REPORT "A" OF THE

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

DATED APRIL 5, 1995

On motion of Her Worship Mayor Thompson, Report "A" of the Executive Policy Committee, dated April 5, 1995, was considered clause by clause.

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

Carried.

Her Worship The Mayor and Councillors:

Downtown Winnipeg Business Improvement Zone - Appointment of Members to the Management Board
File FL-7.4 (Vol. 5)

670 - 1. On January 25, 1989, Council adopted By-law No. 5080/89, being a By-law of The City of Winnipeg to designate a Business Improvement Zone to be known as the Downtown Winnipeg Business Improvement Zone. Clause 13 (5) of By-law No. 5080/89 states as follows:

> (5) Where a member ceases to be a member of the Board before expiration of the designated term, Council may appoint another eligible person for the unexpired portion of the term following receipt of a nomination from the Board.

On January 16, 1995 the Downtown Winnipeg Business Improvement Zone, accepted the resignation of Mr. Patrick Wong, from the Management Board of the Downtown Winnipeg Business Improvement Zone. Mr. Wong had been elected to a two year term which would have ended December 31, 1995.

The Downtown Winnipeg Business Improvement Zone's Management Board during its meeting of January 16, 1995 nominated Dr. Joseph Du, 425 St. Mary's Avenue to serve the remainder of Mr. Wong's term on the Board.

The Executive Policy Committee therefore recommends that Dr. Joseph Du be appointed as a member of the Management Board of the Downtown Winnipeg Business Improvement Zone for a term expiring December 31, 1995.

Adopted by consent.

Expenditure of Funds from Land Dedication Reserve - Installation of a Catch Basin in Nanton Park by the Parks and Recreation Department
File EP-2 (Vol. 23)

671 - 2. On March 14, 1995, the Assiniboia Community Committee recommended that funds in the amount of $11,000.00 be approved for the installation of a catch basin in Nanton Park by the Parks and Recreation Department, to be allocated from the Assiniboia Land Dedication Reserve Account.

The Executive Policy Committee concurs in the above and recommends that funds in the amount of $11,000.00 be allocated from the Assiniboia Land Dedication Reserve Account for the project.

Adopted by consent.

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Expenditure of Funds from Land Dedication Reserve - Valley Gardens Community School Association and Elmwood Kildonans Swimming Pool File EP-2 (Vol. 23)

672 - 3. On March 14, 1995, the East Kildonan-Transcona Community Committee recommended that funds in the amount of $112,300.00 be allocated from the East Kildonan-Transcona Community Land Dedication Reserve Account for the following projects, namely:

1.	Valley Gardens Community School Association - chain link fence	$ 7,300.00
2.	Elmwood Kildonans Swimming Pool	
	- customer service area/ (retail, rental, registration)	5,000.00
	- bicycle racks	2,000.00
	- parking loop (drop off, buses)	43,000.00
	- sound barrier/buffers	5,000.00
	- family change room	50,000.00
	Total	$112,300.00

The Executive Policy Committee concurs in the above and recommends that funds in the amount of $112,300.00 be allocated from the East Kildonan-Transcona Land Dedication Reserve Fund for the above named projects.

Adopted by consent.

Nomination for appointment of Citizen Member to the St. Boniface Museum Board Files PR-9.3 (Vol. 5) & GC-7 (Vol. 25)

673 - 4. On January 25, 1995, Council appointed Real J. Cloutier, Neil Gaudry and Rene Piche to the St. Boniface Museum Board and deferred appointment of the remaining vacancy to a future meeting.

On March 13, 1995, the Riel Community Committee recommended the appointment of Charles Gagné to the St. Boniface Museum Board for a 2-year term expiring November, 1996.

The Selection Committee concurs with the recommendation of the Riel Community Committee.

The Executive Policy Committee has ratified the recommendation of the Selection Committee and submits the appointment to Council for adoption.

Adopted by consent.

Coordinator Position - Winnipeg Safe City Committee File GF-2.7 (Vol. 9)

674 - 5. The Executive Policy Committee has considered the following motion submitted by the Winnipeg Safe City Committee, namely:

> That the Winnipeg Safe City Committee be authorized to proceed to retain administrative support services for the Winnipeg Safe City Committee on a contractual basis (using the Winnipeg Arts Advisory Council model) for the period January 1 to December 31, 1995, utilizing the 1995 Committee Current Budget allocation, as follows:

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I. That the City of Winnipeg renew the personal services contract with Chris Balicki for the provision of administrative support services for the Winnipeg Safe City Committee, subject to the following terms and conditions:

(a) The contract be of a one year duration commencing January 1, 1995, to December 31, 1995;
(b) The contract to include the terms and conditions as outlined in Appendix "A" of Clause 4 of the Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated July 13, 1994, and adopted by Council on July 20, 1994;
(c) The fee for service be $40,000.00 per annum.

