REPORT OF THE

COMMITTEE ON WORKS AND OPERATIONS

DATED JANUARY 10, 1995

On motion of Councillor Duguid, the Report of the Committee on Works and Operations, dated January 10, 1995, was considered clause by clause.

Moved by Councillor Duguid,
That the Consent Agenda, Clauses 1,2,3,4,5,7 and 8 be adopted.

Carried.

Her Worship the Mayor and Councillors:

Local Improvement Project proposed for inclusion in the 1995 Capital Estimates - Ornamental Lane Lighting in the Lane bounded by Egesz Street, Gaynor Place and Alwood Crescent
File SL(1995) (Vol. 1)

359 - 1. The Committee on Works and Operations has been advised that on November 17, 1994, the North West District received an Application for Local Improvement for the subject project from Melissa Thompson, resident of Egesz Street. The application was accompanied with an informal petition uncertified by the Tax Branch, bearing the signatures and addresses of twenty-one out of twenty-two residences, representing approximately 95% of the affected properties that would benefit from the installation of ornamental lighting along the subject lane.

On December 6, 1994, the Lord Selkirk-West Kildonan Community Committee considered a report dated November 25, 1994 from the District Engineer, North West District, with respect to the subject installation and recommended that $14,000.00 be included in the 1995 Capital Estimates, funded by the Unused Local Improvement Borrowing Authority for the subject improvement, if successfully advertised.

The Committee on Works and Operations therefore recommends:-

I. That the installation of ornamental lane lighting in the lane bounded by Egesz Street, Gaynor Place and Alwood Crescent, be advertised as a local improvement.

II. That funds in the amount of $14,000.00 for the subject installation be allocated from the Unused 1995 Local Improvement Borrowing Authority, if successfully advertised.

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

Adopted by consent.

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Local Improvement Project proposed for inclusion in the 1995 Capital Estimates -
1. Lane Lighting in all Lanes bounded by Legion Avenue, Lismore Avenue, King Edward Street, Oddy Street;
2. Lanes bounded by King Edward Street, Ada Street, Logan Avenue and Alexander Avenue
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360 - 2. The Committee on Works and Operations has been advised that the West Central District received a request from Councillor Prystanski's office, Point Douglas Ward, in response to resident requests to arrange for local improvement lane lighting in the subject lanes.

On December 6, 1994, the Lord Selkirk-West Kildonan Community Committee considered a report dated November 16, 1994 from the District Engineer, West Central District, with respect to the subject installation and recommended that it be included in the 1995 Capital Estimates, funded by the Unused Local Improvement Borrowing Authority for the subject improvements, if successfully advertised.

The Committee on Works and Operations therefore recommends:-

I. That the installation of lane lighting in all lanes bounded by Legion Avenue, Lismore Avenue, King Edward Street, Oddy Street and lanes bounded by King Edward Street, Ada Street, Logan Avenue and Alexander Avenue, be advertised as a local improvement in 1995.

II. That funds in the amount of $4,000.00 for the subject installation be allocated from the Unused 1995 Local Improvement Borrowing Authority, if successfully advertised.

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

Adopted by consent.

Sturgeon Road Park and Ride Site
File TT-5 (Vol. 5)

361 - 3. Your Committee on Works and Operations has been advised that during the 1960's Parcels A and B outlined on Misc. Plan No. ASBA 8654, along with numerous other properties on the west side of Sturgeon Road between Portage Avenue and Saskatchewan Avenue, were purchased by the Metropolitan Corporation of Greater Winnipeg for future transportation purposes.

During the 1970's City Council decided that the "Suburban Beltway" would not form a part of the City's long range transportation plan and that the properties on the west side of Sturgeon Road would be made available for other purposes. A parcel of land in the northwest quadrant of the Portage Avenue and Sturgeon Road intersection was identified as a future park and ride location. The Transportation component of Plan Winnipeg, adopted by Council in 1986, contained specific reference to initiating a park and ride pilot project at this site.

In 1980, City Council made a decision to sell the property in the north-west quadrant of Sturgeon Road and Portage Avenue. Subsequently, the City designated as a future park and ride location, Parcel A as outlined Misc. Plan No. ASBA 8654.

The Committee on Works and Operations, on May 10, 1994, concurred in the recommendations contained in a communication dated March 28, 1994, from the Manager of Transportation Planning and Development, namely, "that any review of the redevelopment of the subject site for any permanent alternative use be held in abeyance until after the TransPlan 2010 recommendations have been approved by Council."

