**REPORT OF THE**

**COMMITTEE ON PROTECTION, PARKS AND CULTURE**

**DATED SEPTEMBER 11, 1995**

On motion of Councillor Silva, the Report of the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture, dated September 11, 1995, was considered clause by clause.

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

Her Worship The Mayor and Councillors:

**Operation and Management of Windsor Park Nordic Ski Centre - Cross Country Ski Association of Manitoba Inc.**
**File PR-6.4 (Vol. 1)**

**1238 -** 1. The Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture has been advised the agreement for the management and operation of the Windsor Park Nordic Ski Centre between the City of Winnipeg and Ben Smirnov expires on November 30, 1995. In order to plan for the effective operation of the Ski Centre for the 1995/96 season the designation of an operator must be made at the earliest possible date.

Since 1980 the operation of the Windsor Park Nordic Ski Centre has been part of the contract for the management and operation of John Blumberg Golf Course. Throughout this period of time, the golf pro has provided cross country ski services at the Windsor Park site including clubhouse operation, ski equipment rentals and sales, and ski lessons at the beginner and intermediate level.

The Cross Country Ski Association of Manitoba Inc. has been involved at the site as a provider of elite amateur training, race co-ordination and in more recent years, trail grooming. The Ski Association has also contributed to the capital upgrading and development of the site.

The City, throughout this period, has provided general direction to the contractor as well as co-ordination of efforts between the Contractor and the Ski Association. The City has also assumed responsibility for snow clearing, payment of utilities and professional expertise with respect to capital upgrading.

Over the past twelve years, the John Blumberg Golf Course contractor has provided a high level of service at the Windsor Park ski site. The contractor has always ensured that staff qualified in cross country ski operations and sales were present at the ski centre to provide a quality level of service to the recreational skier.

Throughout this period, the Cross Country Ski Association of Manitoba Inc. has been active at the centre providing training opportunities for amateur competitive skiers. Through the acquisition of $232,000.00 in grant funds, the Ski Association has purchased state of the art trail grooming equipment and now grooms all trails at the site. The Ski Association has also installed trail lighting which significantly increased usage of the trails for recreational and competitive use.

The Windsor Park site has evolved to the point where it is exceptionally popular with ski enthusiasts from all parts of the city. Having the best groomed trails, lighting for night skiing, shelter from the wind for much of the course and a clubhouse offering sales, rental and concession services has increased attendance to levels which would never have been predicted as recently as five years ago.

This popularity has also led to some operational problems over the past few years. The emergence of the Ski Association as a major player at the centre has resulted in jurisdictional differences between the Association and the Contractor. These differences have been reasonably resolved through co-operation and the development of a document which clearly lays out the respective responsibilities of the Contractor, the Ski Association and the City with respect to the operation of the Ski Centre. This was seen as an interim measure until a decision was reached on the longer term operation of the site.

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In assessing the best method of operating the centre in the future, the following consideration were explored, namely: access to the facility for recreational and competitive use; cost to the city and users; long term sport development; future development and enhancement; on-site expertise for technical information, sales, rentals and service; and, flexibility to meet changing demands and needs.

Although exhaustive research was not conducted to definitively whether the operation would best be served by a private operator (ie. Ben Smirnov), a non profit group (ie. Cross Country Ski Association of Manitoba Inc.), or by a City operation (e. Parks and Recreation Department), the Parks and Recreation Department is of the opinion there is good reason and justification to enter into negotiations with the Cross country Ski Association of Manitoba Inc.

An administrative report dated July 13, 1995, from the Commissioner of Protection, Parks and Culture, recommended that the Cross Country Ski Association of Manitoba Inc. be designated as the sole operator of the Windsor Park Nordic Ski Centre, subject to an acceptable management agreement being entered into between the City and the Association.

On July 24, 1995, the committee on Protection, Parks and Culture heard representation from Laureen Goodridge and Brent Bottomley, Cross Country Ski Association Inc. and from Ben, Jan and Mike Smirnov, Windsor Park Nordic Ski Centre, with respect to their proposals for the management and operation of the ski centre, and referred the two proposals to the Administration for further review.

