REPORT OF THE

COMMITTEE ON PROTECTION, PARKS AND CULTURE

DATED DECEMBER 7, 1995

On motion of Councillor Prystanski, the Report of the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture dated December 7, 1995, was considered clause by clause.

Moved by Councillor Prystanski,
That the Consent Agenda, Clauses 1 and 2 be adopted.

Carried.

Her Worship the Mayor and Councillors:

Additional 1995 Supplementary Operating Grants - Festival du Voyageur Inc. and the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra
Files FG-1.1(F) and FG-1.1(W)

194 - 1. On June 14, 1995, Council adopted Clause 9 of the Report of the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture dated May 29, 1995, approving 1995 Primary Operating Grants in the amounts of $87,500.00 and $170,000.00 to the Festival du Voyageur Inc. and the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra, respectively.

On July 12, 1995, Council adopted Clause 7 of the Report of the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture dated June 26, 1995, approving a supplementary operating grant of $7,000.00 to the Festival du Voyageur Inc., thereby increasing its 1995 Operating Grant from $87,500.00 to $94,500.00.

On November 27, 1995, the Winnipeg Arts Advisory Council recommended that additional operating grants in the amounts of $9,117.00 and $6,116.00 be approved for the Festival du Voyageur Inc. and the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra, respectively.

The City Policy on Cultural Grants C302 reads in part as follows:

"(9) The Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture shall adjudicate all applications within the global allocation and shall have final authority to approve grants which qualify under this policy, to an amount of $50,000.00 per individual grant. It shall submit to Council with its recommendation for approval, all requests for grants in excess of this amount."

For the information of Council, on December 7, 1995, the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture concurred in the recommendation of the Winnipeg Arts Advisory Council and approved the following:

I. An additional operating grant in the amount of $9,117.00 to the Festival du Voyageur Inc., thereby increasing its total 1995 Operating Grant to $103,617.00.

II. An additional operating grant in the amount of $6,116.00 to the Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra, thereby increasing its total 1995 Operating Grant to $176,116.00.

Adopted by consent.

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Agreement between The City of Winnipeg and the Department of Human Resources - Youth Services Canada for funding of the Crime Prevention Auxiliary Police Pilot Program - Operation Street Smart
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195 - 2. The Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture has been advised that the Winnipeg Police Service has a long and established working history with the Federal Government Department of Human Resource Development. Since 1990, the Federal Government Department has partially or solely funded programs involving the Winnipeg Police Service, such as The Minority Summer Orientation Program, Best Matches Employment Program, Victim Services Unit Summer Program and the Constable Development Program.

The Winnipeg Police Service, not unlike any other progressive organization, realizes the need to develop creative ways to administer programs, enhance and provide services with our limited financial means. The multi-integrated approach to problem solving is proving to be an efficient use of limited resources and often fosters good working relationships with other community minded organizations.

The Community Relations Division of the Winnipeg Police Service has researched opportunities to rationalize police services and has developed a unique crime prevention through education safety program. The program has been titled, Crime Prevention Auxiliary Police Program - Operation Street Smart. This program will enhance current services by involving trained civilian participants in the delivery of target hardening techniques through a Residential Safety Audit Program and the delivery Street Proofing techniques to youth and adults at risk.

The first phase of the Residential Safety Audit Program involves training the civilian participants in residential target hardening crime prevention techniques. The trained participants will canvass neighbourhoods in areas of high incidents of residential crime, examine the homes and offer crime prevention strategies to the residents. The civilian participants will also encourage the citizens to become involved in their community through a network of programs such as the Neighbourhood Watch Program. The Residential Safety Audit will incorporate the use of the Winnipeg Police Service Community Caravan as an outreach office. The second phase of the program involves the delivery of personal safety programs to areas where current programming is dormant.

The program includes the hiring of a Federal Government Department of Human Resources funded Program Coordinator who will in conjunction with the Winnipeg Police Service select the fifteen Federal Government Department funded participants. The pilot program will run from December 18, 1995, to September 16, 1996. The program coordinator will be hired for this period of time while the fifteen participant placements will start on March 25, 1996, and conclude on September 16, 1996.

All the people selected for this program will fall under the umbrella of the Community Relations Division of the Winnipeg Police Service. The program coordinator will hold a salaried position, while the participants will not be hired in a traditional employee/employer relationship. The Youth Services Canada funding stipulates that the fifteen participants will receive a weekly stipend and upon successful completion of the program they will be eligible for a completion grant.

The program participant positions fall under the following guidelines: Canadian Citizens or landed immigrants; 18 to 24 years of age; unemployed; not currently attending school; minimum Grade 12 education; resident of Winnipeg or the surrounding area; no criminal record and of good character; valid Class 5 Manitoba drivers licence; must be able to work a variety of shifts including weekends; physically fit; good oral and written communication skills; good planning and organizing skills; previous volunteer experience would be an asset; previous work experience is desirable; ability to communicate in other languages would be considered an asset; and, interest in policing as a future career would be considered an asset.

The program participants weekly stipend will be $160.00 (note that no deductions are incurred). The participants will work 35 hours a week for 24 weeks (840 hours). They will receive a stipend total in the amount of $3,840.00. The completion grant issued by the federal government will be in the amount of $3,140.00 for a total program remuneration in the amount of $7,000.00.

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The Federal Government will issue the grant to all successful participants who complete 840 hours of work. To receive the grant the participants also have to show the Federal Government that the grant will be used for: returning to the labour market; returning to school; starting a small business; and, paying off a student loan.

Advantages and reasons to proceed with the project are as follows:

1. To enhance the public image of the Winnipeg Police Service by providing a highly visible new crime prevention safety program in areas of high residential crime.

2. To provide improved police services for the citizens of Winnipeg by increasing the delivery of primary crime prevention safety programming and increase the perception of public safety.

3. To rationalize police operations by providing the delivery of primary crime preventions safety programming to citizens by persons not possessing police officer status.

4. To build stronger sustainable community partnerships and networks.

5. To provide the participants with an opportunity to work in a practicum environment and increase their skills and competitiveness in the future employment market.

6. All the participants and the program coordinator salaries and mandatory costs of employment are covered by the grant.

7. The Operation Street Smart Program will have a future through the development of a volunteer base, the community partnerships and networks.

Disadvantages of the program would be as follows: the increased numbers of staff impact on the supervision requirements; and the program also impacts on the project managers duties in ensuring short and long term objectives are realized.

The Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture therefore recommends:

I. That the City of Winnipeg Police Service Executive agree to participate with the Federal Government Department of Human Resources Development - Youth Services Canada funding program, and sponsor fifteen (15) participants for the Winnipeg Police Service new Crime Prevention Auxiliary Police Program - Operation Street Smart.

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

Adopted by consent.