreement with the Manitoba Multicultural Resource Centre, Inc. (MMRC) to provide office space at the St. James Library 1910 Portage Avenue, in return for access by Library customers to the multicultural resource materials, programs and service opportunities available from the Manitoba Multicultural Resource Centre, Inc.

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

Adopted by consent.

Appointments of Citizen Members to the Board of Revision
Files GK-11.1 (Vol.2) (c/r GC-7)

890 - 14. Section 35(1) of The Municipal Assessment Act provides that Council shall in each year by resolution, appoint a Board of Revision to revise the assessment rolls and the Board shall consist of such number of members, not fewer than three, as the Council shall decide. Council on December 17, 1993, resolved that the number of members to the Board of Revision be reduced from twenty-seven to twenty-one members.

The Selection Committee considered a number of applications for the appointment to the Board of Revision in order to allow the Board of Revision to continue to hear appeals at the current expanded rate and on January 24, 1996, Council appointed 21 citizen members to the Board of Revision for a one year term to expire December 31, 1996.

On July 3, 1996, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation to increase the number of citizen member appointments to the Board of Revision by 8 for a total of 29 members and the matter was referred to the Selection Committee for consideration.

The Executive Policy Committee concurs with the recommendations of the Selection Committee that the following citizens be appointed to the Board of Revision for the balance of the term to expire December 31, 1996, namely: Ray Brunka, Max Goldack, Drew McArton, Claude Davis, and Roy Anders.

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The Executive Policy Committee submits these appointments to Council for approval.

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

Carried.

Amendment to the Organizational By-law No. 6550/95 - Reporting Relationship of the City Clerk's Department
Files GL-5.6 (Vol. 8) & GK (Vol. 14)

891 - 15. On July 17, 1996, the Executive Policy Committee passed the following motion, namely:

WHEREAS the position of City Clerk is a statutory officer and the statutory powers and duties and functions of the City Clerk are set out in Subsection 50(1) of The City of Winnipeg Act;

AND WHEREAS the City Clerk is accountable to Council for the exercise of these powers;

AND WHEREAS Council by by-law has appointed the City Clerk to act as Returning Officer in accordance with The Local Authorities Election Act;

AND WHEREAS Subsection 45 of The City of Winnipeg Act permits Council to delegate administrative duties to city administrators;

AND WHEREAS the Task Force on the Restructuring of City Council identified the need to further restructure the decision-making process;

AND WHEREAS in accordance with By-law No. 6550/95, the City's organizational by-law, the Office of the Ombudsman and the Audit Department currently report to Council;

AND WHEREAS it is deemed desirable to implement this reporting relationship for the City Clerk's Department, to streamline the reporting relationship and strengthen communications;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 6550/95 be amended to direct that the City Clerk's Department report directly to Council for statutory and administrative responsibilities, through Executive Policy Committee, and that the Secretariat Committee of council act as liaison in this regard;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Solicitor/Manager of Legal Services be requested to prepare the necessary amending by-law to reflect these changes for approval by Council on July 24, 1996;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all existing policies and agreements be amended to reflect this direction,

and submits this resolution to Council for approval.

Adopted by consent.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

MOTIONS

Moved by Councillor Murray,
Seconded by Councillor Silva,

892 - WHEREAS one of Winnipeg's best opportunities for real economic growth will come from increased immigration to the city;

AND WHEREAS Canadian immigration results in net economic and social benefits in the form of immigrants providing input, purchases of goods and services, rental occupancy of housing units and other economic activities that create wealth, employment and investments;

AND WHEREAS changes to Canada's immigration policy as announced: i) sets an application processing fee of $500.00 payable upon filing of immigration application; and ii) sets a $975.00 landing fee payable in advance of visa approval;

AND WHEREAS this policy will in effect impose undue financial burden to many new Canadians who would like to sponsor their close relatives and to reunite their families;

BE IT RESOLVED that The City of Winnipeg call upon Parliament and the Government of Canada:

1) To institute a fairer method of levying the processing fee of $500.00 such that it may be collected in graduated amounts corresponding to the processing stages that the application went through;

2) To eliminate the landing fee of $975.00;

3) That while the landing fee is in force that it only be made payable upon the issuance of a visa to the successful applicant and that the fee be made either a deductible item to arrive at net income or a refundable tax credit item;

4) To ensure that the on-going negotiation between the Provincial Government of Manitoba and the Federal Government include and reflect the inputs from the various multi-cultural groups;

5) That adopted children be considered to have the same status as children born to their parents without discrimination; and that bonding requirements be eliminated;

6) That the City of Winnipeg develop an immigration strategy for the City and present it to the Federal and Provincial Governments.