On September 11, 2995, the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture considered an additional administrative report outlining the assessment of the revised proposal from the Ski Association and the (original) proposal from Ben Smirnov, noting the differences between the proposals, and reiterating its support for its previous recommendation that the Cross Country Ski Association of Manitoba be designated as the sole operator of the Windsor Park Nordic Ski Centre, subject to an acceptable management agreement being entered into between the City and the Association. Supporting reasons for the recommendation are also outlined in the report.

Subsequent to the preparation of the referenced two administrative reports, the Parks and Recreation Administration has met and further discussed this issue with both parties, and it is of the view that the status quo situation for the management and operation of the Windsor Park Nordic Ski Centre should remain for a further year to allow the Department to thoroughly review the management and operation of the Ski Centre.

On September 11, 1995, the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture again heard representation from Laureen Goodridge and Brent Bottomley, Cross country Ski Association Inc. and from Ben and Jan Smirnov, Windsor Park Nordic Ski Centre, in this connection.

The Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture therefore recommends:

I. That the existing management agreement for the operation of the Windsor Park Nordic Ski Centre between the City of Winnipeg and Ben Smirnov be extended for a one-year period to expire on November 30, 1996.

II. That the costs associated with the operation of the Windsor Park Nordic Ski Centre, including but not limited to utility and tracking costs, be offset by the establishment of trail fees, as follows:

| TRAIL FEES | | |
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| | Daily | Annual |
| Adult | 1.50 | 24.00 |
| Junior | 1.00 | 8.00 |
| Senor | 1.25 | 15.00 |
| Family | 2.50 | 32.00 |
| *The Goods and Services Tax is applicable and extra on all trail fees. | | |

III. That the Cross Country Ski Association of Manitoba Inc. be paid tracking costs for the Windsor Park Nordic Ski site, as determined by the Director of Parks and Recreation.

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IV. That a review of the management and operation of the Windsor Park Nordic Ski Centre be conducted following the 1995/96 ski season, and the Administration be requested to report back to the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture at its April 1996 meeting.

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

Adopted by consent.

**Proposed Development of a Remote Control Race Track at Little Mountain Park (Municipality of Rosser)**
**File FI-2.2 (Vol. 7)**

1239- 2. On July 4, 1994, the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture was advised that as a result of the expansion to the Clifton Community Centre, the Prairie Twisters R/C Club requested assistance in identifying alternative sites for the development of a race track facility.

The Prairie Twisters R/C club was formerly located at the Clifton Community Centre site. The facility developed a race track which occupied an area approximately 80 feet by 100 feet. The Club provided an opportunity for local remote care racing enthusiasts to meet and participate in electric radio control racing.

During the period of September 1994, and March 1995, representatives from the Prairie Twisters R/C Club and the Parks and Recreation Department reviewed various locations for a new race track.

On March 6, 1995, the Parks and Recreation Department informed the Prairie Twisters R/C Club of potential sites for the relocation of the Club. Coincident with the Prairie Twisters R/C Club site search, the Manitoba Radio Control Auto Racers (M.R.C.A.R.) was also looking for an alternate site. M.R.C.A.R. was previously located at the Kelvin Community Centre, however, the Auto Club was also requested to vacate the premises due to expansion of the Community Centre.

On April 10, 1995, the Manitoba Radio Control Auto Racers and the Prairie Twisters R/C Club notified the Parks and Recreation Department that the two Clubs had merged and were interested in developing on one site.

Following the merger, M.R.C.A.R. revised various potential locations situated at the Little Mountain Park, Beghin Retention Pond, Optimist Park and Burton Cummings Community Centre and subsequently notified the Parks and Recreation Department that the Club has selected Little Mountain Park as the site for a new remote care race track facility.

Little Mountain Park, as identified on Plan No. 6-95, is situated southwest of Klimpike Road and Farmers Road in the Rural Municipality of Rosser. The Park is primarily utilized as a Nature Park and has several developed paths for walking and nature interpretation. The northwest portion of the park is primarily grassed and is developed for active recreational uses.