II. That the Acting City Solicitor, in consultation with the Co-Chairpersons of the Winnipeg Safe City Committee, or their designates, be instructed to prepare the necessary contract between the City of Winnipeg and Chris Balicki.

The Winnipeg Safe City Committee upon request presented a detailed Business Plan together with a 1995 Budget Summary.

The Executive Policy Committee concurs with the Winnipeg Safe City Business Plan and 1995 Budget Summary as outlined on Appendix "B" and recommends:

I. That the City of Winnipeg renew the personal services contract with Chris Balicki for the provision of administrative support services for the Winnipeg Safe City Committee, subject to the following terms and conditions:

(a) The contract be of a one year duration commencing January 1, 1995, to December 31, 1995;
(b) The contract to include the terms and conditions as outlined in Appendix "A";
(c) The fee for service be $40,000.00 per annum plus the City's share of UIC and CPP as outlined in Appendix "B".

II. That the Acting City Solicitor, in consultation with the Co-Chairpersons of the Winnipeg Safe City Committee, or their designates, be instructed to prepare the necessary contract between the City of Winnipeg and Chris Balicki.

Copy of attachments referred to in the above clause are on file in the office of the City Clerk.

Adopted by consent.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

DATED APRIL 12, 1995

On motion of Her Worship Mayor Thompson, the Report of the Executive Policy Committee, dated April 12, 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 Murray requested that Clause 6 be pulled from the Consent Agenda.

The motion to adopt the Consent Agenda, Clauses 1,2,3,4 and 5 was put and declared carried.

Her Worship The Mayor and Councillors:

Annual Report to Minister of Urban Affairs Regarding City Compliance with The City of Winnipeg Act Part 3 - "Official Languages of Municipal Services" File GL-5.7 (Vol. 4)

675 - 1. Part 3 of The City of Winnipeg Act (87.13) requires that:

> "The council shall annually, not later than four months after the end of the fiscal year of the city, make a report in English and French to the minister respecting the compliance by the city with its obligations under this Part and that report shall include particulars of any complaints under this Part filed with the ombudsman and the disposition of each of those complaints."

In June 1992 the Province of Manitoba passed Bill 78 amending The City of Winnipeg Act (Part 3). Part 3 was proclaimed effective May 1, 1994. As required under the new law, a French Language Coordinator was appointed in September 1993. On April 24, 1994, Council passed City By-law No. 6402/94 for the provision of municipal services in both official languages. Outlined in this by-law as Schedule "A" is the City's five-year implementation plan for delivery of French language services and outlines the extent of the City's compliance with the Act to date.

The Executive Policy Committee recommends that Appendix "A" be referred to Council for information and referral to the Minister of Urban Affairs by the end of April 1995, in accordance with the requirements of The City of Winnipeg Act, Part 3.

Copy of attachments referred to in the above clause are on file in the office of the City Clerk.

Adopted by consent.

Proposed Amendment to Plan Winnipeg (By-Law No. 5915/92) by Redesignating Lands Located West of the Winnipeg International Airport and North of Saskatchewan Avenue From A "Rural" Policy Area to An "Industrial" Policy Area File EP-1.1(PW 1/92) (Vol. 10)

676 - 2. The City has received an application by MR Consultants, acting on behalf of the landowners by redesignating lands located west of the Winnipeg International Airport and North of Saskatchewan Avenue from A "Rural" Policy Area to an "Industrial" Policy Area.

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The lands lying west of the Winnipeg International Airport and north of Saskatchewan Avenue have been the subject of discussions for many years. The most recent proposal for development occurred in 1987 (File Nos. PW30/87 - PW33/87 inclusive). A proposal was made at that time to amend Plan Winnipeg by redesignating lands to permit fully serviced urban development including both residential and industrial uses. The proposal was denied by Council for several reasons. The lands were difficult and expensive to service, capacity existed elsewhere to meet residential and industrial land demand, and Transport Canada raised objections due to the proximity of the proposal to airport operations (land use capability issue).

