REPORT OF THE

SECRETARIAT COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL

DATED MARCH 20, 1996

On motion of Councillor Angus, the Report of the Secretariat Committee, dated March 20, 1996, was considered.

Her Worship the Mayor and Councillors:

Reintroduction of Money By-laws and Referenda during General Elections in Winnipeg File GL-5 (Vol. 4)

614 - 1. Pursuant to Council's direction at its meeting held on January 24, 1996, the Secretariat Committee considered Clause 24 of the Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated January 17, 1996, together with a motion put forward by Her Worship Mayor Thompson and Councillor Steek, whereby the Province of Manitoba be requested to amend Subsection 120 of The City of Winnipeg Act to allow for binding plebiscites as well as non-binding plebiscites, at the will of Council.

Subsequent to a survey of members of Council, the Speaker reported in a letter dated March 22, 1996 (Appendix "A"), that the majority of members of Council recommended there be no change to the existing provisions in the City of Winnipeg Act (Section 120).

After deliberation, the Secretariat Committee resubmits for Council's adoption, the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee dated January 17, 1996 maintaining the status quo, with respect to the expression of opinion of the electorate in any matter. (Appendix "B" attached.)

For the information of Council, Appendix "C" provides a summary of the motions debated by Council since 1990 regarding the re-introduction of money by-laws and referenda.

Moved by Councillor Angus,
Adoption of the clause.

Carried.

(See Minute No. 644 for attachment)

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

The Deputy Speaker advised that on Council's direction, Council would here proceed to continue to consider the order of business "Report of the Committee on Planning and Community Services, dated April 2, 1996".