**REPORT OF THE**

**EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE**

**DATED APRIL 23, 1996**

On motion of Her Worship Mayor Thompson, the rule was suspended and the Report of the Executive Policy Committee, dated April 23, 1996, was considered.

Her Worship The Mayor and Councillors:

**Appointment of Chief of Police**
**File GP-1.19 (Vol. 15)**

**551 -** 1. On September 19, 1995, the Chief Commissioner sent a memorandum to the Mayor advising Chief Henry's contract would be expiring in February 1996 and the selection for a new Chief of Police should begin.

On November 20, 1995, the Board of Commissioners retained the firm of Ernst and Young, Management Consultants, to assist it in the selection of a Chief of Police for the City of Winnipeg.

On December 1, 1995, the Selection Committee met to discuss the recruitment and selection process. It was decided that Council and key stakeholders be provided an opportunity for input in the selection criteria for a new Chief of Police, and that other stakeholders be invited to submit in writing, their views on same.

On December 7, 1995, the Mayor sent a letter to all Councillors inviting them to a Seminar for Selection of the new Chief of Police which was convened on December 17, 1995 to discuss the selection evaluation criteria.

On December 12, 1995, a letter was sent from Commissioner Loren Reynolds to forty-three senior municipal police officers in Ontario and Western Canada advising them of the opportunity and inviting applications or referrals of qualified candidates.

On February 2, 1996, a letter was sent to approximately fifty-five stakeholders in the community inviting them to comment on the qualities the new Chief of Police should bring to the position. The following three submissions were received:

Manitoba Association of School Trustees
Societe Franco-Manitobaine
Independent Living Resource Centre

In February 1996, the Chief Commissioner's office invited nine stakeholders to meet with the Selection Committee to present their views on the selection criteria for the new Chief of Police.

From March 12 to March 25, 1995, the Selection Committee met with the following stakeholders:

Ms. Cathy Mallet, representing the Aboriginal Council of Winnipeg
Dr. Bill Davis, Winnipeg Police Staff Psychologist
Ms. Cathy Mallet, representing the Original Women's Network
Superintendent Don McLean, Winnipeg Police Senior Officer's Association
Mr. Allan Finebilt, Assistant Deputy Attorney General
Mr. Charles Dowse, Citizens for Crime Awareness
Chief Francis Flett, Chair of the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs Committee on Justice

The interview process took place from April 4 to April 12, 1996.

The Selection Committee consisted of Mayor Susan A. Thompson, Deputy Mayor Jae Eadie, Councillor Mike O'Shaughnessy, Chairman of the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture and Chief Commissioner Rick Frost. In addition to the consulting firm of Ernst and Young, Mrs. Brenda Douglas, Manager of Human Resource Services participated in the selection process.

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After thorough screening by the consulting firm, the Selection Committee met with four candidates - one external and three internal. The Committee followed a normal process of structured interviews. In subsequent deliberations, it was necessary first to satisfy the basic requirements and criteria as determined by the Selection Committee and secondly, to identify the best "fit" in terms of personal qualification with the Winnipeg Police Services Department. Of course, this process also allowed the candidates to expand their knowledge and to confirm their interest.

In determining a recommendation, it was evident that each potential candidate would bring unique strengths to the position. Depending on one's assessment of the need, the diversity of experience and skill of each candidate could be weighed differently. The challenge was to decide who is "best suited" to the position. Three issues proved pivotal in reaching that recommendation:

1. The new Chief of Police must be a leader who could continue to build upon the changes currently underway in the culture and direction of the Police Services Department and implement the necessary structures so that internal candidates have a more likely opportunity for promotion in the future. A longer-term participatory style of changing organizational culture was viewed as more suitable to the current Winnipeg circumstance.

2. The new Chief of Police must have a strong professional presence and have the demonstrated ability to convey a positive image in the community. During the stakeholders meetings the majority of presenters expressed the view that the candidate should be committed to enhancing the community based policing model and have innovative strategies in dealing with emerging crime trends, ie. street/youth gangs, increasing violent behaviour, and core area issues.

3. The new Chief of Police should be credible with aboriginal and other diverse groups.

Taking these key factors into account, the Selection Committee concluded that Mr. David Cassels is best suited to the appointment.

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That Mr. David Cassels (currently retired from the Edmonton Police Department) be appointed to the position of Chief of Police, Management Salary Level XI Step XI, $99,606 per annum, on contract for five years.

II. That a moving allowance up to $12,000 (based on receipts) be provided to accommodate Mr. Cassels prompt move to Winnipeg.

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

The motion for the adoption of the clause was put and declared carried unanimously.

Council recessed at 12:08 p.m., and reconvened at 1:44 p.m., same members present, Councillor Prystanski in the Chair.

Councillors Murray, Deputy Mayor Eadie and Her Worship Mayor Thompson entered the meeting after Council had reconvened.

Council here proceeded to consider the order of business - "Report of the Executive Policy Committee, dated April 3, 1996".

**REPORT OF THE**

**EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE**

**DATED APRIL 3, 1996**

On motion of Councillor Clement, the Report of the Executive Policy Committee, dated April 3, 1996, was considered clause by clause.

Moved by Councillor Clement,
That the Consent Agenda, Clauses 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10 and 11 be adopted.

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

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

The motion to adopt the Consent Agenda, Clauses 1,2,3,4,5,7,9,10 and 11 was put and declared carried.

Her Worship The Mayor and Councillors:

**Appointment to Employee Benefits Board**
**File GU-3.9 (Vol. 15)**

**552 -** 1. On January 8, 1996, one position of Council appointee to the Employee Benefits Board became vacant when Mr. K. B. Hayes took office as Executive Director to the Employee Benefits Board.

The Employee Benefits Board is the employer-employee board which administers Pension, Insurance, and Disability Benefits for all Civic Employees except Police. EBB has thirteen members, seven appointed by City Council, and six appointed by member employee groups.

The current Council appointees are Councillor John Angus, Bill Carroll (Commissioner of Works and Operations), Lea Frame (Vice-President, Volunteers & Human Resources, Pan American Games Society), Rick Borland (Director of Transit), Jim Linton (Director of Hydro), and Leslie King (Director of Social Services).

Ms Ferrier's position within the Finance Department, and her financial background and expertise, will be an asset to the administration of the Civic Employee Pension Plan.

The Executive Policy Committee recommends that Ms Jo-Anne Ferrier, Manager of Financial Planning and Budgets, be appointed as a representative of City Council on the Employee Benefits Board.

Adopted by consent.

**Land Dedication Funding for the Elmwood Kildonan Swimming Pool - Leisure Pool Renovation**
**Files EP-2 (Vol. 23) & PR-2.2 (Vol. 18)**

**553 -** 2. On July 19, 1995, Executive Policy Committee considered the “Request for Land Dedication Reserve Funds - Elmwood Kildonans Swimming Pool communication dated July 11, 1995” from the East Kildonan - Transcona Community. This issue was referred to the Administration for consideration and to report back to the Executive Policy Committee.

In 1993, the Parks and Recreation Department developed a program for improving the indoor swimming amenities at the Elmwood Kildonans Pool. These amenity improvements included removal of the structurally condemned diving tower, addition of a water slide, a leisure pool renovation, improved parking/access, a family change room and improvements to the customer service area. Funding from a number of sources has been obtained.