M.R.C.A.R. wishes to develop a remote car racing track in proximity to the parking lot situated south of Farmers Road utilizing an area of approximately 80 feet by 100 feet. The development of a remote care race track requires the removal of sod within the area in order to develop a track comprised of clay and minor graded obstacles. As well, a driver's stand is required for housing computerized timing equipment and racing officials. Under the terms of M.R.C.A.R.'s proposal, the Club would be responsible for all costs to develop the facility.

Conceptually, the Parks and Recreation Department is supportive of the proposal to develop a remote control car facility at the park, at not cost to the City for either construction, maintenance or on going operations, for the following reasons:

1. The proposed facility would generate increased awareness and use of Little Mountain park by City residents as well as by potential tourists associated with Radio Control Racing.

2. The proposed facility would provide a new activity use within the Park, thereby diversifying the attractiveness of the park to a broader range of park users.

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3. The facility is primarily a non-motorized (no gasoline engines) youth-adult activity which will not detract from the character of the Park.

4. The facility will provide a permanent location for Club programming and operations.

5. The proposed site and facility at Little Mountain Park is of sufficient size to accommodate current operations, as well as, potential future club-sponsored Provincial, National and International Remote Car Racing events.

Although the Parks and Recreation Department is supportive of the concept in principle, it has several concerns which need to be addressed by M.R.C.A.R. before the Department would recommend entering into a formal agreement between the City and M.R.C.A.R., namely:

1. The Department must be satisfied that all Civic and Municipal Regulations in the Rural Municipality of Rosser are addressed relative to this proposed use by M.R.C.A.r.

2. The appearance of the facility is of concern to the Department from the perspective of overall Park aesthetics and as such, its design must visually complement the Park setting.

3. The service requirements of the facility will require a review of existing available utilities and as such, costs associated with extension of services to the proposed facility will have to be born by M.R.C.A.R.

4. The proposed use raises the risk of potential collisions between participants and spectators and as such, the Department will insist that M.R.C.A.R. construct and conduct racing activities in accordance with approved racing guidelines as established by the National Remote Care Racing (ROAR) Organization in the United States.

The Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture therefore recommends:

I. That the Manitoba Radio Control Auto Racers (M.R.C.A.R.) be requested to submit detailed design plans and specifications for a Race Track in accordance with approval racing guidelines as established by the National Remote Car Racing (ROAR) Organization for review and approval by the Director of Parks and Recreation.

II. That M.R.C.A.R. be authorized to develop a Remote Control Car Track at Little Mountain Park subject to meeting applicable regulations in the Rural Municipality of Rosser and the City of Winnipeg.

III. That pending the aforementioned approvals, the Director of Parks and Recreation be requested to enter into a Management Agreement with M.R.C.A.R. for the use of a portion of land at Little Mountain Park.

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

Copy of Plan No. 6-95 is on file in the City Clerk's Department.

Pursuant to section 156(2) of The City of Winnipeg Act, the lease (use) of property designated or acquired for park purposes requires the approval of at least two-thirds majority of Council.

Adopted by Consent.

**Non-Resident Fee and Displacement Issue -**
**Fees and Charges Policy and Schedule -**
**Parks and Recreation Department**
**File PR-2.10 (Vol. 9)**

1240 3. On October 9, 1994, Clause 10 of the Report of Protection, Parks and Culture dated October 3, 1994, with respect to a request to delay implementation of the Fees and Charges Policy for the Winnipeg Minor Hockey Association, was amended by Executive Policy Committee recommendation, and further amended and adopted by Council, namely:

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1. That the portion of Council Policy on Fees and Charges, outlined as No. 7, pertaining to non-residents wishing to participate in programs/teams run by outside organizations that use City of Winnipeg facilities (requiring that the said non-residents not displace other Winnipeg children registered for those programs), be waived for all activities and associations during the 1994/95 season.

2. That an Ad-Hoc Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture be struck comprised of Councillor B. Clement, representatives from the hockey and ringette associations, community centresm, and the Capital Regions Committee, to further discuss the non-residents issue.

On February 13, 1995, Councillor Clement convened a meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Non-Resident Displacement Issue to discuss this issue and receive feedback from attending representatives from the Minor Hockey and Ringette Associations, the community Centres Board, the Manitoba Sports Federation, the Capital Regions Committee, and the Administration.

