REPORT OF THE

COMMITTEE ON PROTECTION, PARKS AND CULTURE

DATED APRIL 4, 1996

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

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

583 - Councillor Thomas asked to be recorded as having voted against clause 2, in accordance with Rule 50.7 of the Procedure By-law.

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

Her Worship the Mayor and Councillors:

Request for Fee Waiver for Use of Bandmobile - Downtown Winnipeg Business Improvement Zone
File PR-2.10 (Vol. 9)

584 - 1. The Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture has received a request from the Downtown Winnipeg Business Improvement Zone for a waiver of the rental fee for the use of the City of Winnipeg Bandmobile during its "Young Artists on the Avenue" Portage Avenue Street Festival '96 on May 26, 1996 (rain date: June 2, 1996).

As background information, the "Young Artists on the Avenue" gallery was launched on March 23, 1995, and saw over 1,500 students from 36 Winnipeg schools participate. The teachers who helped coordinate "Young Artists" as well as representatives of the Winnipeg Art Gallery expressed an interest in expanding the program to include a street festival, which would involve closing off a portion of Portage Avenue, dividing it into "canvasses" and allocating each section to participating schools for the purpose of creating street art. On May 14, 1995, a street festival was held to provide young musicians with an opportunity to showcase their talents, and attendance was estimated at 2,500. Due to the success of this event, plans are underway by the Downtown Winnipeg BIZ to once again incorporate the street festival as part of "Young Artists on the Avenue '96".

The Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture therefore recommends:

I. That the rental fee in the amount of $410.88 for the use of the Bandmobile during the "Young Artists on the Avenue" Portage Avenue Street Festival '96 on May 26, 1996 (rain date: June 2, 1996), be waived.

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

Adopted by consent.

Community Incentive Grant Program - The Sharon Home Inc.
File PR-2.6 (34) (Vol. 4)

585 - 2. The Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture has considered an application from The Sharon Home Inc. for a Community Incentive Grant in the amount of $13,500.00, towards security improvements at the premises at 146 Magnus Avenue.

Under the definition of Eligible Applicants within the Community Incentive Grant Program, the application does not meet the program eligibility and selection criteria inasmuch as the project involves the installation of security hardware, and as such does not lead to a substantial physical recreational product nor does it provide recreational

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opportunity to the community at large.

On March 19, 1996, the Lord Selkirk-West Kildonan Community Committee recommended that a Community Incentive Grant in the amount of $13,500.00 be approved for this project.

The Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture concurred in the recommendation of the Lord Selkirk-West Kildonan Community Committee, and therefore recommends:

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

II. That the amount of $13,500.00 be approved to The Sharon Home Inc. for the purpose requested, subject to the following conditions:

(a) Confirmation of other funding sources;
(b) Approval of final plans and specifications by the Director of Parks and Recreation; and
(c) The applicant entering into a formal agreement with the City of Winnipeg.

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

Adopted by consent.

(See Minute No. 583 for opposition recorded by Councillor Thomas)

Revenue from Fire Insurance Premiums
File GF-1 (Vol. 14)

586 - 3. On March 7, 1994, the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture directed its Chairperson to approach the Minister of Labour and request that a portion of the revenues collected by the Province of Manitoba for premiums paid for home fire insurance policies be utilized to offset expenses incurred by the City with respect to fire prevention and training of firefighters.

On November 27, 1995, during the 1996 Current Estimates Review, the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture passed the following motion:

WHEREAS the Province of Manitoba collects a surcharge from all fire insurance premiums in Manitoba;

AND WHEREAS these funds are utilized towards the training of fire service personnel within municipal jurisdictions;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg does not receive a portion of this funding for the training of its personnel;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City request the Province of Manitoba to provide funding, in the approximate amount of $2.5 million, for the City's fire prevention and training programs.

On April 4, 1996, the Chairperson of the Committee provided an update as to the status of the discussions with the Minister of Labour at the Province of Manitoba relative to the revenues collected from Fire Insurance Premiums.

The Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture therefore reiterates its recommendation of November 27, 1995, and recommends as follows:

I. That the City of Winnipeg request the Province of Manitoba to provide funding, in the approximate amount of $2.5 Million, for the City's fire prevention and training programs.

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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Contract for the Management and Supervision of the Harbour View Golf Course and Recreation Complex
File PR-6.6 (Vol. 6)

587 - 4. Council, on August 19, 1981, authorized that the management and operation of the Harbour View Golf Course and Recreation Complex be conducted by a combination of private contractor and civic staff.

On April 14, 1982, Council approved an award of a 2-year contract for the management and supervision of the facility to Harry Brotchie.

Council subsequently approved a 2-year contract for 1984 and 1985; a 2-year contract for 1986 and 1987; a 3-year contract for 1988, 1989 and 1990; a 3-year contract for 1991, 1992 and 1993; and two 1-year extensions for the years 1994 and 1995. The current contract with Harry Brotchie expires March 31, 1996.

