REPORT "A" OF THE

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

DATED DECEMBER 13, 1995

On motion of Her Worship Mayor Thompson, Report "A" of the Executive Policy Committee dated December 13, 1995, was considered clause by clause.

Moved by Her Worship Mayor Thompson,
That the Consent Agenda, Clauses 1,2,3,4,5 and 6 be adopted.

Councillor Timm-Rudolph requested that Clause 1 be pulled from the Consent Agenda.

Councillor Lazarenko requested that Clauses 2 and 3 be pulled from the Consent Agenda.

Councillor Murray requested that Clause 4 be pulled from the Consent Agenda.

The motion to adopt the Consent Agenda, Clauses 5 and 6 was put and declared carried.

Her Worship The Mayor and Councillors:

Establishment of the Downtown Transcona Business Improvement Zone
File FL-7.12 (Vol. 1)

161 - 1. On July 6, 1995, the City Clerk received a petition from Dr. Bruce N. Rosner, President of the Downtown Transcona Merchant Association, to establish a business improvement zone in the Downtown Transcona area. The petitioners represent 33.57% of the business that represented 16.06% of the business assessment. The results of the petition for the Downtown Transcona Business Improvement Zone are as follows:

	Number of Businesses	Business Assessments
Total businesses within the proposed zone:	143	$6,251,320
Businesses petitioning for the proposed zone:	48	$1,003,980
Businesses petitioning for represent:	33.57%	16.06%
Required percentage for petition to be sufficiently signed:	10.00%	10.00%

On September 12, 1995, the City Treasurer certified that the petition did constitute at least 10% of the business that represents 10% of the total business assessment in the proposed zone

On September 21, 1995, the Board of Commissioners directed to the Administration:

> *"That in accordance with Section 197(2) of The City of Winnipeg Act, notices be mailed to each business located in the proposed Downtown Transcona Business Improvement Zone advising that a sufficiently signed petition (certified by the City Treasurer) has been received for the establishment of this zone, thereby ensuring each business has an opportunity to submit a notice of objection."*

On October 31, 1995, the City Treasurer certified that the objections to the zone did not constitute one-third of the businesses that represent one-third of the total business assessment in the proposed zone.

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A tabulation of the notice of objections received to October 30, 1995, is provided as follows:

	Number of Businesses	Business Assessment
Total businesses within the proposed zone:	143	$6,251,320
Businesses that submitted a notice of objection:	22	$2,636,880
Businesses that object to the zone represent:	15.38%	42.18%
Required percentage for preventing the establishment of the zone:	33.33%	33.33%

As the petitioners of the proposed Downtown Transcona Business Improvement Zone have now complied with all provisions of The City of Winnipeg Act, it is now left to City Council to determine whether to create the proposed business zone.

The City of Winnipeg Act Section 197(1) states the following:

> *"197(1) Subject to subsections (2), (3) and (4), the council may, by by-law, establish a business improvement zone when a petition signed by 10% of businesses that represent 10% of the total business assessment in the proposed zone is received by the council requesting that an area defined by the petitioners be designated as a zone."*

(It should be noted that although the number of businesses objecting did not constitute the required one-third [15.38%] the 22 businesses that did object represent 42.18% of the business assessment.)

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That the establishment of the Downtown Transcona Business Improvement Zone be approved by City Council.

II. That the draft by-law designating a Business Improvement Zone to be known as the "Downtown Transcona Business Improvement Zone" and establishing a Management Board be approved.

III. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the foregoing, including the execution of any documents related thereto.

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

Carried.

Revised Shoal Lake Trust Agreement
File WR (Vol. 1)

162 - 2. In June of 1989 the Province of Manitoba, the City of Winnipeg and Shoal Lake No. 40 First Nation signed the Shoal Lake Agreement to protect Winnipeg's water supply. The Agreement made provision for the establishment of a Trust Fund made up of equal contributions of $3,000,000.00 from each of the City and the Province. The income from the Trust was to be paid out to the First Nation on a regular basis for sixty years, provided terms of the Shoal Lake Agreement were met. A Trust Agreement (the Shoal Lake Trust Agreement) was also signed by the parties to implement the Trust Fund provisions. These Agreements were to come into force once a Parallel Agreement was signed between the First Nation and Canada.