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On October 20, 1993, Council approved $90,000 for the demolition of the diving tower which had been closed September 27, 1993 due to structural deterioration and safety concerns.

On July 20, 1994, Council adopted the East Kildonan -Transcona Community Committee's recommendation that $113,000.00 from the Land Dedication Reserve Account be used to fund the Elmwood Kildonans Pool Water Slide Project.

On April 19, 1995, Council adopted the East Kildonan-Transcona Community Committee's recommendation that $105,000.00 be allocated from the East Kildonan - Transcona Community Land Dedication Reserve Account for renovations at the Elmwood Kildonan Swimming Pool. Included in this amount was $50,000 to construct a family change room.

On July 4, 1995, the East Kildonan -Transcona Community Committee concurred with the June 23, 1995 recommendation from the Parks and Recreation Department, namely, "that the $50,000.00 allocated in the Land Dedication Reserve Account for the construction of the family change room at the Elmwood Kildonans Swimming Pool be transferred to the leisure pool project at this time, and that the family change room be given first consideration as future funding becomes available through Land Dedication."

On August 9, 1995, Council approved the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture's July 24, 1995 recommendation to change the 1995 Capital Program for the Seven Oaks Pool Bulkhead Replacement to the renovation of Elmwood Kildonans Pool to include a Leisure Pool/Lap Pool.

This program change transferred $200,000 to the Elmwood Kildonans Pool project specifically to convert the existing shallow end of the pool to a leisure pool with its own thermostatically controlled water temperature and filtration system, beach type ramp to deeper water, palm trees, deck seating, rapids, and play area.

In January, 1996, the water slide, public service area, and parking loop construction was completed. The Elmwood Kildonans Pool bulkheads were exchanged with those at Seven Oaks Pool. Renovations for the leisure pool and family change room remain.

The Parks and Recreation Department recommends that $50,000 presently designated from the East Kildonan - Transcona Land Dedication Fund for a family change room be redesignated to the Elmwood Kildonans leisure pool renovation.

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That $50,000 presently designated from the East Kildonan-Transcona Land Dedication Fund for a family change room be redesignated to the Elmwood Kildonans leisure pool renovation.

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

Adopted by consent.

**Annual Report to Minister of Urban Affairs Regarding City Compliance with Part 3 of The City of Winnipeg Act - "Official Languages of Municipal Services"**
**File GL-5.7 (Vol. 5)**

**554 -** 3. In June 1992, the Province of Manitoba passed Bill 78 amending The City of Winnipeg Act (Part 3). Part 3 was proclaimed effective May 1, 1994. As required under the new law, a French Language Services Coordinator was appointed in September 1993.

On April 24, 1994, Council passed By-law No. 6402/94 for the provision of municipal services in both official languages. The City's five-year implementation plan for delivery of French language services is outlined in Schedule "A".

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On July 12, 1995, Council adopted By-law No. 6661/95, amending Schedule “A” to reflect the City’s new organizational structure. Service delivery was not affected by changes to the by-law.

Part 3 of The City of Winnipeg Act (87.13) requires that:

> "The council shall annually, not later than four months after the end of the fiscal year of the city, make a report in English and French to the minister respecting the compliance by the city with its obligations under this Part and that report shall include particulars of any complaints under this Part filed with the ombudsman and the disposition of each of those complaints."

The extent of the City's compliance with the Act to date is outlined in Schedule “B”.

The Executive Policy Committee recommends that this report be referred to Council for information and referral to the Minister of Urban Affairs by the end of April 1996, in accordance with the requirements of Part 3 of The City of Winnipeg Act.

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

Adopted by consent.

**Increase in Charges for Cheques Returned to the City of Winnipeg**
**File F-1 (Vol. 14)**

**555 -** 4. The charges for returned items are reviewed annually to ensure they reflect current economic conditions. At this time, the current charge of sixteen dollars is below the City's break even point and below other local public and private companies and the Provincial Government.

On May 9, 1990 Council adopted a policy to implement a charge of fifteen dollars for all returned items, and also to review the charge annually to maintain it at an appropriate level.

Effective January 1, 1993 the charge was increased to sixteen dollars per item and it has not been increased since that time.

In the process of reviewing the charge for returned items, the Province of Manitoba and a number of public and private companies were contacted to determine their charges for returned items.

The following is a list of current charges:

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|---|---|---|
| Province of Manitoba | $20.00 | |
| Centra Gas | | $20.00 |
| Manitoba Telephone System | $15.00 | |
| Manitoba Hydro | | $15.00 |
| Eaton's | $20.00 | |
| Safeway | | $20.00 |

The City's cost of processing a cheque is approximately twenty dollars per item and this parallels the cost charged by the majority of organizations contacted. Based on the foregoing, it is felt the charge for returned items should be increased to twenty dollars per item.

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That the charges for cheques returned to the City of Winnipeg ie NSF or non-cashable cheques, be increased from the present $16.00 to $20.00.

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

Adopted by consent.

**Accruing Costs of Watermain Renewals, Aqueduct Rehabilitation Levy, Water Treatment Reserve Levy and Local Improvements**
**Files FE(1996) & FC(1996)**

**556 -** 5. On December 1, 1995, Council, at its adjourned meeting, automatically referred the following motion to the Executive Policy Committee in accordance with the resolution passed by Council on November 8, 1995, which reads, in part, as follows:

iii) All information received from delegations and presentations be automatically referred to the Executive Policy Committee with any recommendations, by motion, arising out of Council for consideration by the Executive Policy Committee...”

*Moved by Councillor Prystanski,*

*WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg funds watermain renewals through the Watermain Renewal Reserve Fund;*

*AND WHEREAS there is in place a frontage levy to fund this reserve and such levies appear on the Realty Tax Bill;*

*AND WHEREAS the water rate includes a levy for the Aqueduct Rehabilitation Reserve and a levy for the Water Treatment Reserve, and such levies are paid through the water bill;*

*AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg’s property tax is based on the ad valorem system, whereby the taxes paid are directly related to the assessed value of the property;*

*AND WHEREAS the practice of a frontage levy is not entirely in keeping with the ad valorem system;*

*AND WHEREAS the levies for the Aqueduct Rehabilitation Reserve or for the Water Treatment Reserve do not in any manner reflect the assessment value of the property in question;*

*THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council explore the possibility of accruing costs such as watermain renewals, the Aqueduct Rehabilitation Reserve levy, the Water Treatment levy and possibly local improvements, in keeping with the ad valorem concept by relating them to the assessed value;*

*AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Watermain Renewal levies be paid through the water bill similar to the Aqueduct Rehabilitation Reserve and the Water Treatment levies.*

On December 13, 1995, Executive Policy Committee referred the matter to the Board of Commissioners for report back.

Inasmuch as the final report from the Administration has not yet been submitted, the Executive Policy Committee recommends that Council grant an extension of time of 30 days to allow for consideration of this matter.

Adopted by consent.

**Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated April 3, 1996**

**Establishment of a Surcharge on All Downtown Parking Lots**
**Files FE(1996) & FC(1996)**

**557 -** 6. On December 1, 1995, Council, at its adjourned meeting, automatically referred the following motion to the Executive Policy Committee in accordance with the resolution passed by Council on

November 8, 1995, which reads, in part, as follows:

iii) All information received from delegations and presentations be automatically referred to the Executive Policy Committee with any recommendations, by motion, arising out of Council for consideration by the Executive Policy Committee..."

*Moved by Councillor Thomas,*

*THAT a $1.00/stall per month surcharge be established on all downtown parking lots;*

*AND THAT the approximately ½ million dollars which will be generated by this charge be put toward the transit system to stop the proposed cuts in service.*

On December 13, 1995, Executive Policy Committee referred the matter to the Board of Commissioners for report back to the Committee on Works and Operations.

The Executive Policy Committee does not concur with the intent of this motion and recommends that same be filed.

Moved by Councillor Clement,
That the Executive Policy Committee recommendation, that the clause be filed, be adopted.

Carried.

Councillors Thomas and Vandal asked to be recorded as having voted against the clause, in accordance with Rule 50.7 of the Procedure By-law.

**New Annual Revenue - Establishment of Parking Metres on Portage Avenue and Dedicated Transit Buses - Multi-Passenger Vehicles Files FE(1996) & FC(1996)**

**558 -** 7. On December 1, 1995, Council, at its adjourned meeting, automatically referred the following motion to the Executive Policy Committee in accordance with the resolution passed by Council on November 8, 1995, which reads, in part, as follows:

iii) All information received from delegations and presentations be automatically referred to the Executive Policy Committee with any recommendations, by motion, arising out of Council for consideration by the Executive Policy Committee..."

*Moved by Councillor Murray,*
*Seconded by Councillor Thomas,*

*BE IT RESOLVED THAT parking metres be established on Portage Avenue for a new annual revenue to the City of Winnipeg of $80,000.00;*

*BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED a modified version of the dedicated lane for Transit buses multi- passenger vehicles be established as proposed in Centre Plan; further that same be considered by the Winnipeg Development Agreement for funding.*

On December 13, 1995, Executive Policy Committee referred the matter to the Board of Commissioners for report back to the Committee on Works and Operations.

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Inasmuch as the Administration is working on proposals for movement and parking of vehicles on Portage Avenue, which report will be forwarded to the Committee on Works and Operations, the Executive Policy Committee does not concur in the motion and recommends it be filed.

Adopted by consent.

**Establishment of an Ad Hoc Committee to determine the Parameters of a Replacement Facility Management Arrangement for the Winnipeg Enterprises Corporation**

**File F-5 (Vol. 20)**

**559 -** 8. On December 20, 1995, 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, more than 40 years ago, Winnipeg Enterprises Corporation was established by charter in the Province of Manitoba to manage, operate and develop sports facilities on behalf of the citizens of Winnipeg;*

*AND WHEREAS Winnipeg Enterprises Corporation has served the City of Winnipeg by managing these facilities appropriately during years of rapid growth and the escalation of the costs of operating professional sports franchises and major concert productions;*

*AND WHEREAS Winnipeg Enterprises Corporation has acted as landlord during the demise, departure or pending movement of a number of professional sports franchises, in part because of lease negotiation difficulties;*

*AND WHEREAS Winnipeg Enterprises Corporation has acted on its own initiative to invest in or to acquire professional sports franchises and concert events, essentially risking public-sector dollars and putting the corporation of the City of Winnipeg at risk;*

*AND WHEREAS, by mandate, the Winnipeg Enterprises Corporation was never intended to be involved in buying, selling or operating private-sector businesses;*

*AND WHEREAS the actions of Winnipeg Enterprises Corporation have resulted in, or appear to have resulted in, great conflicts of interest and in dire financial straits for private-sector, or would-be private-sector, owners/operators of sports franchises and concert promotion companies;*

*AND WHEREAS Winnipeg Enterprises Corporation appears to have accumulated millions of dollars operating City-owned facilities, with no financial benefit to the City's coffers while the City assumed all the risk;*

*AND WHEREAS Winnipeg Enterprises Corporation secretly pursued the acquisition of a replacement professional hockey tenant in direct conflict with concurrent private-sector initiatives;*

*AND WHEREAS Winnipeg Enterprises Corporation authorized the expenditure of approximately one-quarter million dollars to renovate its corporate offices during public negotiations to build a new facility, which would have rendered the Winnipeg Arena obsolete;*

*AND WHEREAS, outside its mandate, Winnipeg Enterprises Corporation management has sought out tenants to compete with private-sector initiatives (IHL, recent concert events), putting public-sector dollars at risk;*

*AND WHEREAS Winnipeg is hosting the 1999 Pan American Games and may need a new sports and entertainment facility;*

*THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Winnipeg commence due process to wind down Winnipeg Enterprises Corporation to coincide with the end of the present Winnipeg Jets NHL franchise playing season;*

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*AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Winnipeg establish an ad hoc committee which includes a representative of the City's outside audit firm, but no Winnipeg Enterprises Corporation Director, for the purpose of determining the parameters of a replacement facility management arrangement;*

*AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the ad hoc committee consider alternate management proposals for implementation by May 1, 1996;*

*AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Winnipeg extend thanks to all who have served on the Board of Winnipeg Enterprises Corporation over the many years.*

On January 10, 1996, the Executive Policy Committee referred the matter to the Board of Commissioners to liaise with the Executive of The Winnipeg Enterprises Corporation and the Executive Policy Committee for review of the matter for report back.

Inasmuch as Council on March 20, 1996, adopted Clause 3 of Report "A" of the Executive Policy Committee dated March 13, 1996, relative to the formal reporting mechanisms to City Council from the Winnipeg Enterprises Corporation, the Executive Policy Committee does not concur with the motion and recommends it be filed.

Moved by Councillor Clement,
That the Executive Policy Committee recommendation, that the clause be filed, be adopted.

Carried.

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

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

**560 -** 9. 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.*

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On February 7, 1996, Executive Policy Committee referred the matter to the Board of Commissioners for report back.

Inasmuch as the final report from the Administration has not yet been submitted, the Executive Policy Committee recommends that Council grant an extension of time of 30 days to allow for consideration of this matter.

Adopted by consent.

**Downtown Winnipeg Business Improvement Zone - Appointment of Members to the Management Board**
**File FL-7.4 (Vol. 6)**

**561 -** 10. On January 25, 1989, Council adopted By-law No. 5080/89, being a By-law of The City of Winnipeg to designate a Business Improvement Zone to be known as the Downtown Winnipeg Business Improvement Zone. Clause 13 (5) of By-law No. 5080/89 states as follows:

> (5) Where a member ceases to be a member of the board before expiration of the designated term, Council may appoint another eligible person for the unexpired portion of the term following receipt of a nomination from the Board.

On February 19, 1996, the Downtown Winnipeg Business Improvement Zone accepted the resignation of Dr. Joseph Du, from the Management Board of the Downtown Winnipeg Business Improvement Zone. Dr. Du had been elected to a two year term which would have ended on December 31, 1997.

The Downtown Winnipeg Business Improvement Zone's Management Board during its meeting of February 19, 1996, nominated Mr. Ken Wong, Manager, Personal Banking for the Royal Bank at 540 Main Street to serve the remainder of Dr. Du's term on the Board.