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On September 13, 1994, the Administration received a request for the purchase of Parcel A and considered Parcel B as an alternate location for a future park and ride site. Parcel B was initially considered to be reasonably equivalent to Parcel A as a potential future park and ride site in that it was approximately the same size, the same accessibility to Sturgeon Road for vehicle access, and the same access to the R-21 Portage Red Express route in the peak periods.

Following discussions, both Parcels A and B were deemed inappropriate for a future park and ride side inasmuch as a Portage Avenue location is considered preferable. In view of the foregoing, it is suggested that both Parcels A and B be made available for sale and that the Land Surveys and Real Estate Department be directed to search out other properties in the Sturgeon Road area that might be available for future park and ride sites, which could then be purchased with the funds realized by the sale of both Parcels A and B.

The Provincial Government presently owns a parcel of vacant land in the southwest quadrant of the Portage Avenue/St. Charles Street intersection. This site is immediately adjacent to the R-22 Portage Green Express in the rush hours and the R-21 Portage Red Express in the midday period. This site is also located on the main commuter route for those persons living to the west of the City of Winnipeg who work in the central Winnipeg area. It would make an ideal location for a park and ride lot to serve those persons living outside the City boundary to the west. It is therefore suggested that the administration ask the Province of Manitoba to consider the construction of a park and ride lot on all or a portion of this Provincially owned parcel.

The Committee on Works and Operations therefore recommends:

I. That both Parcels A and B, Misc. Plan No. ASBA 8654, be made available for sale, and that the funds realized from the sale be held in the Future Transportation Right of Way Account for future park and ride or other transportation purposes.

II. That the Land Surveys and Real Estate Department be directed to search out other properties in the immediate proximity of Portage Avenue that might be available for future park and ride sites.

III. That the Administration be directed to request that the Province of Manitoba consider the construction of a park and ride lot on all, or a portion of, the Provincially owned land in the south-west quadrant of the Portage Avenue and St. Charles Street intersection.

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

Adopted by consent.

Extension of Parking Limit from One-Hour to Two-Hours on Colony Street between St. Mary and Portage Avenues
File ST-2 (Vol. 19)

362 - 4. The Committee on Works and Operations has been advised that the Streets and Transportation Department has received a request from the Public Relations Manager of the Winnipeg Art Gallery, 300 Memorial Boulevard, and a group of petitioners, to have the time limit increased at parking meters located on Colony Street between St. Mary and Portage Avenues from one hour to two hours.

Currently, a one hour parking time limit exists at the 24 metered parking spaces on Colony Street between St. Mary and Portage Avenues. A petition, as well as a survey undertaken by the Streets and Transportation Department, resulted in a majority of the fronting affected businesses indicating support for a two hour time limit at the subject meters. The Streets and Transportation Department has also expressed support for the proposed changes.

The Committee on Works and Operations therefore recommends:-

I. That the City of Winnipeg Parking Meter By-law No. 820/74 be amended to change the time limit from one to two hours at the parking meters on Colony Street between St. Mary and Portage Avenues as follows:

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A. That Schedule "A" to The City of Winnipeg Parking Meter By-law No. 820/74, which specifies those street sections upon which the operation of one-hour parking meters is authorized, be amended by deleting therefrom the following:

12. East side of Colony Street between St. Mary Avenue and Portage Avenue
13. West side of Colony Street between St. Mary Avenue and Portage Avenue.

B. That Schedule "B" to The City of Winnipeg Parking Meter By-law No. 820/74, which specifies those streets upon which the operation of two-hour parking meters is authorized, be amended by deleting therefrom the following:

8. East side of Colony Street between Broadway and York Avenue
9. West side of Colony Street between Broadway and Cooper Avenue

and by adding thereto the following:

9.1 East side of Colony Street between Broadway and Portage Avenue
9.2 West side of Colony Street between Broadway and Portage Avenue.

II. That the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the necessary amending by-law in accordance with the foregoing and submit same directly to Council for approval.

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

Adopted by consent.

Extension of Parking Limit from One-Hour to Two-Hours on Fort Street between Broadway and York Avenue
File ST-2 (Vol. 19)

363 - 5. The Committee on Works and Operations has been advised that the Streets and Transportation Department has received a request from "SETS" Beauty Salon, 111 Fort Street, and a group of petitioners, to have the time limit increased at parking meters located on Fort Street between Broadway and York Avenue from one hour to two hours. Currently, a one hour parking time limit exists at the metered parking spaces on Fort Street between Broadway and York Avenue. The petition representing a majority of the fronting affected businesses, as well as the Streets and Transportation
Department, have expressed support for the proposed two hour time limit at the subject meters.