In September of 1990, Shoal Lake First Nation No. 40 signed an Agreement with Canada as required pursuant to the Shoal Lake Agreement. Since 1994, various concerns have been raised with respect to provisions of the Shoal Lake

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Trust Agreement by the parties to the Shoal Lake Agreement.

Accordingly, negotiations were undertaken to develop a revised Shoal Lake Agreement which addresses these concerns. On September 26, 1995, The Shoal Lake Agreement Committee appointed CIBC Trust to replace Royal Trust as Trustee for the Shoal Lake Trust.

There were four principle concerns associated with the existing Shoal Lake Trust Agreement. A discussion of each issue and the manner in which the issue is resolved through the revised Trust Agreement follow:

1. The parties to the Shoal Lake Agreement received advice that Trust Fund proceeds which are not paid out of the Trust each year, are taxable in the Trust. Under the current situation, this can occur if the First Nation fails to conform to the Shoal Lake Agreement and the Agreement Committee does not authorize release of the funds. In order to avoid this eventuality the revised Trust Agreement requires that the Trust Fund income be made "payable" each year. However, disbursement of the funds to First Nation will still require Agreement Committee authorization, consistent with the provisions of the Shoal Lake Agreement.

2. The existing Shoal Lake Trust Agreement does not define capital gains as income. However, Revenue Canada considers capital gains as income. As noted previously in item 1, any income which remains in the Trust from year to year is taxable in the Trust. The new Trust Agreement defines capital gains as income and therefore capital gains will be payable each year. The effect of this provision will be that the principle of the Trust will never increase as a result of capital gains. However, there is a remote possibility that capital losses may occur. This could result in the principle of the Trust being reduced to a level which is less than the original $6,000,000.00 Trust established by the City and the Province. This erosion of the principle of the Trust is viewed as undesirable. Accordingly, a provision has been added to the revised Trust Agreement which allows the Agreement Committee to restrict payout of Trust Fund income when capital losses occur, until such time as the principle is "topped up" to the $6,000,000.00 figure.

3. The existing Shoal Lake Trust Agreement does not deal with payout of undistributed income in the event that the Shoal Lake Agreement is cancelled by one of the parties. The revised Trust Agreement defines the payout process which will be followed if the Shoal Lake Agreement is terminated.

4. The Shoal Lake Agreement clearly indicates that where a dispute exists, it is to be resolved in accordance with a specified arbitration process. The existing Shoal Lake Trust Agreement does not contain any dispute resolution mechanism. The revised Trust Agreement contains provisions so that disputes under the Trust Agreement are resolved in a manner identical with the mechanism outlined in the Shoal Lake Agreement.

The Shoal Lake Agreement Committee comprised of Mayor Susan A. Thompson, Chief Herb Redsky and Minister Jack Reimer met on September 26, 1995 and passed a resolution approving the Revised Trust Agreement which is outlined in Appendix A, subject to the approval of their respective jurisdictions. The First Nation has now passed Band Council Resolution No. 804 approving the Revised Trust Agreement. It is our understanding that the Province of Manitoba also intend to approve the Revised Agreement.

Representatives of the Water and Waste Department and the Legal Services Division of the City of Winnipeg have reviewed the Revised Trust Agreement and believe that it satisfactorily addresses the various concerns raised by the parties with respect to the existing Agreement. Accordingly, it is recommended that the appropriate officers of the City of Winnipeg be authorized by Council to do all things necessary to execute the Revised Trust Agreement between the Province of Manitoba, the City of Winnipeg, Shoal Lake First Nation No. 40 and the Trustee, or the like effect. The Legal Services Division of the Corporate Services Department concurs with this recommendation.

The original Shoal Lake Trust Agreement was approved by Council. Accordingly, the revised Shoal Lake Trust Agreement must also be approved by Council.

The Executive Policy Committee recommends that the appropriate officers of the City be authorized by Council to do all things necessary to execute the Revised Shoal Lake Trust Agreement as outlined in Appendix "A".

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

Carried.

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

Copy of attachment referred to in the above clause is on file in the office of the City Clerk.