On January 8, 1996, a Request For Proposal notice was placed in the local newspaper with closing on January 19, 1996. The Materials Management Division of the Corporate Finance Department received only one submission, that of Harry Brotchie, from the fifteen interested parties who picked up the Harbour View Proposal package. Representatives from the Parks and Recreation and Audit Departments reviewed the submitted document and interviewed Mr. Brotchie.

Mr. Brotchie's proposal is consistent with previous contractual and financial arrangements, however, rather than accept Mr. Brotchie's offer of a 25% sharing of all non-golf related revenues in excess of $95,000.00, the Interviewers negotiated that the City receive a 17% share of all revenues (excluding green fees) in lieu of a 10% share of all green fees, providing his retainer fee remain at $55,000.00 per annum through the five years of the contract.

The impact of these arrangements allows the City to maintain management costs at the same level (since 1991) for the next five years, without reducing services, while providing incentives for both the Contractor and the City to share in revenues as they are expected to grow during the contract. Recognition was also given to the fact that during the November to mid-April months, Mr. Brotchie is expected to operate and manage the facility 16 hours per day, 7 days per week, while revenues are minimal. Mr. Brotchie's staff costs during this period are projected to be approximately $25,000.00 while revenues are estimated at approximately $4,000.00.

With respect to the financial arrangements, a number of revenue sharing options were considered by both the Proposer and the City. In order for both parties to achieve financial viability, stability and commitment, the City will receive a 17% share of all revenues, and Mr. Brotchie will receive 10% of all green fee revenues.

For example in 1996, the City has the opportunity to receive approximately $26,775.00 in revenues of $172,000.00 from the driving range, miniature golf and various sports activities, conversely, Mr. Brotchie is expected to receive approximately $27,000.00 in green fee revenues of $270,000.00. A win/win situation exists for both parties when revenues for both green fees and all other sources increase. A summary of the estimated revenues and expenses for the 5-year life of the contract are outlined in Appendix III. Considering that the City's retainer fee remains constant at $55,000.00 per year over the next five years, the net operating surplus generated by Mr. Brotchie appears to be fair and reasonable for the operation of this year round facility.

The Harbour View Golf Course and Recreation Complex is a one-of-a-kind municipal recreation facility in Canada that has received one national and two provincial awards. To achieve the most cost effective management of this operation and to garner optimum public participation in such a unique facility, the City requires highly skilled and trained personnel in the areas of management, marketing and public relations. Mr. Brotchie was awarded the previous contracts based on his proven capability to provide the necessary high level of service.

During the 14 years of operation of the facility, Mr. Brotchie has been providing excellent management services, and has consistently fulfilled all contractual obligations to the mutual satisfaction of both the City and the public.

The Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture therefore recommends:

I. That the City of Winnipeg enter into a contract with Mr. Harry Brotchie for the management and supervision of the Harbour View Golf Course and Recreation Complex under the following conditions:

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1. The term of the contract will be for five (5) years, April 1, 1996 to March 31, 2001.

2. The contract will include all of the terms and conditions contained in Appendices I and II.

3. A retainer fee of fifty-five thousand dollars ($55,000.00) to be paid per annum in sixty (60) equal instalments on the first day of each month.

4. Mr. Brotchie to pay to the City of Winnipeg, each year of the contract on a monthly basis, seventeen (17) percent of all revenues as defined in Appendix II, page 6 of Mr. Brotchie's proposal.

5. Mr. Brotchie to receive ten (10) percent of all green fee revenues.

II. That the Legal Services Division of the Corporate Services Department be instructed to prepare the necessary contract.

III. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized do all things necessary to implement the foregoing, including the execution of the aforesaid contract.

Copies of Appendices I, II and III are on file in the City Clerk's Department.

Adopted by consent.

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MOTIONS

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

588 - WHEREAS a growing number of youth in our community are encouraged, assisted, or forced into criminal activity by adults;

AND WHEREAS these youth are being used by adults due to the penalties outlined in the Young Offenders Act;

AND WHEREAS those adults who use and recruit young people into child prostitution are often not punished;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture address this issue with motions asking the Federal government for criminal code amendments for these crimes;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED these motions be forwarded for consideration by the Council of the City of Winnipeg so they maybe forwarded to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities for adoption.

Automatic Referral to the Committee on Protection, Parks, and Culture in accordance with Rule 16.1 of the Procedure By-law

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QUESTION PERIOD

589 - Councillor Angus referred to Council budget deliberations and requested an update on any discussions held on options for budget savings for the Fire Department.

Councillor O'Shaughnessy noted that in compliance with Council's decisions, up to and including the budget, there had been no discussion as to additional savings and that Council had not requested such beyond the budget. Councillor O'Shaughnessy further noted that a number of proposals from the department which would have resulted in savings were rejected by Council and did not form part of the adopted budget. He also stated that the only item still on the table which might affect savings, was the amalgamation of the Fire and Ambulance Department and advised that this matter had been referred to the Executive Policy Committee.

The Deputy Speaker advised that on Council's direction, Council would here proceed to consider the order of business "Report of the Committee on Works and Operations, dated March 5, 1996".