The intention of the original clause on this issue was that any organization utilizing Parks and Recreation Department facilities must accommodate residents of the city of Winnipeg as first priority participants. In the event that all interested City residents have been accommodated and space is still available, then non-residents may be accommodated.

In discussions with representatives from the Minor Hockey and Ringette Associations, the Community Centres Board, the Manitoba Sports Federation and the Capital Regions Committee, there was an overriding concern that by implementating such a policy, the essence of most sport programs would be disrupted considerably, that being that a child participate with other children with similar levels.

Although this concern was recognized, assurance was requested that every child registering from the City of Winnipeg would be placed on a team and be guaranteed the opportunity to participate in that particular sport. It was further recognized that due to the nature of some sports that every child could not be guaranteed to play out of his/her respective community centre but may be accommodated at a neighbouring centre. This is due to insufficient registrations, amalgamation of teams and sport organization designation and selection of team location.

Representatives from the various organizations provided assurance that participation is paramount in each of the sport's mandate, thus every child registered would be placed on a team albeit at a different community centre or level than they may have preferred.

The intent of the Fees and Charges Policy was not to impose this fee only the portion of the fees that relates to the rental of City of Winnipeg facilities, but to assess a fee relative to the overall registration fee for non-residents for the particular sport they are participating in.

The Ad Hoc Committee philosophically agreed that a fee should be assessed to non-residents participating in sports at city facilities. There was a concern that by doing so, additional bureaucracy would be created thus placing an additional burden on sport organizations and community centres. A "flat fee" surcharge was favoured for non-residents as opposed to a percentage fee on a registration because basic registration fees vary from sport to sport.

A calculation of the additional fee has been proposed as follows: with a base registration up to $99.00, the additional non-resident fee assessed would be$10.00, and if the base registration was $100.00 or greater, then the non-resident fee would be $20.00. The base registration fee is the amount paid by the participant for at the time of initial registration. It does not include additional costs which would have to be borne by the participant for travel, uniforms, additional facility rental costs, etc. and are usually assessed during the course of the program.

Base registration fees for sport programs are determined by factoring in a number of various costs that are required to operate a program and are ultimately offloaded to the participant. They include equipment costs, insurance, game officials, administration and facility costs. Although all these items, to varying degrees, can increase registration costs, it is facility costs for most sports which drive registration fees to greater amounts. A higher registration fee is usually reflective of greater facility usage and costs. For example, in hockey or ringette, the more indoor games which are scheduled, the higher the base registration would be.

The collection of the additional fees should be done in such a way as to not present additional administration for both the sport organizations/community centres and the Parks and Recreation Department. Having said this, it would be virtually impossible to properly administer such a policy without placing further administration procedures in place for application. These should be done in such a way as to ensure that it can easily be built into registration and financial processes.

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To ensure an easy transition into the implantation of this policy, the Administration is of the view that a sub-committee should be formed to develop a process for the administration and collection of the additional fees. This sub-committee should be chaired by the Parks and Recreation Department and consist of a representative(s) from the General Council of Winnipeg Community Centres, Capital Regions Committee, hockey, ringette, aquatic sport representative(s), summer sport representatives and the Manitoba Sports Federation.

The Parks and Recreation Department will be charged with the responsibility of administering this policy but without the input and cooperation of all affected, the success of the implementation would be minimized.

The Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture therefore recommends:

I. That the following amendments to the Parks and Recreation Department Fees and Charges Policy and Schedule be made relative to a non-resident fee and displacement issue:

(a) That non-residents be allowed to participate in programs/teams run by outside organizations that use City of Winnipeg facilities.

(b) That an additional fee be implemented for non-residents wishing to participate in programs/teams run by outside organizations that use City of Winnipeg facilities.

(c) That an additional fee assessment to non-residents commence January 1, 1996, and be a flat fee surcharge on the Base Registration Fee, namely: $0.00 to 499 is $10.00; and $100.00 or greater is $20.00

(d) That the waiver of the portion of the Council Policy on Fees and Charges, outlined as 7,pertaining to non-residents wishing to participate in program/teams run by outside organizations that use City of Winnipeg facilities, (requiring that he said non-residents not displace other Winnipeg children registered for those programs), for all activities and associations during the 1994/1995 season, be extended to December 31, 1995.