Richardson Concourse Agreement
File FI-2.12 (Vol. 9)

163 - 3. In March of 1993, James Richardson & Sons Limited and Lombard Place Limited requested an extension to their Concourse Agreement with the City which would extend the term for an additional twenty (20) years from 1999 to 2019. At that time, the Planning Department and the Law Department both agreed that this request was reasonable, provided that the City obtain one amendment thereof to its benefit. For various reasons, the request for extension did not proceed to Council.

James Richardson & Sons Limited and Lombard Place Limited have now approached the City once more to request this extension. Nothing has changed since the March 1993 request and the extension should therefore be granted subject to the provision that the agreement be amended to expressly permit the City to allow surface pedestrian crossing of the Portage and Main intersection.

James Richardson & Sons Limited and Lombard Place Limited have agreed to the said amendment and the Administration therefore recommends the extension and amendment of the Concourse Agreement as described above.

For the information of Council, the City entered into Concourse Agreements with each of the four groups which own the land on the corners of Portage and Main. The Concourse Agreements govern access and maintenance of the concourse by the owners, among other things. Initially, the three groups of owners of the Southeast, Southwest and Northwest corners were granted a forty year term which would terminate in 2019. James Richardson & Sons Limited and Lombard Place Limited only received a twenty (20) year term. All four (4) groups of owners paid substantially the same amount ($350,000.00) and are required to maintain and operate the rights of way to City standards during their respective terms.

The Planning Department and Law Department were in agreement that James Richardson & Sons Limited and Lombard Place Limited should be offered the requested extension provided that they agreed to an amendment which would expressly permit the City to re-establish surface pedestrian crossing of the Portage and Main intersection, should it so desire.

James Richardson & Sons Limited and Lombard Place Limited had agreed to this amendment back in September 1993. However, at the request of James Richardson & Sons Limited, the request for extension was withdrawn. They have now come forward with the request once more on the basis that it has become important to their lender that this extension be obtained.

In 1993, the Planning and Law Departments expressed approval to the requested extension, therefore, it is recommended that the extension be granted subject to the amendment relating to surface pedestrian crossing.

This would make the term of all of the Concourse Agreements consistent in that all would terminate, subject to negotiated renewals, in 2019. Attached as Appendix "A" is the form of amending agreement which is acceptable to the City.

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That Council approve the extension of the term of the Richardson Concourse Agreement by twenty (20) years from 1999 to 2019 on the same terms and conditions, subject to the provision that the agreement be amended to expressly permit the City to allow surface pedestrian crossing of the Portage and Main intersection.

II. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the foregoing, including the execution of any documents related thereto.

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

Moved by Councillor Golden,
That the clause be referred to the Committee on Finance and Administration.

Carried.

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

Riverview Health Centre - Appointment of Citizen Member
Files FH (Vol. 2) & GC-7 (Vol. 25)

164 - 4. On November 14, 1995, the City Centre Community Committee considered the matter of appointment of one Council Member to the Riverview Health Centre.

The Community Committee passed the following motion in connection therewith, namely:

> "That the City Centre Community Committee recommend to City Council that a citizen representative be appointed to the Riverview Health Centre Board in place of a member of Council; and
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> That the Riverview Health Centre be requested to amend its Organization By-law accordingly in order to accommodate the appointment of a citizen representative."

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That a citizen representative be appointed to the Riverview Health Centre Board in place of a member of Council.

II. That the Riverview Health Centre be requested to amend its Organization By-law accordingly in order to accommodate the appointment of a citizen representative.

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

In amendment,

Moved by Councillor Murray,
Seconded by Councillor Silva,
165 - THAT the clause be amended by adding the words "by the City Centre Community Committee" after the words "member of Council", in recommendation No. 1.

The amendment was put and declared carried.

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

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Academy Road Business Improvement Zone File FL-7.11 (Vol. 1)

166 - 5. Council at its meeting held on November 29, 1995, passed the following motion, namely:

Moved by Councillor Steek,
Seconded by Councillor Silva,

WHEREAS Council on September 27, 1995, passed By-law No. 6688/95, a By-law of The City of Winnipeg to designate a Business Improvement Zone to be know as the "Academy Road Business Improvement Zone", and establish a Management Board for the Zone;

AND WHEREAS Section 6(1)(b) of the by-law provides that the membership shall consist of eight (8) members who each shall be from a business which is located in the Zone, and who shall be appointed in accordance with the process provided in Sections 8 to 11 inclusive, of By-law No. 6688/95;