The Executive Policy Committee therefore recommends that Mr. Ken Wong be appointed as a member of the Management Board of the Downtown Winnipeg Business Improvement Zone for a term expiring December 31, 1997.

Adopted by consent.

**Change in Appointment to The Yellowhead Highway Association**
**Files GC-5.11 (Vol. 5) and GC-7 (Vol. 25)**

**562 -** 11. Council at its Organizational Meeting held on November 8, 1995, appointed Deputy Mayor Eadie to the Yellowhead Highway Association.

Due to the Deputy Mayor's busy schedule, Councillor S. Timm-Rudolph has agreed to replace Deputy Mayor Eadie to represent The City of Winnipeg on The Yellowhead Highway Association for the 1995/1996 Council year.

The Executive Policy Committee recommends that Councillor S. Timm-Rudolph be appointed as the City of Winnipeg's representative to The Yellowhead Highway Association in place of Deputy Mayor Eadie for the balance of the 1995/1996 Council year.

Adopted by consent.

**REPORT OF THE**

**EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE**

**DATED APRIL 17, 1996**

On motion of Deputy Mayor Eadie, the Report of the Executive Policy Committee, dated April 17, 1996, was considered clause by clause.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Eadie,

That the Consent Agenda, Clauses 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11 and 12 be adopted.

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

Councillor Lazarenko requested that Clause 5 be pulled from the Consent Agenda.

Councillor Timm-Rudolph requested that Clause 7 be pulled from the Consent Agenda.

Councillor O'Shaughnessy requested that Clause 9 be pulled from the Consent Agenda.

The motion to adopt the Consent Agenda, Clauses 2,3,4,6,8,10,11 and 12 was put and declared carried.

Her Worship The Mayor and Councillors:

**Proposed Amendment to Plan Winnipeg By-law No. 5915/92 by redesignating lands located south of McGillivray Boulevard and west of Waverley Street, commonly known as Linden Ridge, from an "Industrial" policy area to a "Neighbourhood" policy area**
**File EP-1.1 (PW 1/96) (Vol. 1)**

**563 -** 1. On March 20, 1996, Council adopted Clause 2 of the Report "A" of the Executive Policy Committee dated March 13, 1996, approving the petition to amend Plan Winnipeg By-law No. 5915/92 by redesignating lands located south of McGillivray Boulevard and west of Waverley Street. Appendix "A" outlines the chronology of events in the proposed amendment to Plan Winnipeg.

Pursuant to Council instruction, the City Solicitor prepared a By-law to amend Plan Winnipeg to redesignate lands located south of McGillivray Boulevard and west of Waverley Street, commonly known as Linden Ridge, from an "Industrial" policy area to a "Neighbourhood" policy area. A copy of the proposed By-law was forwarded to the Minister of Urban Affairs and to the Executive Policy Committee to carry out the consultations required under Section 579(1) of The City of Winnipeg Act.

On April 17, 1996, the Executive Policy Committee carried out the consultations required under Section 579(1) of The City of Winnipeg Act.

No recommendations for changes were received during the public consultation process.

The Executive Policy Committee therefore recommends:

I. That Council give first reading to the Plan Winnipeg (amending) By-law No. 6801/96.

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II. That following first reading of the By-law, the Executive Policy Committee conduct a public hearing on May 29, 1996.

Moved by Councillor Silva,
Adoption of the clause.

Carried.

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

**Urban Capital Project Allocation III/II/I Agreements File GG-2 (Vol. 23)**

**564 -** 2. The Executive Policy Committee has been advised that the second Urban Capital Project Allocation (U.C.P.A. II) is due to expire on March 31, 1997, and negotiations for a third U.C.P.A. should commence so that the City's position relative to project priorities can be identified to provincial counterparts.

Identifiable existing surpluses under U.C.P.A. II should be reallocated annually such that all provincial funding is eventually accessed.

U.C.P.A. I expired on March 31, 1991, and there were no sunset clauses associated with this agreement. The majority of surpluses have been reallocated but any remaining should now be formally requested for reallocation.

U.C.P.A. III

A more proactive approach will be taken in the negotiation of U.C.P.A. III by the ad hoc committee appointed by Executive Policy Committee.

A list of priorities will be developed by the Board of Commissioners and forwarded to the ad hoc committee which will finalize the listing and submit such list to the Minister of Urban Affairs.

In negotiating the new U.C.P.A. III, it is recommended that the sunset clauses should be five years from inclusion in the annual Municipal Budget not five years from Provincial allocation. This would eliminate the problem of a reduced claim period caused when a Provincial commitment is made to a project which has been deferred to a later year during the City's budget deliberations.

U.C.P.A. III should provide for the reallocation of provincial funding between programming blocks (ie. between the Infrastructure component or Provincial/City component). This will streamline the administrative process. Most reallocations are of an insignificant amount and if a project was agreed to be a priority and has been funded by the province Ministerial approval for transfers would seem to be redundant.

The agreement will cover City fiscal years of 1997 through to and including 2002.

U.C.P.A. II

In previous U.C.P.A. negotiations, which were informal, the Province dictated the total grant, the overall categories of funding and applicable sunset clauses. The allocation of funding under U.C.P.A. II (1991-1997) was as follows:

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|---|---|
| City Priorities - Unconditional Grant | $ 30,000,000 |
| Infrastructure Renewal | $ 40,000,000 |
| Provincial/City Priorities | $ 26,000,000 |
| Total U.C.P.A. II | $ 96,000,000 |

The Unconditional Grant is allocated to projects in the Annual Capital Estimates without condition.

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Infrastructure renewal allocations are made to projects that support Plan Winnipeg and fall under the following programming:

Bridges and Overpass Renewal Projects
Manitoba/Winnipeg Community Revitalization Program
Regular Transit Buses and Handi Transit Vehicles
Bus Refurbishing
Urban Reforestation

Project allocations under the Provincial/City priorities component may be identified by the City, or the Province may initiate projects that reflect a provincial priority. The sunset clause for each individual project is five years from the date that the City includes the project in an annual budget. All claims must be filed by March 31, 2002. Allocations under this category have created problems in that the projects selected are often not a high priority for the City or in some instances are not even included in the Annual Capital Estimates or the Five year Forecast (ie. paving of Wilkes Avenue and construction of the Charleswood Bridge). When these type of projects are dropped into a Capital Budget the City has to increase borrowing authority or remove other priority programming in order to take advantage of provincial cost sharing.

The sunset clause for final claims to be filed under the Infrastructure component is five years from the provincial commitment. This causes a problem when shifting of city priorities defers a project from commencing. If all claims were to be finalized in the provincial fiscal year which was five years from the inclusion in the annual Municipal Budget the problem of shortened claim periods would be eliminated.

The final provincial allocation under U.C.P.A. II will be made shortly. Identifiable U.C.P.A. II surpluses in previously approved projects are currently being identified and a request for reallocation to other projects whether Infrastructure or Provincial/City Priorities will be approved by the Board of Commissioners. This will be done on a annual basis until all funding has been accessed under U.C.P.A. II. The Mayor's Office will forward the request to the Minister of Urban Affairs. Negotiations with the staff of Urban Affairs will be coordinated by the Manager of Intergovernmental Affairs.

