REPORT OF THE

COMMITTEE ON WORKS AND OPERATIONS

DATED DECEMBER 8, 1995

On motion of Councillor Clement, the Report of the Committee on Works and Operations, dated December 8, 1995, was considered clause by clause.

Moved by Councillor Clement,

That the Consent Agenda, Clauses 1 and 2 be adopted.

Councillor Lazarenko requested that Clause 2 be pulled from the Consent Agenda.

The motion to adopt the Consent Agenda, Clause 1 was put and declared carried.

Her Worship the Mayor and Councillors:

Proposal to Construct a Roadway between Portage and Saskatchewan Avenues West of the Perimeter Highway - Manitoba Highways and Transportation
File SC (Vol. 1)

196 - 1. The Committee on Works and Operations has been advised that the Manitoba Department of Highways and Transportation is proposing to construct a roadway from Portage Avenue to Saskatchewan Avenue along the east boundary of the Red River Exhibition property and intersecting Portage Avenue directly opposite Camp Manitou Road as illustrated on Figure 1 (designated as Appendix A). Portage Avenue in this area is under the jurisdiction of the Province.

The proposed roadway would facilitate access to and from the Assiniboia Downs, the Red River Exhibition property and privately-owned lands to the south of the Assiniboia Downs onto both Portage Avenue and Saskatchewan Avenue and allow the Province to remove the existing access points to the properties from Portage Avenue and the Perimeter Highway.

The proposal calls for the Province to construct the roadway in a public right-of-way, to be acquired by the Province, to standards acceptable to the City of Winnipeg following which the City will assume responsibility for ownership and maintenance of the roadway.

The Streets and Transportation Department recommends approval of the proposal in principle and seeks authority to finalize negotiations with the Province related to the construction standard and transfer of the roadway to the City of Winnipeg.

The Committee on Works and Operations therefore recommends:-

I. That approval in principle be given to the proposal, to construct a roadway between Portage and Saskatchewan Avenues, West of the Perimeter Highway as illustrated on Figure 1 (designated as Appendix A), subject to the construction of a minimum four-lane asphalt roadway from Portage Avenue to Saskatchewan Avenue, with no additional capital costs to the City.

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

For the information of Council, Committee directed that the Administration submit a final report for consideration by the Committee, identifying responsibility of ownership for the maintenance of the roadway and associated maintenance costs.

Adopted by consent.

(See Minute No. 234 for attachment)

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Taxi-Cab Stands File ST-1 (Vol. 3)

197 - 2. The Committee on Works and Operations has been advised that the Taxi-Cab Board and the industry are requesting additional taxi-cab stands. Additional taxi-cab stands are identified in CenterPlan's vision and strategies as one strategy in developing better links between activity centers in downtown Winnipeg.

Presently, eight taxi-cab stands exist within Winnipeg, whereby other Canadian Metropolitan areas similar in size have between twenty to fifty stands.

On June 27, 1995, the Committee on Works and Operations heard in delegation representatives from the Taxi-Cab Board, Unicity Taxi Limited, the Manitoba Taxi-Cab Association and the Winnipeg Alliance of Taxi-Cabs. Committee referred the matter back to the Administration to consult with the Taxi-Cab Board and Industry on issues relative to hospitality, taxi-cab stands and the possibility of public/private partnerships. Committee also expressed concerns relative to the loss of revenue associated with the installations, particularly where there currently exists metered parking spaces.

The CenterPlan Executive has recommended that funding be provided under the Winnipeg Development Agreement Downtown Revitalization Program for the downtown area, subject to appropriate approvals. Funding sources are yet to be determined for the very few taxi-cab stands outside the downtown area.

In general, the Taxi-Cab Industry has indicated that stands outside nightclubs, etcetera, are only required in the evening hours.

The Administration advises that additional taxi-cab stands will not have any negative impact on safety or traffic operations providing they meet the following proposed guidelines, namely:

1) That the Streets and Transportation Department recover one hundred percent of the cost of installing taxi-cab stands.

2) Taxi-cab stands not be allowed where full-time stopping prohibitions are in place. However, they may be allowed during off-peak hours where peak hour stopping prohibitions are in place.

3) Fronting property owners must agree to the presence of the taxi-cab stand.

4) Full-time taxi-cab stands will be discouraged where parking meters exist.

5) Limited time taxi-cab stands will be considered for special events, e.g. Folklorama, etc.

6) Company names will not be associated with taxi-cab stands irrespective of who pays for them. That is, the stand must be open to all taxi-cabs.

The Committee on Works and Operations therefore recommends:

I. That the Authority to approve taxi-cab stands be delegated to the Director of Streets and Transportation or his designate.

II. That when taxi-cab stands are approved by the Administration, the cost of installing the taxi-cab stand signs be recovered from the applicant as per the current policy for commercial loading and limited time parking zones. (The current approved recovery rate is $200.00 per sign assembly.)

III. That applicants pay an annual taxi-cab stand fee as follows:

A) $500.00 per metered parking space where the removal of the meter is required.

B) $250.00 per non-metered parking space.

IV. That the existing eight taxi-cab stands be charged the new annual fee effective January 1997.

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

Moved by Councillor Clement,
Adoption of the clause.

Moved by Councillor Lazarenko,
That the clause be referred back to the Committee on Works and Operations.

The motion to refer was put and declared lost.

At the request of Councillor Timm-Rudolph, Council considered Recommendation No. IV. separately.

Recommendation No. IV. was put and declared carried.

Councillors Golden, Lazarenko and Timm-Rudolph asked to be recorded as having voted against Recommendation No. IV., in accordance with Rule 50.7 of the Procedure By-law.

Recommendation Nos. I., II., III., and V. were put and declared carried.

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

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MOTIONS

Moved by Councillor Lazarenko,
Seconded by Councillor Angus,

198 - WHEREAS, on April 27, 1994, Council adopted Clause 7 of the Report of the Executive Policy Committee, dated April 20, 1995, "A New Direction for Civic Administration";

AND WHEREAS the New Direction Report identified as a basic principle an improvement in customer service, including consolidation of similar functions (one-stop shop) and simplification of processes;

AND WHEREAS there now exist two separate customer service centres, one in the Water and Waste Department, another in the Streets and Transportation Department, each with managers and clerical staff;

AND WHEREAS many members of the inquiring public reported that they did not receive an adequate level of quality customer service during early snowfalls in the 1995-96 season;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners explore the possibility of combining customer service delivery for these two Departments, to improve the services provided;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners explore the possibility of centralizing and standardizing customer service throughout the City of Winnipeg's Departments, in accordance with the one-stop shop principle.

Automatic Referral to the Committee on Works and Operations in accordance with Rule 16.1 of the Procedure By-law

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CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

199 - On motion of Councillor Clement, By-law No. 6731/95, a By-law of the City of Winnipeg to close part of Daly Street North between Lorette Avenue and C.N.R. Fort Rouge Yards, was read a first time.
File DAC 24/90

Councillor Clement moved that this constitute the first reading of By-law No. 6731/95, which motion was carried.