Plan Winnipeg has designated approximately 200 acres west of the Airport for industrial use, while the remaining lands inside the Perimeter Highway are designated as Rural. In 1994, Council approved an "Airport Vicinity Development Plan" that provided for compatible land use within the vicinity of the Airport. The Plan also recommended that a concept plan be developed for the lands lying west of the Airport in order to facilitate future development in the area.

Private sector interest in the Winnipeg International Airport has been focused on international air cargo and related manufacturing. A private-sector consortium known as Winnport, with funding from senior levels of government now is pursuing the opportunities that a 24 hour operating airport provides. The Winnipeg Development Agreement allocates $5 million to airport-related development. The federal government has just signed an agreement with the United States, known as Open Skies that will offer a range of new airport possibilities and associated economic development opportunities.

All of the "pieces of the puzzle" are coming together around the airport. Private sector initiative is driving the concept, and significant private and public sector funding is in place. Policies and by-laws have been enacted to protect the potential of the airport. Governmental agreements have been signed to expand on the possibilities associated with air cargo development, and the Winnipeg Airport Authority will be taking over airport-related operations.

The private sector, headed by Winnport, now is preparing a concept plan as the foundation for future development initiatives. The concept plan will be finalized at the end of the year. In order to facilitate the conceptual planning process and to provide the private sector with the flexibility to respond to market and economic opportunities, it is desirable to initiate an amendment to Plan Winnipeg that will define the extent of lands available for industrial use. As well, preliminary discussions must focus on servicing issues associated with water supply, sewerage, land drainage and transportation planning. An assessment of the costs of developing the area west of the airport for industrial purposes must be prepared and evaluated.

By initiating an amendment to Plan Winnipeg, the landowners of the area in question have taken the first step. A concentrated effort on behalf of the Civic Administration will be required to process the application expeditiously and to evaluate the costs of new services for the area.

By allowing the application to proceed to public hearing, public support for the initiative can be assessed, and the implications of developing the area for airport and industrially related uses can be determined.

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That the proposed by-law amendment to Plan Winnipeg (By-Law No. 5915/92) to redesignate lands located west of the Winnipeg International Airport and north of Saskatchewan Avenue from a "Rural" Policy Area to an "Industrial" Policy Area proceed through the public hearing process and that the following action be taken in connection therewith:

(a) copy of proposed amending by-law be forwarded to the Minister of Urban Affairs;

(b) copy of proposed amending by-law be forwarded to the Executive Policy Committee to enable that Committee to carry out consultations pursuant to Section 579(1) of The City of Winnipeg Act and to provide Council with its report and recommendations;

(c) upon receipt of the report and recommendations, Council give first reading to the Plan Winnipeg (amending) by-law in its original form or as amended;

(d) following first reading of the Plan Winnipeg (amending) by-law, Executive Policy Committee conduct a public hearing in accordance with Sections 632 to 645 of The City of Winnipeg Act.

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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.

Appointment of Enumerator and Revising Officer - 1995 Civic Election
File GK-2 (Vol. 19)

677 - 3. Pursuant to Section 10 of The Local Authorities Election Act, the Council of each local authority is required by by-law to appoint an enumerator, revising officer and a returning officer. Council at its meeting of March 25, 1992, appointed D. Browton, City Clerk as Returning Officer, but as a result of the transfer of enumeration functions to the City Clerk's Department from the Assessment Department, and the retirement of the City's Revising Officer, it is now necessary for Council to appoint an new Enumerator and a new Revising Officer. In addition, Council at its meeting of October 14, 1992, directed that the City of Winnipeg urge the Federal and Provincial Governments to establish a permanent voters' list which could be updated on a continuous basis and utilized for all City, Provincial and Federal elections.

Section 11 of The Local Authorities Election Act requires that the enumerator prepare a list of electors by conducting a door to door enumeration. Section 11(15) authorizes the City to utilize a voters' list compiled by a senior level of government if this information was compiled within six months of the Civic Election. Historically, the City of Winnipeg has appointed an Enumerator and conducted a door to door enumeration, at significant cost to the City. For the 1995 Civic Election, the City will have the benefit of exercising its powers under Section 11(15), and the enumerator will compile the Voters' List from the Provincial Voters' List, with further updating through the Revision period as provided for in Sections 19 through 31 of The Local Authorities Election Act, which will also allow the City significant related cost savings.

Since 1992, the City Clerk has explored the possibility of a continuous voters' list with the Provincial and Federal Governments. Following the original resolution adopted in 1992, at its Meeting of October 20, 1993, Council requested that the Province of Manitoba enact a number of amendments to The Local Authorities Election Act and The City of Winnipeg Act to improve the electoral process. One of the amendments requested by the City was that the requirement for the door-to-door enumeration be eliminated. In addition the City suggested that with appropriate co-operation and technical underpinning, continually updated lists could be shared by all levels of government on a cost-shared basis, eliminating duplication and reducing expense.

