REPORT OF THE

COMMITTEE ON PROTECTION, PARKS AND CULTURE

DATED MARCH 6, 1995

On motion of Councillor Silva, the Report of the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture, dated March 6, 1995, was considered clause by clause.

Moved by Councillor Silva,
That the Consent Agenda, Clauses 1, 2 and 3 be adopted.

Carried.

597 - Councillors Eadie, Golden and O'Shaughnessy asked to be recorded as having voted against Clause 1, in accordance with Rule 50.7 of the Procedure By-law.

Her Worship the Mayor and Councillors:

Additional Appropriation - Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization
Files FE (1995) and PR-2 (Vol. 79)

598 - 1. On March 6, 1995, the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture heard in delegation Marty Dolin, Eng-Soon Chan and Devon Reid from the Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization (I.R.C.O.M.) requesting the reinstatement of funding for the delivery of the Organization's sport, recreation and social development programs to the newcomer community in our City.

In the years 1991, 1992, 1993 and 1994, Council approved a grant in the amount of $53,000.00 to I.R.C.O.M. for the provision of sport and recreation programs to new Canadians. During the 1995 Current Budget deliberations, Council did not approve a grant to I.R.C.O.M.

On February 21, 1995, a meeting was convened with representatives from I.R.C.O.M., the Parks and Recreation Department and the Chairperson of the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture, to discuss the re-instatement of funding for recreation programs delivered by I.R.C.O.M. The Administration was requested to prepare a report outlining options addressing the short and long term delivery of recreation programs to the newcomer community presently being served by I.R.C.O.M.

The Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization of Manitoba offers a variety of social development programs. The purpose of these programs is to provide a supportive environment for new immigrants to Canada so that they can make a transition from their previous situation to their new lives in Canada as easily as possible. These programs operate on a year-round basis serving approximately 250 people. These people range in age between 5 to 45 years, with approximately 85% of these being under age 25.

The programs offered can be divided into three areas, namely, sports and activities, newcomer youth and women's programs. The budget to operate all three programs is in excess of the $53,000.00 grant previously given to I.R.C.O.M., and therefore additional funding and/or partnership agreements have been obtained by I.R.C.O.M. on a yearly basis from the United Way, Federal Government, International Centre, Interfaith House, Provincial Government, and the Winnipeg Boys and Girls Club Inc.

The City of Winnipeg’s contribution to I.R.C.O.M.’s programs has been a $53,000.00 grant previously included in the Parks and Recreation Department’s Current Budget. Of the $53,000.00 grant, $49,550.00 was used towards the operation of the above three programs, with the remaining $3,450.00 being utilized for office maintenance.

In addressing short term options, the Parks and Recreation Department advised of two options that could be considered in order to continue offering recreation services to participants with I.R.C.O.M. who are individuals integrating into the community at large.

With Option 1, I.R.C.O.M. would continue to be the direct provider of recreation programs to their participants. Based on the organization's 1995-1996 budget, the cost of this option would be $35,360.00. With Option 2, the Parks and Recreation Department would become the direct provider of these programs, and the cost would be $32,502.00. Option 2 is not considered to be advisable since the Parks and Recreation Department presently does not have a relationship with the newcomer community, the specialized resources required, or the expertise in delivering the services to immigrants and refugees, which in turn would make it very difficult for the Department to duplicate the service at this time.

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The Administration advised that funding for the above options may be available from the City Centre/Fort Rouge Community Recreation Reserve and/or the Lord Selkirk/West Kildonan Community Recreation Reserve which have funds in the amounts of $75,000.00 and $6,500.00 respectively. Approval of the respective Community Committees would be required to allocate funding for this purpose.

In addressing a strategy for the long term delivery of the service to newcomers it is the view of the Administration that a committee of representatives from various recreation providers in the core area, who are willing to discuss the idea of partnership, should be established. The purpose of the committee would be to develop a strategy to determine the most efficient and cost effective manner to deliver services to the community in such a way as to accommodate all segments of the multi-racial and multicultural population.

On March 6, 1995, the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture requested the Administration to examine the feasibility of placing the programs offered by the Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization of Manitoba as a line item in the Parks and Recreation operating budget, with a report thereon being submitted during consideration of the 1996 Current Estimates.

The Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture therefore recommends:

I. That an additional appropriation in the amount of $39,750.00, prorated on the annual programming requirements of $53,000.00, be approved to the Immigrant and Refugee Community Organization of Manitoba for operation of its social development programs for the balance of the 1995 calendar year.

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

Adopted by consent.

