REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE

ON PLANNING AND COMMUNITY SERVICES

DATED APRIL 2, 1996

On motion of Councillor Silva, the Report of the Committee on Planning and Community Services, dated April 2, 1996, was considered clause by clause.

Moved by Councillor Silva,

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

Councillor Lazarenko requested that Clause 1 and 8 be pulled from the Consent Agenda.

The motion to adopt the Consent Agenda, Clauses 2,3,4,5,6,7,9,10,11,12,13,14 and 15 was put and declared carried.

Her Worship the Mayor and Councillors:

Proposals for the Capitol, Metropolitan and Pantages Playhouse Theatres
File G-3.1.1 (Vol. 2)

581 - 1. On April 2, 1996, the Committee on Planning and Community Services, passed the following motion and submits same to Council for favourable consideration, namely:

WHEREAS representatives from Mr. Canada Touring Network Inc. appeared in delegation with respect to their "Proposal to The City of Winnipeg, regarding the Metropolitan, Capitol and Pantages Playhouse Theatres".

AND WHEREAS the Committee on Planning and Community Services requested that the City proceed as soon as possible to obtain engineering and heritage preservation studies of the Capitol and Metropolitan Theatres which should include specific conditions of the buildings and the cost factors involved to preserve heritage buildings (which may include the use of Winnipeg Development Agreement funds).

AND WHEREAS the Committee has also requested that the Law Department provide a legal opinion on the sale or lease of the Capitol, Metropolitan and Pantages Playhouse Theatres taking into consideration the issues of ownership, contract, leases and tendering. As well, a ruling from Revenue Canada and procedural protocols have been requested. The Administration has been requested to pursue discussion with Mr. Canada Touring Network Inc., to clarify the business plan and make recommendations as to its viability.

AND WHEREAS the Committee on Planning and Community Services has further requested that the Law Department and the Board of Commissioners undertake an analysis of the proposal call conducted by the Ad Hoc Committee examining the viability of the Capitol and Metropolitan Theatres in October 1994. The analysis should include discussion on the City's authority to enter into negotiations with Mr. Canada Touring Network Inc., or other companies, including the City's rights, responsibilities and limitations.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED as follows:-

(i) that Council approve in principle (without additional funding at this time), the concept of using old theatres under City control as entertainment venues on the expectation that this concept will generate tourism within Winnipeg, as proposed by Mr. Canada Touring Network Inc.;

(ii) that the Administration be directed to negotiate a business strategy for the future consideration of Council;

(iii) that the following motion which was adopted by Council on March 20, 1996, which amended Clause 8 of the Report of the Committee on Finance and Administration, dated February 26, 1996, as outlined on

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Schedule "A", be rescinded, which reads as follows:

That Recommendation No. I. D. be amended by adding the words "the City will allow the demolition of the Capitol Theatre on the condition the Metropolitan Theatre is designated and maintained".

Moved by Councillor Silva,
Adoption of the clause.

The Speaker here resumed the Chair.

In amendment,

Moved by Councillor Murray,
Seconded by Councillor Thomas,
WHEREAS the wording of the clause is somewhat confusing;

BE IT RESOLVED that the wording be clarified by rewording the three recommendations as follows:

i) That Council authorize negotiations with Mr. Canada Touring Network Inc. to rehabilitate the Metropolitan and Capitol Theatres for entertainment purposes;

ii) That the administration request a detailed business plan from Mr. Canada Touring Network Inc., and that the plan be reviewed by the Board of Commissioners and forward recommendations to the Committee on Planning and Community Services;

iii) That the City negotiate the historic designation of the Metropolitan Theatre on the understanding that the City would retain ownership as of January 1, 1997 in exchange for a portion of the tax receipt or other negotiated compensation.

The Speaker advised that on Council's direction, the clause would be tabled until later in the meeting, and that Council would here proceed to consider the order of business, "Clause 1 of the Report of the Committee on Works and Operations dated April 16, 1996 - Award of Contracts for the Provision of Transportation Services for Disabled Persons - PD 96/053".

(See Minute No. 615 for disposition of Clause 1 of the Report of the Committee on Planning and Community Services dated April 2, 1996)