On July 5, 1994, Bill 17, Amendment to the City of Winnipeg Act, received Royal Assent. Although approval to eliminate enumeration was not contained therein, the Provincial Government placed the matter of a shared Voters' List under review pending a tripartite analysis of feasibility. In addition, the issue was referred to The Municipal Act and Related Statutes Review (MARS) Panel. In Part 15, "Elections", of its draft report, the MARS Panel put forth proposals to allow flexibility in the preparation of voters' lists.

On January 9 and 10, 1995, members of the City Clerk's department met with the Chief Electoral Officer of Elections Manitoba, and Elections Canada to further explore the feasibility of setting up of a shared, permanent voter's list. Elections Canada noted their support of the idea and stated that it is actively pursuing the notion of setting up permanent voters' lists throughout Canada. In addition, Council's suggestion that Winnipeg be a pilot was endorsed. Subsequently, the City Clerk was advised by Corporate Services of the limitations in assistance available which limits the ability of the City to act as a pilot project at this time. Despite this limitation on the City Clerk's Department, City Clerk's Department personnel will continue to meet with the Province and the Federal Government to explore possibilities surrounding the future development of a permanent voters' list.

Section 89.3(2) of The City of Winnipeg Act authorizes the City by by-law to sell copies of the voters' list for a fee. The City Clerk's Department will be exploring alternative revenue-generating mechanisms in accordance with this provision.

For the 1995 Civic Election, the Enumerator will develop the voters' list in hardcopy and electronic format in accordance with the requirements of The Local Authorities Election Act. In accordance with the City's Long-Range Information Plan, Client/Server technical architecture has been identified as the strategic mechanism for delivering systems for all City of Winnipeg Departments. For the 1995 Civic Election due to the current limitations of Corporate Services' assistance, the voters' list will be mainframe-based. It is anticipated that the

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voters' list will ultimately be imported in some form onto the “City Server” Client/Server Unix-based network for subsequent usage in accordance with the Call Centre technology pilot project, as contained in Clause 10 of the Report of the Committee on Works and Operations, dated March 7, 1995, adopted by Council at its Meeting of March 22, 1995.

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That Council appoint Richard Kachur, Deputy City Clerk as Enumerator, in accordance with Sections 10(1) and 10(5) of The Local Authorities Election Act.

II. That Council appoint Ursula Goeres, City Solicitor/Manager of Legal Services as the Revising Officer, in accordance with Section 10(1) of The Local Authorities Election Act.

Adopted by consent.

Appointment of a Campaign Expenses and Contributions Officer (CECO) - 1995 Civic Election File GK-2.4 (Vol. 5)

678 - 4. The Campaign Expenses and Contributions By-law stipulates that the appointment of the Campaign Expenses and Contributions Officer shall be made upon recommendation of the Returning Officer. On September 19, 1990, Council passed By-law No. 5551/90, which appointed Mr. Douglas John Locheed, a Civic Employee, to the position of Campaign Expenses and Contributions Officer. Before retiring, Mr. Locheed served in this capacity during both 1991 by-elections and the 1992 general election, in addition to fulfilling his responsibilities as Senior Accountant with the Finance Department. Remuneration was based on the amount of time worked over and above his normal duties at his position salary.

Council at its meeting of October 20, 1993, adopted Clause 1 of the Report of the Executive Policy Committee, dated October 13, 1993, which requested statute amendments to enhance the election process, including the provision of an Independent Election Commission to handle all matters pertaining to the Campaign Expense and Contributions By-law No. 5550/90, as amended. In response to this particular request, the Minister of Urban Affairs advised that under the existing legislation, Council could designate an independent person to act in the capacity of a Campaign Expense and Contributions Officer to administer all aspects of campaign finance provisions (Section 96(1)(F).

At its meeting of December 14, 1994, Council adopted Clause 6 of Report "A" of the Executive Policy Committee, dated December 7, 1994, which authorized the City Clerk to enter into discussions with the Chief Electoral Officer of the Province of Manitoba to determine the feasibility of designating an Official from the Office of Elections Manitoba to be appointed as the City’s Campaign Expenses and Contributions Officer, to oversee all aspects of election campaign finance matters, including campaign expenses and contributions as required under Section 96(1)(F) of The City of Winnipeg Act and the City’s Campaign Expenses and Contributions By-law 5550/90, as amended.