The agreement covers City fiscal years of 1991 through to and including 1996.

U.C.P.A. I

Any existing lapsing funding will be identified. A priority listing of projects that the City would like to see funded by any surplus' will be developed, approved by the Board of Commissioners, and sent from the mayor's office to the Minister of Urban Affairs. The commitment made on February 15, 1990, allocated $500,000 in start up costs for the creation of a Riverfront Corporation. The corporation has not been created and efforts to reallocate these funds in the past have been unsuccessful. One last reallocation attempt should be made by tieing the request to a project that would be seen as a provincial priority.

The agreement covers City fiscal years of 1985 through to and including 1990.

A more proactive approach to the negotiation of further U.C.P.A. agreements will be undertaken by the ad hoc committee appointed by Executive Policy Committee. The proposed process for further U.C.P.A.'s would be less cumbersome administratively for both the Province and City with no perceived disadvantage. The administrative process will be coordinated by the Director of Business Liaison and Intergovernmental Affairs Department .

Any funding not accessed by the City of Winnipeg under U.C.P.A. I/II will continue to be requested through correspondence from the Mayor to the Minister of Urban Affairs.

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That Her Worship Mayor Thompson, Councillor Clement and Councillor Steek be appointed to the ad hoc committee to be charged with negotiating a new Urban Capital Project Allocation agreement between the City of Winnipeg and the Province of Manitoba.

II. That the agreement should commence on April 1, 1997 and run through to March 31, 2003.

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III. That U.C.P.A. III provide for the reallocation of funding between projects. This will eliminate the requirement for the Mayor to request transfers, which for the most part are insignificant dollar amounts, from the Minister of Urban Affairs.

IV. That identifiable U.C.P.A. surpluses in U.C.P.A. I/II be requested by the Mayor to be reallocated to other priority municipal programming on an annual basis.

V. That the Director of the Business Liaison and Intergovernmental Affairs Department be charged to facilitate the administrative process and coordinate technical support to the ad hoc committee.

Adopted by consent.

**Local Improvement Projects - Manitoba Hydro Transmission Line Right-Of-Way**
**File SL(1996) (Vol. 1)**

**565 -** 3. City Council, at its meeting held August 9, 1995, adopted a policy governing local improvements abutting Manitoba Hydro Transmission Line right-of-way properties which are unfit for building purposes. This policy reads as follows:

> "If the Commissioner of Works and Operations deems that Manitoba Hydro property, used for the purpose of power transmission right-of-way, is unfit for building purposes, that a recommendation be forwarded to Council, prior to advertising the local improvements, that the property be deemed unfit for building purposes, subject to the condition that if at any future time the property is deemed to be a buildable site, that prior to any connection being allowed, the City be empowered to recoup the local improvement costs."

The property outlined in Appendix "A" is used for the purpose of transportation of hydro and is currently unsuitable for building purposes, and as a result, do not benefit from the installation of local improvement projects. Consequently, the representatives of Manitoba Hydro (as has been demonstrated in the past) will petition against the installation of these projects, thus jeopardizing (if not defeating) these needed improvements.

In order to ensure the construction of needed local improvements, it is proposed that the property outlined in Appendix "A", which is owned by the Manitoba Hydro company be deemed unsuitable for building purposes and be exempted from the payment of local improvement levies in accordance with the above policy.

However, if at a future time the purpose of said land changes and it is then classified as a buildable site, the City shall be empowered to recoup local improvement costs for the installation of services, prior to any connections being made to underground improvements such as sewer and watermains, and access to above-ground improvements such as paved streets - all subject to the provisions of Chapter 109, Province of Manitoba Statutes (1965) and Privy Council Order 1979/607.

Concurrence in this recommendation would ensure that needed local improvements could be installed, as Manitoba Hydro transmission line rights-of-way property frontage would not be considered assessable and therefore would not be allowed to petition against these projects.

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That the property outlined in Appendix "A" and owned by Manitoba Hydro which is unsuitable for building purposes not be assessed for local improvement charges.

II. That if at any time this property is deemed to be a buildable site, that prior to allowing any connection from underground services or access from surface improvements, the City Treasurer initiate steps to collect the appropriate local improvement costs.

Adopted by consent.

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**Local Improvement Projects - Canadian National Railway**
**File SL(1996) (Vol. 1)**

**566 -** 4. City Council, at its meeting held November 5, 1980, adopted a policy governing local improvements abutting railway properties which are unfit for building purposes. This policy was amended by Council at its meeting of August 19, 1981 and March 21, 1984, and reads as follows:

> "If the Commissioner of Works and Operations deems that railway properties on which rails are laid for the purpose of rail transportation are unfit for building purposes, that a recommendation be forwarded to Council prior to advertising the local improvements that the property be deemed unfit for building purposes, subject to the condition that if at any time the property is deemed to be a buildable site, and prior to allowing any connection to the underground services or any access to surface improvements, the City Treasurer shall initiate steps to collect the appropriate local improvement costs (either cash or amortized) at the same rate and during the same number of years as in the original term - all subject to the provisions of Chapter 109, Province of Manitoba Statutes (1965) and Privy Council Order No. 1979/607."

The properties outlined in Appendix "A" are used for the purpose of transportation and are currently unsuitable for building purposes, and as a result, do not benefit from the installation of local improvement projects. Consequently, the representatives of the railways (as has been demonstrated in the past) will petition against the installation of these projects, thus jeopardizing (if not defeating) these needed improvements.

In order to ensure the construction of needed local improvements, it is proposed that the properties outlined in Appendix "A" which are owned by the Canadian National Railway company are deemed unsuitable for building purposes be exempted from the payment of local improvement levies in accordance with the above policy.

However, if at a future time the purpose of said lands changes and they are then classified as buildable sites, the City shall be empowered to recoup local improvement costs for the installation of services, prior to any connections being made to underground improvements such as sewer and watermains, and access to above-ground improvements such as paved streets - all subject to the provisions of Chapter 109, Province of Manitoba Statutes (1965) and Privy Council Order 1979/607.

Chapter 109 of the Province of Manitoba Statutes allows for taxation for local improvements to C.N.R. and C.P.R. properties within the borders of the former City of Winnipeg only if the local improvement is a direct benefit to the railway operations of the companies or operations in connection therewith.

Concurrence in this recommendation would ensure that needed local improvements could be installed, as railway property frontage would not be considered assessable and therefore would not be allowed to petition against these projects.

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That the properties outlined in Appendix "A" and owned by the C.N.R. which are unsuitable for building purposes not be assessed for local improvement charges.

II. That if at any time these properties are deemed to be buildable sites, that prior to allowing any connection from underground services or access from surface improvements, the City Treasurer initiate steps to collect the appropriate local improvement costs.

Adopted by consent.

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**Policy on Maximum Rewards for Serious Offences File GF-2 (Vol. 45)**

**567 -** 5. On November 9, 1983, Council adopted Clause 4 of the Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated November 9, 1983, which created a policy to provide for a maximum reward in the amount of $5,000.00 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of suspects to the offence of murder.

The policy provided for the amount to be reviewed by Council every two (2) years, and allowed Council to review requests for rewards for information pertaining to other crimes, such as kidnapping or vicious rapes.

The reward system has not been reviewed since 1983.