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

Adopted by consent.

**Request for Fee Waiver for Use of Bandmobile - Terry Fox Run Committee**
**File PR-2.10 (Vol. 9)**

1241 4. The Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture has received a request from the Terry Fox Run Committee for a waiver of the $439.75 rental fee for the use o the City of Winnipeg Bandmobile during the 15th Annual Terry Fox Run on September 17, 1995.f

The Terry Fox Run is a non-competitive one to ten kilometre event conducted annually to raise funds for cancer research. The constitution of the national Terry Fox Run organization dictates that all funds collected be directed to cancer research, therefore the organization is without funding for on-day expenses such as the bandmobile rental fee. The Bandmobile will be utilized as the centre stage for the events to be conducted at Lipsett Hall in Winnipeg.

The Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture therefore recommends:

I. That the rental fee in the amount of $439.75 for the use of the Bandmobile during the 15th Annual Terry Fox Run on September 17, 1995, be waived.

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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**Renovations to Sherbrook Pool - First Charge on 1996 Capital Estimates**
**File FC (1996)**

1242 5. The Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture has been advised that on November 17, 1994, when Council adopted the 1995 Capita Budget and the 1996-2000 Five Year Capital Forecast, funding in the amounts of $240,000.00 was approved for the years 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998 and 1999, as part of a multi-year renovation program at the Sherbrook Pool. As well, the City of Winnipeg has received funding in the amount of $500,000.00 under the Infrastructure Program for this renovation program.

The 1995 Capital Program contained funding in the amount of $240,000.00 for the commencement of renovations in the underpinning and the building envelop associated with the lower level renovations in the change area. The next phase of the project will be to commence work on the building envelope of the main structure, and the integrity of the vapour barrier can be better maintained if the work is done in a continuous manner.

The Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture therefore recommends:

I. That a first charge in the amount of $140,000.00 be approved on the 1996 Capital Estimates for the renovation program at the Sherbrook Pool.

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

Adopted by consent.

**Video Link System connecting the Public Safety Building and the Law Courts Building**
**File GF-2 (Vol. 44))**

1243 6. The Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture has been advised that the Winnipeg Policy Service has been pursuing efficiencies in the processing of arrested persons for the last eighteen months

A significant amount of police officer drown-time attributed to the existing procedure of processing arrested persons can be saved through the elimination of travel time required to bring the arrested person in front of a Magistrate for a First Appearance Hearing.

The Provincial Government Justice Department has agreed to hold the required First Appearance Hearing via a video link. This will allow the Magistrates to work out of their offices at 408 York Avenue while holding the hearings for arrested persons who will appear before them via the video link at the Public Safety Building.

The video link system is rented through the Manitoba Telephone System (M.T.S.). The Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission (C.R.T.C.) is the final authority on such systems.

The M.T.S. has made application to the C.R.T.C. for approval of the video link system. The C.R.T.C. has approved the application on the condition the agreement is between the M.T.S. and the Provincial Government only. The C.R.T.C. will not allow a three-party agreement.

Therefore, the Province of Manitoba is technically responsible for the entire video link system even though the Winnipeg Police Service is the user of the components at the Public Safety Building and the connecting land lines to the Law Courts Building, resulting in an agreement to be entered into between the two parties in order for the City's obligations to be defined.

The 1995 costs associated with the video link system will be borne by the Winnipeg Police Service Operating Budget.

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I. The Agreement prepared by the City's Legal Services Division, pertaining to the City's obligations to the Province of Manitoba for the use of the video link equipment, located at the Public Safety Building and connecting to the Law Courts Building, be approved.

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

Adopted by consent.

**Image Capturing Enforcement System**
**Photo Radar**
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1244 7 The Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture has been advised that Image Capturing Enforcement Systems, which include Photo Radar, Red Light Cameras and Railway Crossing Cameras, have proven to be effective methods of reducing motor vehicle collisions and modifying driver behaviour.