The Committee on Works and Operations therefore recommends:-

I. That The City of Winnipeg Parking Meter By-law No. 820/74 be amended to increase the time limit from one to two hours at the parking meters on Broadway and York Avenue as follows:

A. That Schedule "A" to The City of Winnipeg Parking Meter By-law No. 820/74, which specifies those street sections upon which the operation of one-hour parking meters is authorized, be amended by deleting therefrom the following:

22. East side of Fort Street between Broadway and York Avenue
23. West side of Fort Street between Broadway and York Avenue

and by adding thereto the following:

22.1 East side of Fort Street between York Avenue and Portage Avenue
23.1 West side of Fort Street between York Avenue and Portage Avenue.

B. That Schedule "B" to The City of Winnipeg Parking Meter By-law No. 820/74, which specifies those streets upon which the operation of two-hour parking meters is authorized, be amended by adding thereto the following:

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16.01 East side of Fort Street between Broadway and York Avenue
16.02 West side of Fort Street between Broadway and York Avenue.

II. That the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the necessary amending by-law in accordance with the foregoing and submit same directly to Council for approval.

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

Adopted by consent.

Main Street/Norwood Bridges Project - Proposal for Tolls File SB-11 (Vol. 4)

364 - 6. On November 2, 1994, the Executive Policy Committee referred the matter of examining the potential for tolls back to the Committee on Works and Operations.

On November 29, 1994, the Committee on Works and Operations requested that the Administration provide all previous reports related to toll systems for the January 10, 1995 meeting of the Committee on Works and Operations; and in response, the report entitled "Charleswood Bridge Toll System Feasibility Study" prepared by International Road Dynamics Inc. was considered by the Committee at its January 10, 1995 meeting.

In this connection, the Committee on Works and Operations therefore recommends:

I. That toll charges be implemented on vehicles using the Main Street and Norwood Bridges as a demonstration project.

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

The Executive Policy Committee recommends non-concurrence with the recommendations of the Committee on Works and Operations.

Moved by Councillor Duguid,
That the clause be considered.

Moved by Councillor Murray,
That the clause be referred to the Executive Policy Committee.

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

Yea: Councillors Boychuk, Duguid, Hyman, Murray and Thomas. 5

Nay: Councillors Reese, Clement, Eadie, Golden, Lazarenko, O'Shaughnessy, Silva, Fraser and Angus. 9

and the motion to refer was declared lost.

Moved by Councillor Silva,
That the question be now put.

Lost

Moved by Councillor Clement,
That the question be now put.

Lost.

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The Speaker called the Deputy Speaker, Councillor Reese to the Chair in order to participate in the debate.

The Acting Speaker called the Deputy Speaker, Councillor Reese to the Chair in order to participate in the debate.

The recommendation of the Committee on Works and Operations was put.

The Deputy Speaker called for the yeas and nays, which were as follows:-

Yea: Councillors Boychuk, Hyman and Murray. 3

Nay: Councillors Clement, Duguid, Eadie, Golden, Lazarenko, O'Shaughnessy, Prystanski, Silva, Fraser, Angus and Reese. 11

and the motion for the adoption of the recommendation of the Committee on Works and Operations was declared lost.

The Speaker here resumed the Chair.

Amendment to the Policy on the Temporary Closure of Streets for Entertainment Purposes - Commercial Purposes File SC-3.13 (Vol. 13)

365 - 7. On July 28, 1988, Council adopted a policy regarding the temporary closure of streets for entertainment purposes in response to requests to accommodate neighbourhood gatherings or community/Business Improvement Zone sponsored non-profit events.

Recently, a number of cafe/bar owners in the McDermot-Bannatyne area east of Main Street have applied and received approval for street closures to accommodate the sale of food and liquor as part of their adjoining operation. Inasmuch as the street in such cases is intended for commercial rather than non-profit purposes, it is proposed that the applicant pay a user fee based on the duration of the street closure and the number of blocks being used in addition to the total costs of closing the street.

This proposal is suggested as currently, fees are charged for seasonal restaurant encroachments to establish eating areas on the sidewalk, and in addition, some Business Improvement Zone groups are charging buskers and adjacent businesses a fee to utilize a portion of the sidewalk/street that has been closed for an event.