At its meeting held on February 21, 1996, Council requested that the Administration review its present reward policy with a view towards increasing the amount of reward.

At its meeting held on March 13, 1996, the Executive Policy Committee considered a policy for a maximum reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of suspects to the offence of murder and referred same to the office of the Commissioner of Protection, Parks and Culture for report.

To date, the City of Winnipeg has never paid out a reward under this Council policy, nor has such a reward offer ever been posted.

Notwithstanding the above, upon reviewing the existing policy in the context of increasing public perception that society must be tougher on those who commit serious crimes, it is hereby recommended that the existing policy be amended to double the present reward and to widen its applicability for information pertaining to other crimes such as kidnapping or vicious rapes and assaults.

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That the Council policy providing for a maximum reward amount of $5,000.00 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of suspects to the offence of murder be increased to $10,000.00 and that the policy be amended to include a similar reward for information pertaining to other crimes such as kidnapping or vicious rapes and assaults.

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

Moved by Deputy Mayor Eadie,
Adoption of the clause.

Carried.

**Definition of "Sunset" - Amendments to The City of Winnipeg License By-law and Panhandling By-law Files EL-1 (Vol. 30) & GF-2 (Vol. 45)**

**568 -** 6. Environment Canada has advised Legal Services that it intends to discontinue the issuance of Sunrise/Sunset Tables for public use. The City of Winnipeg License and Panhandling By-laws currently define "sunset' as meaning that time shown on the Sunrise/Sunset Tables issued by Environment Canada. It is proposed that the By-laws be amended to refer to the time of "sunset" as indicated on the tables contained in the publication Observer's Handbook as issued annually by the Royal Astronomical Society of Canada.

This publication was identified by the planetarium office as the most appropriate reference text for official times of sunset and is available at various bookstores in the city at a cost of less than $20.00. Upon enactment of this amendment, it is recommended that a copy of the Observer's Handbook be kept in the City Clerk's Department and the License Branch for public use.

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The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That Council enact the By-law, thereby amending the definition of "sunset" as that term used in The City of Winnipeg License By-law and Panhandling By-law.

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

Adopted by consent.

**1996 and 1997 Electricity Rate Schedules**
**File FT-2**

**569 -** 7. The Executive Policy Committee has been advised that to meet the requirements of The City of Winnipeg Act (Section 548(2)), Manitoba Hydro and Winnipeg Hydro rates to all customers in the city have been equalized since August 1, 1973. An agreement dated April 1, 1976, provides that, should an adjustment in rates be required, Manitoba Hydro would prepare a revised rate schedule and submit it to the City at least ninety days prior to implementation. Any disagreements would be resolved through discussions between the parties or through arbitration by the Manitoba Public Utilities Board (P.U.B.). The 1976 agreement also requires Manitoba Hydro to establish rates for Winnipeg residential customers that are at least $1.35 per month less than the rates for residential service elsewhere in Manitoba.

The City of Winnipeg Act (Section 548(1)) requires City Council approval of the rate or price for the sale of electricity within Winnipeg Hydro's distribution area.

On November 23, 1995, Manitoba Hydro applied to the P.U.B. to raise rates on average by 2.0% effective April 1, 1996 and a further 2.0% effective April 1, 1997. At that time Manitoba Hydro also provided Winnipeg Hydro with a copy of its 1996 Rate Increase Application and the revised schedule of electricity rates. Discussion of the proposed rates was held between representatives of the two utilities. The P.U.B. held a public hearing on Manitoba Hydro's Rate Increase Application at the Hotel Fort Garry at the end of February and the first two weeks of March, 1996.

On April 15, 1996, the P.U.B. released its order approving new rates effective April 1, 1996 and April 1, 1997. The P.U.B. has approved an overall average rate increase of 1.5% for the first year and 1.3% for the second year of the application. However, the P.U.B. has ordered that the increase be applied to the various customer classes in the city of Winnipeg as follows:

| CLASS | EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 1996 | EFFECTIVE APRIL 1, 1997 |
|---|---|---|
| Residential | 2.76%* | 2.28%* |
| General Service: | | |
| Small Non-Demand | 1.36% | 1.29% |
| Small Demand | 1.30% | 1.35% |
| Medium | 1.46% | 1.47% |
| Large | 0.00% | 0.00% |
| Water Tank Rentals | 3.00%** | 3.00%** |

* In the rest of Manitoba the residential rate increase will be about 2.86% for 1996 and 2.36% for 1997. At an average monthly consumption of 750 kW.h, Winnipeg residential customers will pay $2.69 per month less than residential customers in other Manitoba cities, towns and villages and $10.11 per month less than rural and northern residential customers in both year.

** Applicable to Winnipeg Hydro distribution area only. As Manitoba Hydro does not rent hot water tanks, this rate increase is not subject to P.U.B. approval.

The P.U.B. has also approved Manitoba Hydro's request to eliminate the Multi-residential Charge. At present, additional Basic (Service) Charges are levied according to the number of suites/units served, where Multi-residential properties are served by a single service and meter. Manitoba Hydro proposed eliminating the

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additional Basic Charges because it incurs no additional cost to provide this service than it does in serving a single family residence. As well, the charge generates customer inquiries and resistance. Winnipeg Hydro supports eliminating these additional charges for these same reasons. This will result in a relatively minor reduction in Winnipeg Hydro's revenue of approximately $90,000 per year.

For detailed bill comparisons of the impact of the approved 1996 and 1997 electricity rates on Winnipeg Hydro customers, see Appendix "B".

The approved rates will increase Winnipeg Hydro's revenue in 1996 by approximately $1.3 million. An average rate increase of 1.5%, and an estimated revenue increase of $1.3 million, had been assumed in preparing the

Department's 1996 operating estimates.

The revised rate schedules will be sent to all customers.

Although not directly affecting Winnipeg Hydro customers, Manitoba Hydro had asked the P.U.B. to approve a 5.0% rate decrease in Street Lighting rates effective April 1, 1996, along with no change in 1997. Staff from the Hydro Department and Legal Services attended the P.U.B. hearing intervening on the City's behalf by arguing that Street Lighting rates need to be reduced further to more accurately reflect Manitoba Hydro's cost of service. The P.U.B. responded favourably to the City's intervention by ordering Manitoba Hydro to reduce Street Lighting rates in 1997 by a further 5.0% in addition to the 5.0% reduction for 1996. This will reduce the City's payments to Manitoba Hydro for Street Lighting by about $257,700 in 1996 and by $589,000 in 1997.

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That the rate schedules for electricity as outlined in Appendix "A" be adopted for implementation on April 1, 1996 and April 1, 1997 and that all billings based on meter readings on or after April 1, 1996 and April 1, 1997 be adjusted on a pro rata basis to reflect the new rates as of these dates as approved by the Manitoba Public Utilities Board of Manitoba Hydro's Rate Increase Application for 1996 and 1997.

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

Moved by Deputy Mayor Eadie,
Adoption of the clause.

Carried.