(See Minute No. 597 for opposition recorded by Councillors Eadie, Golden and O'Shaughnessy)

Interim Grants to Cultural Organizations
Files FG-1.1 (F) (M) (R) (W)

599 - 2. On November 7, 1984, Council established the Winnipeg Arts Advisory Council and delegated it with the responsibility for screening of applications, definition of criteria and recommendations as to appropriate grant levels for cultural organizations. The Winnipeg Arts Advisory Council transmits its recommendations to the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture.

On March 6, 1995, the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture considered and approved recommendations from the Winnipeg Arts Advisory Council for interim operating grant funding to various cultural organizations.

The Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture submits for favourable consideration the following interim grant allocations which exceed $50,000.00 per individual grant and therefore recommends:

I. That interim operating grants be approved for payment to the following cultural organizations:

Organization	Category	Interim Grant
Folklorama	Festivals/Specials	$59,750.00
Royal Winnipeg Ballet	Dance	100,000.00
Winnipeg Art Gallery	Museums/Galleries	189,750.00
Manitoba Theatre Centre	Theatre	69,100.00
Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra	Music	60,000.00

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

Adopted by consent.

Community Incentive Grant Application -
St. Anne Ukrainian Catholic Church
File PR-2.6(33) (Vol. 1)

600 - 3. The Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture has considered an application from the St. Anne Ukrainian Catholic Church for a Community Incentive Grant in the amount of $17,000.00 towards the development of a multi-purpose gym/activity area within the expansion of Parish Centre.

Under the definition of Eligible Applicants within the Community Incentive Grant Program, the application does not meet the program eligibility and selection criteria inasmuch as the St. Anne Ukrainian Catholic Church is not a community recreation or sport organization.

On February 14, 1995, the East Kildonan-Transcona Community Committee recommended that a Community Incentive Grant in the amount of $17,000.00 be approved for this project.

On March 6, 1995, the Ward Councillor, T. Duguid, appeared in delegation at the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture and indicated his support for the Community Incentive Grant application.

The Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture concurred in the recommendation of the East Kildonan-Transcona Community Committee and therefore recommends:

I. That the criteria for the Community Incentive Grant Program be waived in this instance.

II. That the amount of $17,000.00 be approved to the St. Anne Ukrainian Catholic Church for the purpose requested, subject to the following conditions:

(a) Confirmation of all funding sources;
(b) Approval of final plans and specifications for the project by the Director of Parks and Recreation; and
(c) The applicant entering into a formal agreement with the City of Winnipeg.

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

Adopted by consent.

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MOTIONS

Moved by Councillor Silva,
Seconded by Councillor Duguid,

601 - WHEREAS public safety is a priority of Plan Winnipeg and of the Council of The City of Winnipeg;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that any contract calling for the disposition of firearms by The City of Winnipeg Police Service be ratified by the Standing Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture before the execution of the said contract.

Moved by Councillor Eadie,
That the motion be referred to the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture.

The motion to refer was put.

Councillor Silva called for the yeas and nays, which were as follows:-

Yea: Councillors Boychuk, Eadie, Golden, Fraser and Angus. 5

Nay: Councillors Duguid, Hyman, Lazarenko, Silva, Thomas and Reese. 6

and the motion to refer was declared lost.

The motion proposed by Councillors Silva and Duguid was put and declared carried.

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QUESTION PERIOD

602 - Councillor Angus noted an incident whereby an individual had suffered theft and vandalism to his vehicle twice within a very short time frame and had received a response from the Winnipeg Police Service that there was nothing that they could do without a suspect, and questioned what could be done in this matter.

Councillor Silva noted that “Community Commitment” was the motto of the Winnipeg Police Service and that he would explore the matter further.

Councillor Angus questioned what actions the Winnipeg Police Service will be taking against criminal activities of this nature.

Councillor Silva stated that the Community-Based Policing initiative would provide more officers directly in the Community.

Councillor Angus commended the Community-Based Policing directive and in noting the imminent Provincial Election, questioned whether the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture would be approaching the Provincial Government for assistance in implementing Council’s Community-Based Policing strategy.

Councillor Silva noted that the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture had in fact approached the Provincial Government for fiscal assistance for crime prevention programs with no success, but stated that he would pursue the matter further.

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Councillor Murray referred to the disposition of used firearms issue that he had brought forward, and questioned what activities the Committee had undertaken on the matter.

Councillor Silva noted that the matter had been discussed by the Committee with the Chief of Police and that recommendations for the disposition of the used weapons were to be brought back to the Committee for consideration.

The Speaker here resumed the Chair.

Councillor Murray questioned whether the Winnipeg Police Service had received any official instruction directing them to provide recommendations on the matter to the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture.

Councillor Silva noted that the instructions had been given at the meeting.

Councillor Murray questioned what specific instructions were given to the Chief of Police on the matter.

Councillor Silva stated that he had noted to the Chief of Police that he did not want to see the used weapons go anywhere and preferred that they be melted down.