REPORT OF THE

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

DATED JANUARY 3, 1995

On motion of Councillor Eadie, the Report of the Committee on Finance and Administration, dated January 3, 1995, was considered clause by clause.

Moved by Councillor Eadie,
That the Consent Agenda, Clauses 1,2,3,4,5,6,7 and 8 be adopted.

Carried.

Her Worship the Mayor and Councillors:

Certificates of Good Character issued under the License By-law No. 4007/85 and the Raffle Licensing By-law No. 145/72
File EL-1 (Vol. 29)

370 - 1. The Committee on Finance and Administration has reconsidered Clause 8 of its report dated November 21, 1994, which was referred back to it by Council at its meeting held on December 15, 1994.

The Committee on Finance and Administration recommended therein:

I. That the provisions of the License By-law No. 4007/85 relating to Certificates of Good Character be amended as follows:

A. Certificates of Good Character be renamed and be referred to in the by-law as Certificates "stating that the applicant has not been convicted of an offence which, in the opinion of the Review Board, indicates that the issuance of the license would be injurious to the public interest";

B. Change of the name of the "Character Review Board" to "Record Review Board";

C. Include a provision that the Record Review Board, in dealing with license applications and renewals from applicants other than individuals, may take into account convictions entered against:

- the officers and directors of a corporation;

- the members of a partnership;

- the officers and business manager of a club or other association.

D. Require corporations, partnerships, clubs and associations which are license applicants to provide such information as to its officers, directors or members as the Chief License Inspector may require.

E. Require those corporations, partnerships, clubs and associations which are licensed to carry on a trade which requires a Certificate from the Record Review Board to advise the Chief License Inspector in writing each time a new officer, director or manager is appointed or hired.

II. That the Committee on Planning and Community Services continue to hear appeals from a refusal of the Record Review Board to provide a certificate under the License By-law.

III. That the Raffle Licensing By-law No. 145/72 be amended to delete the requirement that applicants for raffle licenses obtain a Certificate of Good Character.

IV. 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.

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The Committee on Finance and Administration has further considered the foregoing and reaffirms its recommendations as outlined above and resubmits said clause with a recommendation for its adoption.

Adopted by consent.

Recommendations for Amusement Tax Exemption File FL-2.5 (Vol. 10)

371 - 2. The Committee on Finance and Administration has considered recommendations received from the Winnipeg Arts Advisory Council for exemption to the Amusement Tax By-law. The Committee concurred in the recommendations on condition that none of the events were fund-raising events. The Administrator of the Winnipeg Arts Advisory Council has subsequently advised that all of the events recommended for exemptions were judged to be part of the groups' regular cultural programming, and not special fund-raising events.

The Committee on Finance and Administration submits draft by-law and recommends:

I. That the following list of exemptions be added to subsection 7(6) of the Amusement Tax By-law No. 3107/81, namely:

Aurora Musicale:
Concerts on March 5 and April 24, 1995 at the Winnipeg Art Gallery.

Festival du Voyageur:
The following events: "Fiddlers and Giguers" on February 11, 1995, Concert on February 12, 1995, "Pow Wow with drum groups" on February 13, 1995, "Improvisal Theatre Night" on February 15, 1995 and "Beard Growing Contest Night" on February 16, 1995 all at Le Rendez-Vous, 768 Tache Avenue.

Manitoba Choral Association:
Concert on February 19, 1995 at the Pantages Playhouse Theatre.

Winnipeg Chapter S.P.E.B.S.Q.S.A.:
Concert on April 8, 1995 at the Pantages Playhouse Theatre.

Theatre Projects Manitoba:
Studio Series plays on February 8 to 18, 1995 at the Colin Jackson Studio Theatre, Portage Place.

II. 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.

Adopted by consent.

Re-appointment of members of the Employee Benefits Investment Committee File GU-3.9 (Vol. 15)

372 - 3. Council at its Organizational Meeting held on November 2, 1994, appointed the following citizen members to the Employee Benefits Investment Committee, each member to serve for a three year term to expire November, 1996, namely: Mr. Marshall Smith, Mr. Alan G. Howison, Mr. C. Mark Zeilstra

The Civic Employees' Pension Plan By-law No. 5300/89 was recently amended so that citizen members of the Employee Benefits Investment Committee could be appointed to terms of varying lengths. The Employee Benefits Board has recommended that the above-named members' terms be varied, as follows:

Mr. Marshall Smith - appointed to November, 1996
Mr. Alan G. Howison - appointed to November 1995
Mr. C. Mark Zeilstra - appointed to November, 1995

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The Committee on Finance and Administration recommends that Council's decision of November 2, 1994, with respect to the terms of office of citizen members of the Employee Benefits Investment Committee, be rescinded, and that the above-named individuals be appointed to the Employee Benefits Investment Committee to the terms as recommended by the Employee Benefits Board.

Adopted by consent.