For the 1992 Civic Election, the Campaign Expenses and Contributions Officer utilized less then 20 percent of his Civic business time to perform this function. In addition, he received remuneration of approximately $2,500 for his additional services.

In accordance with Council’s direction the City Clerk met with the Chief Electoral Officer of Elections Manitoba to consider the matter and received an initial quotation for services exceeding $140,000.00. Subsequently, the City Clerk met with the City Auditor, City Treasurer and the City Solicitor, whereby it was determined that an appropriate fee for service for an independent person, with a financial background, to act in this capacity, warranted an expenditure of not more than $25,000 considering the amount of time and responsibility involved. In a letter to the City Clerk, dated March 16, 1995, the Chief Electoral Officer of Elections Manitoba advised that while the House Leaders had agreed to provide his Office with the mandate to negotiate a fee for service arrangement with the City of Winnipeg, as long as all costs of the service would be paid for by the City and that

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performing this service would in no way jeopardize the proper conduct of his provincial responsibilities, the resources required to perform the service would be valued well in excess of the City's proposal. He further advised that in view of the great demands placed on their office for the Provincial Election, it would not be possible for existing staff to assume direct responsibilities associated with this mandate.

Pursuant to a meeting with the City Auditor, City Treasurer and City Solicitor, the City Clerk sought to identify alternative CECO options. The following options were identified:

- Secondment of a civic employee with a financial designation (from Audit or Finance Department).
- Enter into contractual arrangement with an external person with a financial designation.

The second alternative is being recommended inasmuch as entering into an agreement with an independent person will remove the perceived conflict of placing a City Administrator in the position, on the one hand, of serving members by providing advice and counsel in the traditional administrative capacity, and on the other hand, of acting as an election compliance and investigative officer. An independent contractor, W. (Bill) Treytiak has been recommended and interviewed in relation to the CECO role. Funds to cover the costs associated with this contract have been allocated within the existing election budget.

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That Council appoint W. (Bill) Treytiak, C.G.A. as the Campaign Expenses and Contributions Officer (CECO) for the 1995 Civic Election.

II. That the contractual agreement with the Campaign Expenses and Contributions Officer for the 1995 Civic Election include responsibility for the examination of any of the 1992 outstanding audited statements for the mayoralty and councillor candidates.

III. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing, including entering into a contractual agreement.

Adopted by consent.

Hotel/Motel Accommodations Tax
File FE(1994) (Vol. 2)

679 - 5. On November 16, 1994, Council referred back to the Executive Policy Committee Clause 27 of the Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated November 9, 1994, in the above connection.

On January 25, 1995, Council granted an extension of time of 90 days to allow for consideration.

Inasmuch as the Hotel/Motel Accommodations Tax will be discussed at the Financial Management Council Seminar, which is anticipated to be scheduled before July, the Committee recommends that Council grant an extension of time of 90 days to allow for further consideration.

Adopted by consent.

CentrePlan File EP-1.2 (Vol. 2)

680 - 6. Council at its meeting held on February 22, 1995, referred the following "Motion of Which Notice Has Been Given", to the Executive Policy Committee, namely:

Moved by Councillor Murray,
Seconded by Councillor Thomas,

WHEREAS CentrePlan contains many statements which are vague as to their instruction to Committees and the administration;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT each Standing Committee review and make recommendations to Council on each clause of CentrePlan that falls within the Committee's jurisdiction, and that no funds be expended until this process is completed.

Inasmuch as Councillor Murray has been invited to appear before Executive Policy Committee as a hearing delegation to clarify the above motion on four occasions and did not appear, Executive Policy Committee recommends that the motion be filed.

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

Carried.

Councillors Boychuk and Thomas 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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CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

681 - On motion of Her Worship Mayor Thompson, the rule was suspended and the following By-laws were read a first, second and third time, the rule being suspended for the third reading of each by-law, and were passed and ordered to be signed and sealed, namely:-

By-law No. 6628/95, a By-law of The City of Winnipeg to appoint Richard Kachur as Enumerator for The City of Winnipeg. File GK-2 (Vol. 19)

By-law No. 6629/95, a By-law of The City of Winnipeg to appoint Ursula Goeres as Revising Officer for The City of Winnipeg. File GK-2 (Vol. 19)

By-law No.6630/95, a By-law of The City of Winnipeg to appoint a Campaign Expenses and Contributions Officer. File GK-2.4 (Vol. 5)

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

QUESTION PERIOD

682 - Councillor Angus noted that Council had previously deliberated the concept of three-year budgeting and requested an update with regard to the budget process for 1996.