Carried.

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

893 - WHEREAS Council at its meeting of March 18, 1996, adopted Clause 1, as amended, of the Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated March 13, 1996, which directed that an external inquiry be conducted into the assessment situation;

AND WHEREAS such report on the inquiry was received by Members of Council on July 23, 1996;

AND WHEREAS copies of the report have been circulated to the media and senior administrators;

AND WHEREAS at its Special Meeting of July 23, 1996, the Executive Policy Committee directed that a copy of the report be made available in the Office of the City Clerk for public inspection;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Clerk be directed to make additional copies of the report and provide such upon request, and that the usual fee of $.50/page be waived in this instance and that a recovery of $15.00 per copy, plus G.S.T., be charged.

Carried.

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

894 - WHEREAS during the spring of 1996, the City of Winnipeg experienced a significant flood threat;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg expended funds in excess of the threshold amount judged by the Province of Manitoba to be reasonable;

AND WHEREAS in order for the Manitoba Disaster Assistance Board to consider any requests for disaster assistance, a resolution must be passed by the municipality;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Winnipeg request the Province of Manitoba to provide disaster financial assistance in accordance with their established policy.

Carried.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

895 - On motion of Her Worship Mayor Thompson, By-law No. 6842/96, a By-law of the City of Winnipeg to amend By-law No. 5915/92, a By-law establishing Plan Winnipeg, being a statement of the City's policy and general proposals in respect of development or use of land in the City, was read a second time.
File EP-1.1 (PW 3/96) (Vol. 1)

Her Worship Mayor Thompson moved that this constitute the second reading of By-law No. 6842/96, which motion was carried.

On motion of Her Worship Mayor Thompson, the following By-laws were read a first, second and third time, the rule being suspended for the third reading of each by-law, and were passed and ordered to be signed and sealed, namely:

By-law No. 6857/96, a By-law of The City of Winnipeg to defer the payment of the special assessment for Local Improvements in respect of certain lands benefitted thereby on Lavalee Road in said City. File SL-3

By-law No. 6865/96, a By-law of the City of Winnipeg to amend By-law No. 6550/95, being The City Organization By-law. Files GL-5.6 (Vol. 8) and GK (Vol. 14)

By-law No. 6875/96, a By-law of the City of Winnipeg to provide for the management, retention, safe-keeping, disposition and destruction of records. File GK-5 (Vol. 7)

Councillor Thomas asked to be recorded as having voted against all three readings of By-law No. 6865/96, in accordance with Rule 50.7 of the Procedure By-law.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

QUESTION PERIOD

896 - Councillor Lazarenko requested the status of the Taxation Fairness Committee and was advised by Her Worship Mayor Thompson that a status report would be coming forward on August 2, 1996.

Councillor Vandal noted that the position of Coordinator of French Language Services for the Library Department has been vacant for two years. He further noted a by-law which provides for a certain level of French language service in the City and questioned the reasons for the vacancy and when the position would be posted or filled.

Her Worship stated she would look into the matter.

Councillor Murray noted a motion dating back to January 24, 1996, that the Executive Policy Committee has been laying over regarding the disposition of funds and budget changes in the Winnipeg Jets operating budget. He questioned if the Mayor had met with Mr. Shenkarow and the private sector owners and if the Mayor would report on the disposition of the funds and the resolution of taxation and expenditures.

Her Worship advised that any requests that have been made, have been followed up with the Administration for a report.

Councillor Murray cited a motion from today's agenda, again laid over, which requests the Mayor to clarify publicly the position of City Council to all parties involved in the sale of the Winnipeg Jets. He stated that the motion is, in a sense obsolete, none of the requests having been acted on.

Her Worship advised that she followed process in terms of what was requested and would continue to try to expedite it.

Councillor Murray questioned if the Mayor had seen the final budget for 1996, what changes have taken place and how the taxation issue is being dealt with and the City's legal position given the significant loss of revenue.

Her Worship again noted that she would follow up on the process in terms of providing the information to Council.