Redemption of 637 Oakdale Drive from Tax Sale by Instalments
File FL-2.4 (Vol. 11)

373 - 4. Council on September 22, 1993, granted a request from Mr. and Mrs. R. Stock to redeem property at 637 Oakdale Drive from Tax Sale by instalments, for a one-year period.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Stock have applied for an extension to the Tax Sale Agreement authorized by By-law No. 6301/94, which was passed by Council on January 27, 1994. When Mr. and Mrs. Stock originally requested a Tax Sale Agreement the negotiated monthly payment was $540.00, which resulted in a 34 month term. Mr. and Mrs. Stock were then successful in having the monthly payment reduced to $300.00 for a one year conditional agreement. As payments of $300.00 a month do not cover the amount of yearly taxes and interest added to the account, the balance owing after one year of payments is approximately $100.00 greater than the original debt. Mr. and Mrs. Stock have been advised of this situation and have agreed in writing to the new monthly payment in the amount of $565.00.

The payment plan negotiated consists of monthly payments in the amount of $565.00. The application of such a proposal, which falls within the framework of previous agreements approved by Council, would retire the present indebtedness of $11,243.27 in approximately 38 months. Together with the 12 month term granted previously, the total repayment schedule is approximately 50 months.

The Committee on Finance and Administration therefore recommends:

I. That a redemption from Tax Sale of 637 Oakdale Drive by consecutive monthly instalments of $565.00 be granted.

II. That the Acting City Solicitor be requested to prepare the necessary by-law authorizing the agreement on a one year conditional basis.

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.

Adopted by consent.

Proposed Acquisition between Molson Street and Lagimodiere Boulevard at Chief Peguis Trail File FI-2(33) (Vol. 1)

374 - 5. The Streets and Transportation Department has advised that property located between Molson Street and Lagimodiere Boulevard at Chief Peguis Trail is the only remaining parcel of land to be acquired to accommodate the expansion of Chief Peguis Trail between Henderson Highway and Lagimodiere Boulevard.

Negotiations have been ongoing for some time with the Province of Manitoba, which is now prepared to sell the property to the City for $44,000.00 and in accordance with the terms and conditions outlined on Schedule "A".

The Land Surveys and Real Estate Department is of the opinion that the proposed purchase price of $44,000.00 is considered to be reasonable. The Streets and Transportation Department advises that all costs associated with the acquisition of this property can be charged against the "Land Acquisition for Future Transportation Purposes" Account. The Budget Bureau issued its Certificate No. FT 93-01 on May 7, 1993, certifying that funds have been committed to which this acquisition can be charged.

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The Committee on Finance and Administration recommends:

I. The acquisition of property identified as "Her Majesty the Queen Manitoba" on Misc. Plan No. EKT 8741 be approved at a purchase price of $44,000.00, in accordance with the terms and conditions outlined on Schedule "A".

II. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to complete this transaction, including the execution of any documents related thereto.

Copies of Misc. Plan No. EKT 8741 and Schedule "A" are on file in the office of the City Clerk.

Adopted by consent.

Proposed Sale - South side of Euclid Avenue between Meade Street North and Argyle Street North
File FI-2.4.2(34) (Vol. 1)

375 - 6. City-owned property located on the south side of Euclid Avenue between Meade Street North and Argyle Street North, shown outlined on Misc. Plan No. LSWK 9025/1, plus Lot 107, Plan 63, was acquired in 1977 by the City for the former Neighbourhood Improvement Program (now the Community Programs Division) and the dwelling on the combined site subsequently demolished.

Pursuant to a request from the adjoining owner of 159 Meade Street North, to purchase the subject property, the Community Programs Division declared both Part Lot 106 and Lot 107 surplus to its needs. The Lord Selkirk-West Kildonan Community Committee at its meeting held on September 14, 1994, considered the proposed sale and had no objections to the sale. No easements are required.
The Purchaser intends to build a garage on the property with access onto Euclid Avenue.

The purchase price is in accordance with Council Policy regarding the sale of small parcels of City lands, for consolidation with residential holdings, that is, to be sold at one-half the assessed value.

The Director of Land Surveys and Real Estate in accordance with the delegated authority granted By-law No. 6291/93, which was passed by Council on December 17, 1993, will accept the Offer to Purchase once Council has declared Part Lot 106 and Lot 107 surplus to the City's needs. Sale of Lot 107 to the adjoining owner of Lot 108 will be pursued later.

The Committee on Finance and Administration therefore recommends:

I. That both Part Lot 106 and Lot 107, Plan 63, be declared surplus to the City's needs.

II. 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.

Copy of Misc. Plan No. LSWK 9025/1 is on file in the office of the City Clerk.

Adopted by consent.

Proposed Transfers of Jurisdiction - Main Street/Norwood Bridges Project - Parks and Recreation Department to the Streets and Transportation Department
File SB-11 (Vol. 4)

376 - 7. Construction of the Main/Norwood Bridges and associated right-of-way realignments is proposed over a period of six (6) years from the Fall of 1993 to the Fall of 1999 necessitating the transfer of jurisdiction of the City-owned lands from the Parks and Recreation Department to the Streets and Transportation Department.