Her Worship Mayor Thompson noted that the budget process for 1996 would include a two-year budget planning process and in subsequent years the process would increase to a three-year budgeting process.

Councillor Lazarenko noted the Access to Information report referred by Executive Policy Committee to the Administration for report and requested that the Ad Hoc Committee on Access to Information be allowed to review the Executive Policy Committee recommendations and suggested amendments prior to reporting to Council.

Her Worship Mayor Thompson stated that the report would be open for review at the Executive Policy Committee.

Councillor Lazarenko questioned whether Her Worship was cognizant of Council's directive that the Access to Information Committee report to Council on April 19, 1995.

Her Worship Mayor Thompson noted that the report would be reviewed by Executive Policy Committee with input from the Board of Commissioners prior to Council's consideration.

Councillor Hyman referred to the Jets' agreement and questioned what would happen to the City's shares of the Jets on May 1, 1995.

Her Worship Mayor Thompson referred the question to Councillor Clement. Councillor Clement noted that the City of Winnipeg did not own any shares in the Jets and that the Winnipeg Enterprises owned 36 percent of the Jets, half of which would be gifted to the Province of Manitoba, upon the sale of the Jets. If the Jets were sold to another City, this ownership arrangement would yield Winnipeg Enterprises approximately $30 - 36 million of which approximately $7.8 million would be owing to the private sector fund, then monies would be allocated to the Provincial Government with respect to their contribution, probably followed by an allocation to the City of Winnipeg with respect to their contribution. He further noted that the Jets had a current debt of $8 million outstanding, of which Winnipeg Enterprises was liable for 36 percent or $2.8 million, leaving a final residual to Winnipeg Enterprises of $6 - 7 million. Councillor Clement further noted that if the current negotiations with MEC were to proceed, it was expected that the Winnipeg Enterprises' shares would be rolled into the deal without any monetary compensation to the Province or City, to make the arrangement feasible.

Councillor Hyman requested an updated timeline for the Winnipeg Development Agreement.

Her Worship Mayor Thompson stated that she anticipated that the process would commence as soon as possible following the imminent Provincial Election.

Councillor Murray requested an explanation as to why Clause 1 of the Report of the Committee on Planning and Community Services, dated April 11, 1995 and Clause 1 of the Report of the Committee on Planning and Community Services, dated April 12, 1995, regarding the proposed Zoning Text Agreement and the proposed closing of Thistle Lane was before Council when it contradicted the Council MEC guidelines requiring a formal proposal and time for public consultation prior to approval consideration.

Her Worship Mayor Thompson noted that there were many challenges in the current process and that MEC had not been able to meet all of the guidelines set by Council, given the complexities of the matter, noting the numerous parallel processes, and MEC's consideration of the guidelines.

The Speaker here assumed the Chair.

Councillor Murray noted that all of the other groups had delivered a formal proposal to Council and questioned what Her Worship considered to be a reasonable time frame for MEC to deliver a formal proposal to Council.

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Her Worship Mayor Thompson noted the proposals received to date were not feasible especially with regard to MEC's Jets option and that the City of Winnipeg was endeavouring to put forth its best efforts at resolving a complex matter which involved many levels of government and private interests and that everyone was trying their best within the guidelines and the timeframes to put forth a feasible plan.

Councillor Murray questioned why the Jets option had been given to MEC and what measures were being taken to ensure that Council would have a reasonable time to consider the matter.

Her Worship Mayor Thompson noted that the MEC Jets option matter had been decided by Council at its meeting of June 30, 1994 and that Council would deliberate the matter as soon as MEC provides its proposal.

Councillor Duguid extended his commendations to the Ad Hoc Committee on Access to Information and questioned whether the Committee had met its deadline in reporting to Executive Policy Committee.

Councillor Lazarenko noted that the Committee's review had included over 50 hours in research and that the Committee had presented a draft by-law to Executive Policy Committee and conversed with various members of the Administration.

Councillor Duguid questioned when the report would be back to Executive Policy Committee and when it would be considered by Council.

Councillor Lazarenko stated that the time frame for Council's consideration would be left with Executive Policy Committee.

Councillor Reese questioned how the Provincial Election prevented MEC from presenting its business plan.

Her Worship Mayor Thompson noted that the Provincial Government played a role in the business plan and that the role could only be defined and confirmed by the Government in power after the imminent Provincial Election.