AND WHEREAS nominations for Zone Board members were received in the Office of the Clerk from eight persons from amongst the business in the Zone;

AND WHEREAS Section 9(4) of the by-law provides that if the number of persons nominated is eight (8) or less, then those nominated shall be considered to be selected by acclamation and the names of those persons selected by acclamation shall be forwarded to Council for appointment;

AND WHEREAS Section 7(c) of the by-law provides that the initial term of office of the eight Zone Board members shall be as follows:-

(i) four (4) Zone Board members shall hold office from the date of appointment to the first meeting of Council in January 1997;

(ii) four (4) Zone Board members shall hold office from the date of appointment to the first meeting of Council in January 1998;

AND WHEREAS the seven persons deemed selected by acclamation are:

DUNN, Gary
OCHMAN, Donna
HEIDINGER, Randy
ODWAK, Hersh
YUEN, Joseph
MACKENZIE, Brian
FRACASSI, Romolo
KING, Linda

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following Zone Board members hold office from the date of appointment to the first meeting of Council in January, 1997, namely:-

DUNN, Gary
OCHMAN, Donna
HEIDINGER, Randy
ODWAK, Hersh

AND FURTHER THAT the following Zone Board members hold office from the date of appointment to the first meeting of Council in January 1998, namely:-

YUEN, Joseph
MACKENZIE, Brian
FRACASSI, Romolo
KING, Linda

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that matter of appointment of a member of Council to the Management Board of the Academy Road Business Improvement Zone be referred to the Executive Policy Committee for recommendation.

The Executive Policy Committee recommends that Councillor G. Steek, River Heights Ward be appointed to the Management Board of the Academy Road Business Improvement Zone.

Adopted by consent.

Extension of Personal Services Contract - Co-ordinator of the Winnipeg Safe City Committee File GF-2.7 (Vol. 10)

167 - 6. Council on April 19, 1995, adopted Clause 5 of Report "A" of the Executive Policy Committee dated April 5, 1995, which renewed the personal services contract with the Co-ordinator of the Winnipeg Safe City Committee until December 31, 1995.

On July 5, 1995, the Executive Policy Committee referred a resolution to the Winnipeg Safe City Committee, relative to retaining the co-ordinator position of the Winnipeg Safe City Committee. Due to lack of a quorum, the Winnipeg Safe City Committee has been unable to comment or report back on the resolution, and no personal services contract has been entered into with Ms Balicki for the provision of administrative services.

Inasmuch as the Executive Policy Committee will not be considering the 1996 Current Estimates until January, 1996, and in order to provide administrative assistance to the Winnipeg Safe City Committee, it is the opinion of the Committee that a prorated "fee for service" based on a per annum fee of $40,000.00 be provided to the Co-ordinator of the Winnipeg Safe City Committee, on a short term basis only, pending further consideration of the 1996 Current Estimates.

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That a prorated fee for service based on the per annum fee of $40,000.00 be provided to Chris Balicki for services rendered in the capacity of the Co-ordinator of the Winnipeg Safe City Committee until February 29, 1996; and the City Clerk's Department be authorized to process said payment up to and including February 29, 1996.

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

Adopted by consent.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

MOTIONS

Moved by Councillor Golden,
Seconded by Councillor Vandal,

168 - WHEREAS Council on November 29, 1995, passed By-law No. 6715/95, a By-law of The City of Winnipeg to designate a Business Improvement Zone to be know as the "Old St. Vital Business Improvement Zone", and establish a Management Board for the Zone;

AND WHEREAS Section 6(1)(b) of the by-law provides that the membership shall consist of eight (8) members who each shall be from a business which is located in the Zone, and who shall be appointed in accordance with the process provided in Sections 8 to 11 inclusive, of By-law No. 6715/95;

AND WHEREAS nominations for Zone Board members were received in the Office of the Clerk from eight persons from amongst the business in the Zone;

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AND WHEREAS Section 9(4) of the by-law provides that if the number of persons nominated is eight (8) or less, then those nominated shall be considered to be selected by acclamation and the names of those persons selected by acclamation shall be forwarded to Council for appointment;

AND WHEREAS Section 7(c) of the by-law provides that the initial term of office of the eight Zone Board members shall be as follows:-