On November 16, 1994, Council adopted Clause 16 of the Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated November 9, 1994, which provided that the Province of Manitoba be requested to make the necessary amendment(s) to the appropriate legislation to allow the City to proceed, at the earliest possible date, with the implementation of the Image Capturing Enforcement System (Photo Radar).

The request was communicated to the Province of Manitoba through the Intergovernment Affairs Committee protocol. The request is still with the Legislative Review Committee and ahs examined by Cabinet at last once.

The Winnipeg Police Project Team has regular contact with the assigned Legislative Analyst for the Manitoba Department of Highways. It ahs been suggested to the Project Team that Cabinet will not be discussing Photo Radar I the Legislature until early 1996. It would be beneficial to the Project Team if City Council was able to obtain a commitment from the Province of Manitoba on the issue and a more definite time frame.

Research into Photo Radar determined that similar "image capturing enforcement" technology was available such as Red Light Cameras and Railway Crossing Cameras. These systems use the same type of cameras as Photo Radar.

Photo Radar cameras are activated when the offender passed through a radar beam. The Red Light and Railway Crossing camera housing is mounted on fixed poles. One camera may be moved around between any number of locations. Motorists know which locations are monitored but not which one has the camera. The unsupervised camera is linked to sensors buried in the roadway.

When the red light turns red, or the railway crossing arm and/or lights come on, the sensors become a "trigger". Should a vehicle disobey the red light or the railway crossing arm/lights, the trigger is "pulled" and two photographs are taken of the offending vehicle. Once the photograph is developed the processing for these offences is the same as for Photo Radar.

The Police Project Team originally focused on the introduction of Photo Radar. They requested that any enabling legislation would keep the door open for other similar technology. The long range plan was to get photo Radar operational and then test and research Red Light Cameras. The Road Safety manager from Manitoba Public Insurance has given support to the implementation of the Photo Radar and has asked to participate in any tests for the introduction of Red Light Cameras.

Testing and operation of Red Light Cameras, combined with good communications, has shown dramatic reductions in actual offences after introduction. Jackson, Mississippi showed a 60% reduction in violations, Fort Mead, Florida 50% and New York City's tests show similar statistics. Victoria Police Department conducted a pilot project in 1993. Prior to announcing the project, testing showed an average of 7.3 red light violations a day. After announcing the project, the average dropped to 2.0 red light violations a day. Public opinion in support of Red Light Cameras has been overwhelming in all areas and a 1993 survey by the Canadian Automobile Association showed strong support in Canada for Red Light Cameras.

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Unlike Photo Radar, Red Light Cameras do not generate sufficient revenue to support their cost. The benefit if the reduced collision and social costs realized through collision prevention. Fatal collisions at intersections are responsible for 46% of the fatalities in Winnipeg during the past three years. The Insurance Institute for Highway Safety has similar figures for the United States and gives Red Light Camera enforcement a big "thumbs up" for prevention.

The Winnipeg Police Traffic Division receives many complaints about motorists who disobey red lights. There have been many spectacular collisions at intersections where a motorist has failed to stop for the light. Enforcement of red light traffic offences is labour intensive and requires commitment of Police resources. The Police Project Team believes that the City of Winnipeg should examine and test Red Light Camera enforcement immediately, and that it either accompany or follow the implementation of Photo Radar. Development of such an initiative should involve other interested agencies.

The Manitoba Department of Highway, has recommended that if Red Light Cameras are to be addressed at the same time as Photo Radar then the City of Winnipeg should inform the Province through the Intergovernmental Affairs Committee protocol. This would highlight the need for legislation to include all Image Capturing Enforcement Systems.

The Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture therefore recommends:

I. That the City of Winnipeg's request to the Province of Manitoba be amended to include other Image Capturing Enforcement Systems with the enactment of Photo Radar legislation.

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

Adopted by consent.

**Winnipeg Police Service Firearm Replacement Program - First Charge on 1996 Capital Estimates**
**File GF-2 (Vol. 44)**

1245 8. The Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture was advised that on November 17, 1994, when Council adopted the 1995 Capital Budget and the 1996-2000 Fiver Year Forecast, funding in the amount of $350,000.00 was included in the 1995 Capital Budget, and in the amount of $350,000.00 in the 1996 Capital Forecast for a firearm replacement program. The estimate for the 1996 Capital Budget has been subsequently revised to $607,000.00, inasmuch as the cost of the program was higher than originally estimated, and the credit from trade-in of existing firearms was not realized.

