REPORT OF THE

STANDING COMMITTEE ON FISCAL ISSUES

DATED NOVEMBER 2, 2001

On motion of Councillor Clement, the Report of the Standing Committee on Fiscal Issues, dated November 2, 2001, was considered.

Moved by Councillor Clement,
That the Consent Agenda, Clause 1, be adopted.

Councillor Smith requested that Clause 1 be pulled from the Consent Agenda.

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29 - 1. The Standing Committee on Fiscal Issues has been advised that in accordance with due process, the Corporate Finance Department has conducted a consistent and thorough review of all applications received for exemption from the Entertainment Funding By-law in accordance with the criteria set forth in the By-law and Schedule "B" thereto.

Pursuant to its review, the Standing Committee on Fiscal Issues concurred in the administrative recommendation and determined that the following amusements and/or places of amusement, which do not meet the criteria set forth in Schedule "B" of the Entertainment Funding By-law, be denied listing in Schedule "A", for the reason(s) outlined below.

Name of Organization	Name of Event	Criteria Not Satisfied
West End Cultural Centre	Women on Stage Festival, Saturday night performance on October 27, 2001, and November 3, 2001	Limited Local Content [Schedule B, Section 4]
Winnipeg Harvest	Huron Carole Benefit Concert	Event is not directly held by the organization [Schedule A, Section 1c] Limited Local Content [Schedule B, Section 4] Individuals performing in the event may be paid more than $50 [Schedule B, Section 3b]

The Corporate Finance Department advised that an application had been submitted by the Assiniboia Group of Artists Cooperative Inc. o/a Manitoba Art Expo for its event held from November 2 to November 4, 2001, which met the criteria set forth in Schedule "B" of the Entertainment Funding By-law. The Standing Committee on Fiscal Issues determined that inasmuch as the application was received late, the request for listing in Schedule "A" be denied.

The Standing Committee on Fiscal Issues further concurred in the administrative recommendation that the amusements and/or places of amusement, which meet the criteria set forth in Schedule "B" of the Entertainment Funding By-law be listed, as set out below.

The financial impact of approving (and denying) these applications for exemption from the entertainment funding tax is unknown. The tax revenue that could be generated from events hosted by these organizations cannot be quantified as the events have not yet occurred.

The Standing Committee on Fiscal Issues therefore recommends:

I. That the following amusements and/or places of amusement, which meet the criteria set forth in Schedule "B" of The Entertainment Funding By-law No. 7710/2000, be listed in Schedule "A" thereto, namely:

1. West End Cultural Centre – Women On Stage Festival, Friday night performance on October 26, 2001 and Saturday matinee on October 27, 2001
2. Virtuosi Concerts Inc.
3. Magic Club of Winnipeg

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II. That the City Solicitor/Manager of Legal Services be directed to prepare the necessary amending by-law in accordance with the foregoing for submission directly to Council for approval.

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 Councillor Clement,
Adoption of the clause.

In amendment,

Moved by Councillor Smith,
Seconded by Councillor Steek,
WHEREAS the profits from Huron Carole Benefit Concert go to benefit Winnipeg Harvest;

AND WHEREAS a great need exists for the services of Winnipeg Harvest over the Christmas season;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Huron Carole Benefit Concert be granted an exemption from the Entertainment Funding By-law and that Clause 1 of the Report of the Standing Committee on Fiscal Issues dated November 1, 2001, be amended by adding a new Recommendation II as follows:

II. That the following amusement and/or place of amusement, which does not meet the criteria set forth in Schedule "B" of The Entertainment Funding By-law No. 7710/2000, be listed in Schedule "A" thereto, namely:

Huron Carole Benefit Concert;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the following recommendations be renumbered accordingly.

With the concurrence of the seconder, Councillor Steek, and with the permission of Council, Councillor Smith amended the motion by inserting "2001" after all references to Huron Carole Benefit Concert.

The Speaker called the Deputy Speaker, Councillor Lazarenko, to the Chair and left the Chamber.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

Moved by His Worship Mayor Murray,
That Council now consider a motion proposed by His Worship Mayor Murray and Councillor Vandal relating to a grant to Winnipeg Harvest.

Carried.

Council here reverted to the order of business – "Standing Committee on Fiscal Issues – Motions".

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MOTIONS

Moved by His Worship Mayor Murray,
Seconded by Councillor Vandal,
30 - BE IT RESOLVED THAT a grant equivalent to the amusement tax collected at the Huron Carole Benefit Concert 2001 be gifted to Winnipeg Harvest.

Carried.

Council here reverted to the regular order of business – "Clause 1 of the Report of the Standing Committee on Fiscal Issues, dated November 2, 2001.

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With the concurrence of the seconder, Councillor Steek, and with the permission of Council, Councillor Smith withdrew his motion.

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

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CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

31 - On motion of Councillor Clement, 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. 7931/2001, a by-law of The City of Winnipeg to amend the Entertainment Funding By-law No. 7710/2000. File FL-6 (Vol. 24)

By-law No. 7932/2001, a by-law of The City of Winnipeg to cancel certain monies owing to the City. File FL-6 (Vol. 24)

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QUESTION PERIOD

32 - Councillor Vandal questioned if the Royal Winnipeg Ballet received an entertainment tax exemption.

Councillor Clement replied that he believed they had a blanket exemption.

Councillor Vandal questioned if the individual performers of the Royal Winnipeg Ballet received no more than $50.00 per show, to which Councillor Clement replied he would take the question under advisement.