REPORT OF THE

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

DATED NOVEMBER 9, 1994

On motion of Her Worship Mayor Thompson, the Report of the Executive Policy Committee, dated November 9, 1994, was considered clause by clause.

Moved by Her Worship Mayor Thompson,
That the Consent Agenda, Clauses 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18,19,20,21, 22,23,24,25,26,27 and 28 be adopted.

Councillor Thomas requested that Clauses 19, 20 and 27 be pulled from the Consent Agenda.

Councillor Lazarenko requested that Clause 21 be pulled from the Consent Agenda.

Councillor Fraser requested that Clause 28 be pulled from the Consent Agenda.

The motion to adopt the Consent Agenda, Clauses 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15,16, 17,18,22,23,24,25 and 26 was put and declared carried.

Her Worship The Mayor and Councillors:

Local Improvement Charges For Ornamental Street Lighting, Ornamental Lane Lighting and Wood Pole Lane Lighting as Established by By-law No. 98/72 File SL-1 (Vol 19)

88 - 1. The Executive Policy Committee has been advised that Winnipeg Hydro in consultation with Manitoba Hydro conducted a review of the costs and charges established by By-law No. 98/72.

The result of the review indicates that the assessment for Ornamental Street Lighting, Ornamental Lane Lighting and Wood Pole Lane Lighting costs should be increased. There have been no increases since 1991 for ornamental street lighting and no increases since 1992 for both ornamental and wood pole lane lighting.

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That the charges to the benefitting property owners for Ornamental Street Lighting, Ornamental Lane Lighting, and Wood Pole Lane Lighting be revised as follows:

Ornamental Street Lighting - to increment by $0.20 from $9.20 to $9.40 for each foot of frontage. A 2.17% increase.

Ornamental Lane Lighting - to increment by $0.10 from $5.40 to $5.50 for each foot of frontage. A 1.85% increase.

Wood Pole Lane Lighting - to increment by $0.10 from $1.10 to $1.20 for each foot of frontage. A 9.09% increase.

II. That the new rates become effective upon adoption by Council and shall apply to proposed 1995 Local Improvement Works intended to be advertised thereafter.

III. That amending By-law No. 6512/94, approved as to financial details by the Deputy City Treasurer, and certified as to form by the Acting City Solicitor, be enacted by Council.

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.

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Reactivation of Levies for Local Improvements Deferred in Bethune Way Which Were Deferred Under By-law No. 5478/90 File SL-1 (Vol. 19)

89 - 2. Council on July 11, 1990, granted a deferment of local improvement under By-law No. 5478/90 for the following property:

Realty Roll Number - 08-40592

Legal Description - Lot 2, Plan 30622, 46 St. Vital

Owners - Raymond G. and Teresa M. Kneeshaw

Address - Vacant Land on Bethune Way

Conditions set forth in Deferment By-law No. 5478/90 stated:

"The deferment permitted under this By-law shall cease upon the occurrence of the following:

ii) registration of a plan of subdivision or resubdivision affecting part or all of the property where a deferment has been allowed:

When the lands herein become subject to special assessments as a result of cessation of deferment, such special assessment shall be levied against the said lands at the then prevailing rates and paid at the prevailing cash cost or amortized at the then current capital borrowing rates."

A new plan of subdivision number 30622 has been registered at the Winnipeg Land Titles Office on February 2, 1994, thus creating two separate holdings which reactivates the local improvement levies on Bethune Way.

The Executive Policy Committee therefore recommends:

I. That the deferments authorized under By-law No. 5478/90 cease, and that the appropriate assessments be reactivated with a requirement for payment to be made in either of two ways defined hereunder:

	Cash Payment	Term	Annual Levy
Watermain	$ 1,800.00	1994-2003	$ 274.33
Wastewater Sewer	1,900.00	1994-2013	211.86
Land Drain Sewer(Laterals)	900.00	1994-2013	100.35
Street Pavement	5,196.87	1994-2003	800.89
	$ 9,796.87(a)		$1,387.43(b)

(a) Any one or all four of the local improvements may be paid for at the prevailing cash cost up to and including the last day of the month subsequent to that during which the cash cost statement is mailed, (immediately pursuant to the passing of the reactivating By-law).

(b) First levy(s) payable at par up to and including the last day of the month subsequent to that during which the tax statement is mailed, (immediately pursuant to the passing of the reactivating By-law).

The second and all the following levies will be scheduled to appear on the City's normal annual tax bills for the prescribed terms with the usual provisions for prepayment by commutation to apply.

II. That the foregoing reactivation be assessed against Lot 2, Plan 30622, 46 St.Vital, C.T. 1344837.

III. That the reactivation By-law No. 6513/94 prepared by the City Solicitor, be adopted by City Council.

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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.

Library Fees and Charges
File L-1 (Vol. 12)

90 - 3. Executive Policy Committee on January 22, 1992, directed "that all fees and charges for the City of Winnipeg be revised at least once every three years".

The City has increasingly emphasized the concepts of fee for service and cost recoveries over the past several years. Council has previously approved the current increase in non-resident fees from $55.00 in 1994 to $60.00 in 1995. The proposed changes reflect these concepts by providing for the equitable delivery of basic services and identifying fees and charges for extra services.