(i) four (4) Zone Board members shall hold office from the date of appointment to the first meeting of Council in January 1997;

(ii) four (4) Zone Board members shall hold office from the date of appointment to the first meeting of Council in January 1998;

AND WHEREAS the eight persons deemed selected by acclamation are:

TEIXEIRA, Brian
ELMHURST, Linda M.
LANCASTER, George
ROZON, Shelly
GOSSELIN, Joel
MOSDELL, Betty
FULLER, Jim
JOHNSTONE, Marge

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following Zone Board members hold office from the date of appointment to the first meeting of Council in January, 1997, namely:-

GOSSELIN, Joel
MOSDELL, Betty
FULLER, Jim
JOHNSTONE, Marge

AND FURTHER THAT the following Zone Board members hold office from the date of appointment to the first meeting of Council in January 1998, namely:-

TEIXEIRA, Brian
ELMHURST, Linda M.
LANCASTER, George
ROZON, Shelly

NOW THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that matter of appointment of a member of Council to the Management Board of the Old St. Vital Business Improvement Zone be referred to the Executive Policy Committee for recommendation.

Carried.

Moved by Councillor Lazarenko,
Seconded by Councillor Thomas,

169 - 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;

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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 straights 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;

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.

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

The Speaker called the Deputy Speaker, Councillor Prystanski, to the Chair in order to participate in the debate.

Moved by Councillor Angus,
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Eadie,

170 - WHEREAS the Honourable Jack Reimer, Minister of Urban Affairs has provided Her Worship and all Members of Council with a copy of the consultant study on St. Germain/Vermette which was prepared under the direction of a steering committee with representation from all stakeholders;

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AND WHEREAS the terms of reference asked the consultant to report on three options for the future governance of St. Germain/Vermette:

- the feasibility of St. Germain/Vermette forming their own rural municipality;
- the feasibility of St. Germain/Vermette joining the R.M. of Ritchot;
- the status quo, with or without improvements including changes to the taxation of residential large lots;

AND WHEREAS the report fulfills the terms of reference and assesses the options in terms of their impacts on each jurisdiction/stakeholder, but contains no recommendations as the consultants were asked in the terms of reference not to provide a recommended course of action but instead to compile and analyse data for discussion and decision-making purposes;

AND WHEREAS the Minister of Urban Affairs has urged each jurisdiction/stakeholder to give careful consideration to the findings of the St. Germain/Vermette Study;

AND WHEREAS the Minister of Urban Affairs, by letter dated December 7, 1995 has asked that Council adopt a position on the future governance of St. Germain/Vermette by February 29, 1996;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Policy Committee review the Minister's request and report back to Council for the January 24, 1996 meeting.

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

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

171 - On motion of Her Worship Mayor Thompson, By-law No. 6711/95, a By-law of the City of Winnipeg to amend the City Organization By-law No. 6550/95, was read a third time and was passed and ordered to be signed and sealed. File GL-5.6

Councillors Murray and Thomas asked to be recorded as having voted against the third reading of By-law No. 6711/95, in accordance with Rule 50.7 of the Procedure By-law.

On motion of Her Worship Mayor Thompson, By-law No. 6729/95, a By-law of the City of Winnipeg to designate a Business Improvement Zone to be known as the "Downtown Transcona Business Improvement Zone" and to establish a Management Board for the Zone 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.
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EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

QUESTION PERIOD

172 - Councillor Murray noted that Council would not be deliberating the Current Estimates until January 31, 1996, and in identifying concerns with Transit, questioned why the Standing Committees would continue to be excluded from the budget process.

Her Worship Mayor Thompson noted that there would be a special meeting of the Committee on Works and Operations to discuss the Transit issue. Councillor Clement concurred that there would be a special meeting scheduled in January to discuss Transit Policy.

Councillor Murray questioned where Councillors could go to find information and develop budget alternatives for the Departments, if Standing Committees were excluded from the budget process.

Her Worship Mayor Thompson noted that Council had adopted the process and stated that each Committee Chairperson was dedicated to getting information from the Departments for Current Estimates' decision-making.

Councillor Murray questioned whether there would be an alternative process to the Standing Committee review, to allow Members of Council to research and develop budget solutions.

Her Worship Mayor Thompson noted that the Committee Chairpersons would manage the process and address concerns.