The funding of $350,000.00 for 1995 was sufficient to purchase firearms and ammunition to equip and train 425 members. This training will commence in September, and will be completed by mid December 1995. The amount of $607,000.00, in the 1996 Capital Estimates is required to equip and train the remaining 715 members.

The purpose of "first charge" is to allow the Winnipeg Police Service the ability to order the balance of required firearms in October 1995, and subsequently receive the shipment the first week of January 1996. The training schedule is designed to have officers not be involved in training during summer months when their services are required by the public on the street.

The training schedule developed is intended to minimize the delay in transition to the safer firearm. The Winnipeg Police Service has a mandate to train each member in the use of their handgun. In order to meet the annual training requirement training must start in January for 1996.

To train 715 members in 1996 in handling of the new Glock pistol and provide annual training for those members trained in the Glock pistol in 1995 (425 members0, January training must start on time. In order to meet the January training time line, the Winnipeg Police Service is of the view that it is necessary for the ordering of the pistols, holsters and ammunition be placed at this time to ensure delivery as close to January 1, 1996, as possible. This will allow time for the required manufacture and shipping of the necessary equipment.

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The Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture therefore recommends:

I. That a first charge in the amount of $607,000.00 be approved on the 1996 Capital Estimates for the Winnipeg Police Service Firearm Replacement Program.

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

Adopted by consent.

**Province of Manitoba Grant to Winnipeg Police Service**
**File GF-2 (Vol. 44)**

1246 9. The Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture has been advised that on March 27, 1995, the Provincial Government announced its intention to provide a $2,000,000.00 annual grant to the City of Winnipeg for the purpose of putting more police officers on the streets of Winnipeg to combat property crimes, crimes against people and youth violence.

Since that date, City and Provincial Officials have held discussions culminating in the presentation of a Business Plan by the City to the Province on June 12, 1995. Subsequently, the Province of Manitoba prepared an Agreement, which has been reviewed by the City's Legal Services Division, and which provides that the Province of Manitoba will pay $2,000,000.00 per year for seven years to the City of Winnipeg, conditional upon:

1. The authorized complement of police personnel be increased by 40 from 1140 to 1180.

2. The complement of 1180 be achieved by July 1, 1997, and remain at that level for the term of the aforesaid Agreement.

3. The additional 40 officers will be assigned as "…general uniform patrol police constables o the streets of the City of Winnipeg to combat property crime, crimes against people, and youth violence, excepting that up to eight of these officers may be assigned to the "Current Crimes Unit", which shall deal with the emerging crime issues in the city of Winnipeg.

The Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture therefore recommends:

I. That the City of Winnipeg enter into an agreement with the Province of Manitoba wherein the Province will provide $2,000,000.00 per year to the City for specific Police Services for the period of April 1, 1995, to March 31, 2002.

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

Copy of the Conditional Funding Agreement in on file in the City Clerk's Department.

Adopted by Consent.

**Impact of Emergency Physicians' Strike on Winnipeg Ambulance Services**
**File GF-3 (Vol. 24)**

1247 10. The Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture has been advised that the closure or restricted operating hours of the community based hospital emergency departments, resulting from the emergency physicians' strike, has had a direct impact on the response times of the City of Winnipeg Ambulance Department and its ability to maintain current community standards for ambulance services.

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The Minister of Health has indicated that it is the Provincial Government's intention to carefully review the number of Hospital Emergency Departments in Winnipeg that will be funded following the conclusion of this current work stoppage. Further, any realignment of Emergency Departments could result in the indirect downloading of cost to maintain community standards for Ambulance Services in Winnipeg by accelerating the need to add additional personnel and response resource.

The Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture therefore recommends:

I. That in the event of any Hospital Emergency Department closures, the City of Winnipeg do all things necessary to ensure that the Government of Manitoba increase its Ambulance grants to the City to offset any cost incurred, in order to increase personnel and response vehicles to maintain the current standard of Ambulance Services provided for the citizens of Winnipeg.