**Appointment to the Taxicab Board**
**File ST-1 (Vol. 4)**

**570 -** 8. Section 2(3) of The Taxicab Act of Manitoba provides for the appointment of an alternate, and states that the member nominated by City Council may, from time to time, nominate a person to act for him or her on the Board at such meetings as the nomination shall specify; and the person so nominated shall be a member of the Board during the meeting or period specified. In considering this alternative, members of the Executive Policy Committee were of the view that inasmuch as the Taxicab Industry has a strong impact on tourism, that any alternate chosen should represent the Tourism Industry.

On April 17, 1996, the Executive Policy Committee passed the following motion, namely:

WHEREAS the matter of an alternate appointment to the Taxicab Board was referred to the Selection Committee and the Selection Committee has recommended the re-appointment of Mr. George Gershman;

AND WHEREAS Mr. George Gershwin is an ex-officio member of the Board of Tourism Winnipeg, and Mr. George Gershwin has agreed to serve as a member of the Taxicab Board for one year;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Mr. George Gershman be re-appointed as the Mayor's designated member on the Taxicab Board for a period of one year.

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The Executive Policy Committee recommends that Mr. George Gershman be re-appointed as the Mayor's designated member on the Taxicab Board and submits same to Council for adoption.

Adopted by consent.

**Appointment of Citizen Members to the Board of Adjustment - 1996**
**File GK-12 (Vol. 5) (c/r GC-7 (Vol. 26))**

**571 -** 9. On January 24, 1996, Council referred back Clause 3 of the Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated January 17, 1996, with respect to the appointment of citizen members to the Board of Adjustment.

The Executive Policy Committee has reconsidered the recommendations of the Selection Committee and recommends:

I. That the following citizen members be appointed for a three year term expiring December 31, 1998, namely:

Brian Hurst
Arlene Ratuski

II. That Mark Morgan be appointed for the balance of a term to expire December 31, 1996.

Moved by Deputy Mayor Eadie,
Adoption of the clause.

In amendment,

Moved by Councillor O'Shaughnessy,
Seconded by Councillor Silva,
WHEREAS at present, The Board of Adjustment does not have a Vice Chairperson due Arlene Ratuski's term expiring;

AND WHEREAS the clause recommends that Brian Hurst and Arlene Ratuski be appointed citizen members to The Board of Adjustment for a three year term expiring December 31, 1998;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the clause be amended by adding a new recommendation II. to read as follows:

II. That Arlene Ratuski be appointed as Vice Chairperson for the three year term expiring December 31, 1998.

and that recommendation II. be renumbered III.

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

**Appointments to the Medical Appointments Review Committee - 1996**
**File FH (Vol. 2)(c/r GC-7 (Vol. 26))**

**572 -** 10. On November 1, 1972, Council adopted Clause 2 of the Report of the Committee on the Environment dated October 16, 1972, establishing the Medical Appointments Review Committee with the mandate to hear appeals filed with it by an applicant whose application for medical staff privileges as defined by the hospital by-laws has been refused in whole or in part or whose staff privileges have been reduced or terminated by any hospital, or whose application has not been dealt with within reasonable time, provided that the applicant has exhausted his rights of appeal at the hospital, including an appeal to the hospital board concerned.

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On November 8, 1995, Council referred the appointment of one Council member to the Medical Appointments Review Committee to the Selection Committee.

The Selection Committee is of the opinion that there is no requirement for the City to be involved with this Committee and recommends that there be no further appointments made to the Medical Appointments Review Committee.

The Executive Policy Committee has ratified the recommendation of the Selection Committee and submits same to Council for adoption.

Adopted by consent.

**Appointments to the St. Boniface Museum Board - 1996**
**File PR-9.3(Vol. 5) (c/r GC-7(Vol. 26))**

**573 -** 11. On November 8, 1995, Council appointed Councillor Vandal to the St. Boniface Museum Board and referred the matter of citizen member appointments to the Selection Committee.

The Selection Committee has reviewed the one application received by the City Clerk for the appointment of three Citizen Members to the St. Boniface Museum Board for a two year term expiring in November, 1997.

The Selection Committee recommends that Gilbert St. Amant be one of the citizen members appointed to the St. Boniface Museum Board for a two year term expiring in November, 1997, and further that the other two citizen member appointments be referred to the Riel Community Committee for recommendation back to the Selection Committee.

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

Adopted by consent.

**Appointment to the Access Advisory Committee - 1996**
**Files CR-3 (Vol. 4) (c/r GC-7(Vol. 26))**

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

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

On January 18, 1995, five citizen members were appointed to the Access Advisory Committee for a two year term to expire on December 31, 1996, namely:

Terrence Beeman
Charles Mastin
Shelley Saunders
Ross Eadie
Laurie Ringaert

On January 24, 1996, the following citizen members were appointed to the Access Advisory Committee for a two year term to expire on December 31, 1997, namely:

Brennan Childs
Theresa Anne Swedick
David L. Rapson
Dule Vicovac

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The Selection Committee recommends that Marilyn Hendzel be appointed for a two year term to expire December 31, 1997.

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

Adopted by consent.

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## MOTIONS

Moved by Councillor Angus,
Seconded by Councillor Prystanski,

**575 -** WHEREAS Council at its meeting of March 20, 1996 recognized Councillor Murray who rose on a point of personal privilege over the calling of special meetings;

AND WHEREAS The City of Winnipeg Act provides for the calling of Special Meetings;

AND WHEREAS Section 8.20 of the Procedure By-law provides for a 1-working-day notice for Special Meetings whenever possible;

AND WHEREAS it has been suggested that a policy be implemented which will apply to Members who are absent from the City for any reason when a Special Meeting is called;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Secretariat Committee of Council review the suggested policy (Attachment "A") and report back to Council with a recommendation.

Automatic Referral to the Secretariat Committee of Council in accordance with Rule 16.1 of the Procedure By-law

(See Minute No. 632 for attachment)

Moved by Councillor Lazarenko,
Seconded by Councillor Thomas,

**576 -** 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;

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;

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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.

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

Moved by Councillor Lazarenko,
Seconded by Councillor Thomas,

**577 -** WHEREAS the 1996 Current Budget is in disarray;

AND WHEREAS questionable Executive Policy Committee budget initiatives have escaped scrutiny;

AND WHEREAS the Executive Policy Committee has by-passed Standing Committee review of the 1996 Current Budget Estimates;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council reinstate Standing Committee review of the 1997 Current Budget Estimates;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City ask the Province to amend section 31 of the City of Winnipeg Act, or any other section as necessary, so as to require Standing Committee review of annual current and capital budget estimates.

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

Moved by Councillor Vandal,
Seconded by Councillor Thomas,

**578 -** WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg has had an Employment Equity policy since 1981;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg's Employment Equity policy has failed to produce a representative workforce;

AND WHEREAS on June 23, 1993, Winnipeg City Council adopted "Plan Winnipeg - Towards 2010" in the form of a by-law;

AND WHEREAS "Plan Winnipeg - Towards 2010" includes explicit policy statements on Employment Equity such as:

(I) Maintaining an effective employment equity program,
(II) Developing programs for the training and development of Aboriginal people, visible minorities, women and people with disabilities, and;
(III) establish standards for integration that can be measured and achieved;

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AND WHEREAS on March 22, 1995 City Council adopted a motion which declared;

"...that the City of Winnipeg undertake to ensure that all City employment, administrative, labour relations, workplace, safety, customer service, and employee benefits policies confirm to the Human Rights Code."