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The City Centre Community Committee on November 8, 1994, concurred in the recommendation to transfer jurisdiction of the land area required (Parcels 1 and 2) to the Streets and Transportation Department, on the understanding that the Parks and Recreation Department and the Community Committee will review and approve the final landscaping scheme.

The Riel Community Committee on July 11, 1994, concurred in the proposed transfer of jurisdiction of the land area required (Parcels 3 and 4) to the Streets and Transportation Department for the proposed Main Street/Norwood Bridges Project. Costs associated with this project are to be charged to Account No. WL 015 03-118117-5192050701.

Pursuant to Section 156(2) of The City of Winnipeg Act, approval of at least two-thirds of the members of Council is required on the transfer of jurisdiction of any property that has been designated or acquired for park purposes.

The Committee on Finance and Administration recommends as follows:

I. That property identified on Misc. Plan Nos. CCFR 8342/2; CC 8992/1; SBSV 8371/2; and TR 144018, be transferred from the jurisdiction of the Parks and Recreation Department to the Streets and Transportation Department.

II. 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.

Copies of Misc. Plan Nos. CCFR 8342/2; CC 8992/1; SBSV 8371/2; and TR 144018 are on file in the office of the City Clerk.

Adopted by consent.

Agreement between the City of Winnipeg and Canadian Pacific Limited to Install a Crossing Guard Shelter on CPR Right of Way File FI-2.3(33) (Vol. 1)

377 - 8. The crossing guard service at the pedestrian crosswalk over the CPR tracks between Keenleyside Street and Hampstead School is the only one that continues to be funded by the City. The crossing guard is on duty from 7:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each school day. Until recently crossing guards were not local residents and they would use a personal vehicle to shelter themselves from the elements, which was not totally satisfactory from the point of view of the guards' safety or their ability to effectively perform their duties. The current crossing guards are local residents who cannot obtain relief from the elements. It should be noted that there is only one guard on duty; the plural is used as this is a job share arrangement.

The proposed shelter is a used transit supervisor shelter being donated by the Transit Department and all expenses relative to installation, including electrical hookup, will be financed by a grant from the Manitoba/Winnipeg Community Revitalization Project, estimated at $2,500.00 Annual utility expenses, to be borne by the Winnipeg Police Service Budget, will be approximately $300.00.

A shelter is deemed to be necessary, not only to provide reasonable comfort to the guards, but also to enable them to more effectively perform their duties.

The best location for the shelter is on the south east side of the tracks. Two sites were considered.

1. Outside the fence on property managed by Shelter Corporation.

2. On CPR property immediately adjacent to the fence.

The CPR site is deemed most suitable as it will afford the guard a clear view of both directions on the double set of tracks and provide more direct access to both gates.

The Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture on November 24, 1994, considered this matter and concurred in the recommendation contained herein.

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The Committee on Finance and Administration recommends:

I. That the City of Winnipeg enter into a Land Use Agreement with Canadian Pacific Limited for the installation of a crossing guard shelter on CPR right of way, for the consideration of $1.00 payable annually.

II. 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.

Adopted by consent.

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MOTIONS

Moved by Councillor Golden,
Seconded by Councillor Angus,
378 - WHEREAS as a result of media reporting, the T.I.P.P. program has been embraced by Winnipeg taxpayers;

AND WHEREAS City staff were overwhelmed with applications at the December, 1994 deadline;

AND WHEREAS the Committee on Finance and Administration, under delegated authority, extended the filing deadline to January 13, 1995;

AND WHEREAS City staff resources could not handle all taxpayers wishing to apply;

AND WHEREAS taxpayers received a 6-month interest free holiday by converting from P.I.T. mortgage payments to the T.I.P.P. method of property tax payment;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Administration, after consultation with the Committee on Finance and Administration, be instructed to insert 1996 T.I.P.P. application forms in the 1995 property tax bill envelope.

The Speaker ruled automatic referral to Executive Policy Committee in accordance with Rule 16.1 of the Procedure By-law.

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

Carried.

The motion was put and declared carried.

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CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

379 - On motion of Councillor Eadie, 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. 6539/94, a By-law of The City of Winnipeg to amend By-law No. 145/72. Files EL-1 (Vol. 29) and EL-6

By-law No. 6551/95, a By-law of The City of Winnipeg to regulate, control and license the carrying on of certain trades. File EL-1

By-law No. 6583/95, a By-law of The City of Winnipeg to amend By-law No. 838/74. File FI-1.1 (Vol. 1)

By-law No. 6584/95, a By-law of The City of Winnipeg to amend the Amusement Tax By-law No. 3107/81. File FL-2.5 (Vol. 10)

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QUESTION PERIOD

380 - Deputy Mayor Fraser noted the imminent meeting scheduled for the review of the City of Winnipeg/C.U.P.E. contract negotiations and questioned whether the Chairperson of the Committee on Finance and Administration would be circulating information on the Committee's opening position to all Members of Council prior to the meeting, given that members of C.U.P.E. had received information on the Union's opening position upon request.

Councillor Eadie took the question as notice.