The Streets and Transportation Department have advised that they have no objection to requests for such closures from a traffic operations perspective, providing they occur during low traffic periods at locations where there are several alternative routes for traffic to by-pass the closure. Such closures however, may have negative consequences in terms of noise and crowd control, as a consequence, the Administration has suggested that prior approval for each closure be obtained from the appropriate Ward Councillor.
The Committee on Works and Operations therefore recommends:-

I. That the Policy on Temporary Street Closures for Entertainment Purposes be amended to include the following clauses:

   A. to allow closures of streets for commercial purposes;
   B. to allow each such closure for any business on a first come, first serve basis; and,
   C. to charge the applicant the total cost of such street closures plus a user fee of $500.00 per day per block, or any portion thereof, of street closed.

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.

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Temporary Partial Closing of the North/South Public Lane East of Drake Boulevard between Wickham Road and Elizabeth Road File DAC 19/94

366 - 8. Council on October 19, 1994, adopted Clause 4 of the Report of the Committee on Works and Operations dated October 4, 1994, approving the temporary closing of the north/south public lane east of Drake Boulevard, between Wickham Road and the east/west public lane south of Wickham Road for a six-month trial period.

On December 5, 1994, the Riel Community Committee heard in delegation from the proprietor of M & M Foods, located at 845 Elizabeth Road, in opposition to the subject closure in that it restricts traffic flow to his property which has adversely affected his business operations. The delegation submitted a petition purporting to contain the signatures of 400 area residents opposed to the barricades and in support of the installation of a 4-way stop sign in place of the subject closure.

The Committee on Works and Operations therefore recommends:

I. That the barricades erected to temporarily close the north/south public lane east of Drake Boulevard between Wickham Road and the east/west public lane south of Wickham road be immediately removed and the six-month trial period be terminated until further notice.

II. That the necessary by-law to effect the temporary closing of the north/south public lane east of Drake Boulevard between Wickham Road and the east/west public lane south of Wickham Road for a six-month trial period not be submitted to Council for first reading, and be held in abeyance until further notice.

III. 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 members of Council, the Committee on Works and Operations concurred in a further recommendation of the Riel Community Committee, and approved, in the interim, the installation of stop signs in the subject public lane in consultation with the Ward Councillor.

Adopted by consent.

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MOTIONS

Moved by Councillor Reese,
Seconded by Councillor Golden,
367 - THAT the amount for $250,000.00 for a study of Portage Avenue, be denied.

Councillor Duguid called for Notice of Motion.

Moved by Councillor Reese,
That the rule be suspended to allow consideration of the motion at this time.

The motion to suspend the rule was put.

Committee on Works and Operations - Motions (continued)

The Speaker called for the yeas and nays, which were as follows:-

Yea: Councillors Reese, Boychuk, Clement, Golden, Lazarenko, O'Shaughnessy, prystanski, Fraser and Angus. 9

Nay: Councillors Duguid, Eadie, Hyman, Murray and Silva. 5

and the motion to suspend the rule was declared lost, not having received the required two-thirds vote of the members present in accordance with Rule 3 of the Procedure By-law.

The Speaker ruled that the motion would be required to stand as notice of motion in accordance with Rule 17.1 of the Procedure By-law.

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CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

368 - On motion of Councillor Duguid, By-law No. 6522/94, a By-law of The City of Winnipeg to close the existing public lane and to open a public lane both south of Mountain Avenue between Main and Charles Streets, was read a second and third time, and was passed and ordered to be signed and sealed. File DAOC 2/94

On motion of Councillor Duguid, 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. 6546/95, a By-law of The City of Winnipeg to regulate the construction, maintenance and removal of private approaches and private walks. File SC-1.1 (Vol. 5)

By-law No. 6547/95, a By-law of The City of Winnipeg concerning the reservation of certain portions of streets and public parking facilities and public parking sites for the purpose of parking vehicles and the use of parking meters in connection therewith. File ST-2 (Vol. 19)

By-law No. 6548/95, a By-law of The City of Winnipeg to regulate traffic on certain streets during periods of transportation emergency occasioned by the fall or drifting of snow. File SC-3.6 (Vol. 16).

By-law No. 6549/95, a By-law of The City of Winnipeg respecting unauthorized parking on private property. File ST-9.2 (Vol. 5).

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QUESTION PERIOD

369 - Councillor Angus questioned whether any funds would be expended on the Portage study prior to Council deliberating the matter.

Councillor Duguid noted that no monies had yet been spent and that the Committee would be deliberating the matter further.