AND WHEREAS there are numerous examples of successful implementation of Employment Equity programs such as: The Bank of Montreal, the Public Alliance of Canada, the Federal Fisheries Department;

AND WHEREAS a recent report by the Ombudsman indicated a clear misunderstanding of why the City of Winnipeg's Employment Equity program has failed to produce a representative workforce;

AND WHEREAS the Ombudsman's report and recommendations were accepted by the Board of Commissioners;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council reject the Ombudsman's report and recommendations;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council adopt an Employment Equity policy and "Plan of Action" with a firm commitment to political and administrative accountability;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council include the identified target groups in the implementation process;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council commit adequate resources to the process.

Required to Stand as Notice of Motion in accordance with Rule 17.1 of the Procedure By-law

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## CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

**579 -** On motion of Her Worship Mayor Thompson, By-law No. 6801/96, 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 first time.
File EP-1.1 (PW 1/96) (Vol. 1)

Her Worship Mayor Thompson moved that this constitute the first reading of By-law No. 6801/96, which motion was carried.

Councillor Thomas asked to be recorded as having voted against the first reading of By-law No. 6801/96, in accordance with Rule 50.7 of the Procedure By-law.

On motion of Her Worship Mayor Thompson, By-law No. 6819/96, a By-law of the City of Winnipeg to amend By-law No. 3219/82 being The City of Winnipeg Parks and Recreation By-law, was read a first, second and third time, the rule being suspended for the third reading, and was passed and ordered to be signed and sealed. File FE (1996)

**Executive Policy Committee - Consideration of By-laws (continued)**

On motion of Her Worship Mayor Thompson, the rule was suspended and By-law No. 6774/96, as amended, being an initial borrowing by-law of the City of Winnipeg to authorize the borrowing of money by the issue and sale of debentures of the City in the principal amount of Forty-two Million, Four Hundred and Thirty-six Thousand ($42,436,000.00) Dollars, was read a second and third time, and was passed and ordered to be signed and sealed. Files FC (1996) & FC-1 (1997-2001)

On motion of Her Worship Mayor Thompson, the rule was suspended and By-law No. 6829/96, a By-law of the City of Winnipeg to amend License By-law No. 6551/95 and the Panhandling By-law No. 6555/95, was read a first, second and third time, the rule being suspended for the third reading, and was passed and ordered to be signed and sealed. Files EL-1 (Vol. 30) & GF-2 (Vol. 45)

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## QUESTION PERIOD

**580 -** Councillor Golden requested an update on the opening of Portage Avenue and Main Street to citizen thoroughfare.

Her Worship Mayor Thompson reported that four illuminated Portage and Main signs had been erected and that they were continuing to look at barricade removal. In addition, she noted that there was a recommendation from CentePlan with regard to a sculpture and that other opportunities to celebrate the corner were being explored.

Councillor Golden questioned if progress has been made with regard to the removal of the barricades so as to allow summer traffic to cross the street at ground level.

Her Worship Mayor Thompson noted that there had been no further progress in opening the barricades but stated that the process was continuing.

Councillor Golden noted that the mandate of the North Portage Development Corporation precluded its participation in addressing the social problems on Portage Avenue and requested that Her Worship intervene on behalf of Council to expand the mandate.

Her Worship Mayor Thompson noted that the three levels of government would have to discuss the issue and further advised that positive steps had been taken in the downtown area with regards to safety.

Councillor Timm-Rudolph questioned if Her Worship, on behalf of the citizens of Winnipeg, would be acknowledging the excellent work and efforts of both the Water and Waste Department and the Streets and Operations Department for their efforts regarding flooding and flood protection,

Her Worship Mayor Thompson acknowledged that she would in fact be doing so and also recognized the efforts of the Emergency Program Office.

Councillor Angus noted that with the flood, snow budget, and the two percent - $7 million dollar matter, the additional cost to the City would be between $10 million and $20 million and questioned what the City would be doing about it.

Her Worship noted that the Chief Commissioner had provided a three-part strategy regarding those issues and advised that recommendations would be brought forward to Council on May 23, 1996.

Councillor Angus suggested that Her Worship call an interim budget meeting to review the matter and questioned the status of the Unions' budget suggestions, specifically relating to the $7 million wage savings matter.

Her Worship Mayor Thompson noted that they were currently trying to schedule a meeting with C.U.P.E. representatives to allow them to table their budget recommendations.

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Councillor Angus noted that the Manitoba Urban Association recently passed a motion that requested that the Provincial Government stop helping the City of Winnipeg and concentrate their efforts on helping Rural Manitoba. Councillor Angus questioned how that motion was passed, what was done to defeat it and inquired how much the City contributes to the organization and why membership is continued.

Her Worship Mayor Thompson noted that there had been a resolution moved by the Mayor of Dauphin that expressed concerns over Winnipeg as a dominant city and concern about the youth leaving rural communities and urged the Province of Manitoba to concentrate its economic strategies on decentralizing into Rural Manitoba. Her Worship noted that she had suggested that the Provincial Government be encouraged to develop economic strategies for the health and well being of all municipalities in Manitoba and that the municipalities should work together as a team. She further noted that the resolution was narrowly passed.

Councillor Golden noted recent rumors concerning retail operations downtown and questioned what was being done to reverse the problems in downtown Winnipeg and to encourage people to move there for commercial purposes.

Her Worship Mayor Thompson noted that the City was working very closely with the Downtown BIZ and CentrePlan with the priority being the downtown area and the importance of attracting businesses to the downtown.

Councillor Golden requested that Her Worship have the Board of Commissioners look at the Transit Mall to explore whether portions could be reopened to car traffic, especially in the vicinity of the Medical Centre.

Her Worship Mayor Thompson noted that she would forward Councillor Golden's comments to the Board of Commissioners and further noted that further analysis was required to determine the success of the Transit Mall.

Councillor Golden requested an update on the project whereby lights are installed in the trees on Broadway Avenue.

Her Worship Mayor Thompson stated that this program had been implemented in many areas and noted that two blocks on Broadway had been done this year and that the Downtown BIZ had shown a very positive response in terms of completing the rest of Broadway.

Councillor Timm-Rudolph noted that the Premier of Manitoba had declared a state of emergency with respect to flooding in numerous areas of Manitoba and questioned whether the Province would be contributing to the City's costs arising from the flood efforts.

Her Worship Mayor Thompson noted that the Federal Government had implemented new cost sharing rules and that she would explore this matter with the Province.

Councillor Angus questioned whether the Snow Cap Proposal would be deliberated by Council.

Her Worship Mayor Thompson noted that a recommendation from the Executive Policy Committee regarding that issue would be on the next Executive Policy Committee agenda.

Councillor Murray questioned whether Her Worship Mayor Thompson would be extending appreciation to her staff and the staff at Winnipeg 2000 and Tourism Winnipeg for their efforts regarding the "Winnipeg Weekend" campaign with Montreal.

Her Worship Mayor Thompson acknowledged the said efforts and noted that she would be extending appreciation on behalf of Council.

Councillor Vandal requested an update on the status of the negotiations between the City and the St. Boniface BIZ or the St. Boniface located company J.M. Schneider.

Her Worship Mayor Thompson acknowledged that final negotiations were taking place.