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

Adopted by consent.

**Renewal of Contract for Administrative Support Services for The Winnipeg Arts Advisory Council**
**File FG-3 (Vol. 30)**

1248 11. On November 16, 1994, Council adopted Clause 4 of the Report of the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture dated October 31, 1994, and renewed the existing contractual agreement between The City of Winnipeg and Billie Stewart for a further one year period from January 1 to December 31, 1995, for a total yearly salary of $34,272.00.

On September 5, 1995, the Winnipeg Arts Advisory Council placed on record an expression of confidence and thanks to Billie Stewart in recognition of her service as Administrator of the Winnipeg Arts Advisory Council in 1995. The Advisory Council subsequently recommended that her contract as the Advisory Council's Administrator be renewed for the one year period January 1 to December 31, 1996, and that the salary be increased to reflect the current rate of inflation, effective January 1, 1996.

The Winnipeg Arts Council further recommended that the Administrator's contract be amended to reflect the intent of the 1996 Administrative Budget approved by the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture on September 11, 1995, namely:

1. That Section 3(e) be amended to include: "The preparation of financial reports and overseeing completion of Financial Analysis of Grant Application by an independent accountant".

2. That Section 6, which reads as follows, be deleted: "Ms Stewart agrees that she shall provide space, a computer, a telephone and an answering machine, together with any additional personnel, at no cost to the City".

3. That Section 7 be amended to incorporate the words "office renal" and 'clerical assistance" as follows: "The City shall pay an administrative allowance to Ms Stewart to the maximum specified by City Council in each year, and upon the recommendation of Council, to cover such expenses as office rental, clerical assistance, freight and messenger, juror fees, transportation, telephone, rentals, postage, seminars, convention and travel, stationery and office supplies, office equipment and miscellaneous expenses and other items as required and approved by the Council…:.

On September 11, 1995, Brian Peel, Chairperson of the Winnipeg Arts Advisory Council appeared in delegation at the Committee o Protection, Parks and Culture in support of the Advisory Council's recommendation.

**Report of the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture dated September 11, 1995**

The Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture therefore recommends:

I. That the existing contractual agreement between The City of Winnipeg and Billie Stewart be renewed for a further one year period from January 1 to December 31, 1996, and that the salary of $34,272.00 be increased to reflect the current rate of inflation commencing January 1, 1996, and be amended as follows:

(a) That Section 3(e) be amended to include: "The preparation of financial reports and overseeing completion of Financial Analysis of Grant Applications by an independent accountant".

(b) That Section 6, which reads as follows, be deleted: "Ms Stewart agrees that she shall provide office space, a computer, a telephone and an answering machine, together with any additional personnel, at no cost to the City".

(c) That Section 7 be amended to incorporate the words "office rental" and "clerical assistance" as follows: "The city shall pay an administrative allowance to Ms Stewart to the maximum specified by City Council in each year, and upon the recommendation of Council, to cover such expenses as office rental, clerical assistance, freight and messenger, juror fees, transportation, telephone, rentals, postage, seminars, convention and travel, stationery and office supplies, office equipment and miscellaneous expenses and other items as required and approved by the Council…".

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

Adopted by consent.

## COMMITTEE ON PROTECTION, PARKS AND CULTURE

## MOTIONS

Moved by Councillor Golden,
Seconded by Councillor Silva,
1249 WHEREAS the Riel Community Committee has recommended a Community Inventive Grant in the amount of $110,000.00 to the Winnipeg Canoe Club for three projects at the Canoe Club;

AND WHEREAS the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture referred this item for more information (as it appeared to be a grant for one project….in excess of the maximum of $75,000.00 per project);

AND WHEREAS Commissioner Reynolds has confirmed by memo, attached hereto, that this grant is for 3 projects and has no objections to the grant;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council approved the subject grant.

The Speaker ruled automatic referral to the Committee on Planning and Community Srivces, in accordance with Rule 16.1 of the Procedure By-law.

Moved by Councillor Golden,
That the rule be suspended to allow consideration of the motion at this time.

Carried.

The motion was put and declared carried.