The replacement fee for lost library cards was instituted in 1988. The Library Department recommends that the replacement fee for lost library cards be raised from $2.00 to $3.00.

The Library Department currently charges 20 cents per day per overdue adult item to a maximum of $5.00. This charge has not been increased since 1988.

The Library Department proposes the following:

- that overdue charges for adult materials be raised to 25 cents per item per day to a maximum of $6.00 per item;

- that overdue charges for children's materials, currently 10 cents per day per item to a maximum of $2.00, be retained at this level, which is in line with comparable Canadian library systems;

- that current charges for overdue videos at $4.00 per day per item to a maximum of $20.00 be retained at this level. The rate is significantly higher than most comparable Canadian library systems.

The Library Department anticipates the proposed increase will generate approximately $50,000 in additional revenue.

The fee for microform reader/printer copies was last raised in 1988 to 25 cents. The Library Department recommends that the fee for microform reader/printer copies be raised from 25 cents to 30 cents per copy.

With respect to replacement cost of lost or damaged items, when the actual price is unknown, an average price is charged for lost or damaged items. Since 1990, the record for each catalogued item added to the Library's collections has included the exact retail price. Retail prices are used as a disincentive for patrons to "lose" a desired library item and then pay a replacement price significantly below retail.

Approximately 70% of the collection, however, was purchased prior to 1990 and have no price attached to their record in the automated system. For these items and for all uncatalogued items, such as paperbacks and magazines, the automated system is set up to charge an average "default" price based on the type of item, e.g. book, compact disc, video.

When a customer loses or damages a library item, the Library Department incurs significant administrative costs in replacing the item, over and above the cost of the item itself. A nominal charge of $3.00 would raise revenue and bring to the attention of the customers the costs in duplicating work previously done.

The Library Department recommends that the default replacement prices be increased as outlined in Appendix "A" to reflect inflation and bring pricing in line with the actual costs and that a processing charge of $3.00 be assessed to cover costs in reacquiring and reprocessing lost or damaged items.

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The following increases proposed with respect to room rental simplify the rental fee schedule and reflect the effects of inflation on the Library's Department costs:

- that hourly rate be eliminated and that the other existing rates be increased by $5.00 or $10.00 as outlined in Appendix "A";
- that there be an eleven hour (daily) rate of $70.00;
- that there be an equipment rental with room rate of $20.00 daily.

The current pricing schedule for the sale of discarded Library materials was implemented in 1993 and the Library Department recommends that no changes in the current pricing schedule for discards be implemented at this time.

The Executive Policy Committee therefore recommends:

I. That library fees and charges be revised as follows and implemented in 1995:

a) That the replacement fee for lost library cards be raised from $2.00 to $3.00;

b) That overdue charges for adult materials be raised to 25 cents per item per day to a maximum of $6.00 per item;

c) That overdue charges for children's materials, currently 10 cents per day per item to a maximum of $2.00, be retained at this level;

d) That current charges for overdue videos at $4.00 per day per item to a maximum of $20.00 be retained at this level;

e) That the fee for microform reader/printer copies be raised from 25 cents to 30 cents per copy;

f) That the default replacement prices be increased as outlined in Appendix "A" to reflect inflation and bring pricing in line with our actual costs and that a processing charge of $3.00 be assessed to cover costs in reacquiring and reprocessing lost or damaged items;

g) That the hourly room rental rate be eliminated and that the other existing rates be increased by $5.00 to $10.00 and that there also be an eleven hour (daily) rate of $70.00, as outlined in Appendix "A";

h) That equipment rental with room, which includes a projector, video projector, screen, TV/VCR, be set at $20.00 per day;

i) That no changes in the current pricing schedule for discards be implemented at this time.

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

Copy of attachment referred to in the above clause is on file in the office of the City Clerk.

Adopted by consent.

Funding to Winnipeg Airports Authority Inc. File GG-1 (Vol. 26)

91 - 4. On January 29, 1993, the City of Winnipeg and Winnipeg Airports Authority Inc. ("WAAI") entered into a letter agreement to jointly fund with the Province and the Federal Government, by way of a loan, the establishment of a Local Airport Authority.

The funding agreement, as amended by Council on January 26, 1994, requires that WAAI request all funds and complete the project by December 31, 1994.

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A letter has been received dated September 30, 1994, from Mr. A. David Marshall, Taylor-McCaffrey, Barristers & Solicitors, to Mr. W. D. Carroll, Commissioner of Finance and Administration, requesting the financing agreement be extended to December 31, 1995.

Transport Canada's implementation of revised accountability principles for the establishment of a local airport authority have further delayed the transfer process regarding Winnipeg International Airport.

WAAI is in the process of making final amendments to its constituting documents consistent with the revised principles so that negotiation for the assumption of the operations of Winnipeg International Airport by WAAI can proceed. It is unlikely that the transfer process will be completed in 1994, as required by the funding agreement, however WAAI is confident that the transfer process will be completed in 1995.

The Executive Policy Committee therefore recommends:

I. That an extension of the funding period to December 31, 1995, be approved.

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

Adopted by consent.

Amendments to The Manitoba Public Health Act File EH (Vol. 8)

92 - 5. On August 31, 1994, the Executive Policy Committee considered an administrative report with respect to amendments to The City of Winnipeg Act and The Manitoba Public Health Act. These recommendations were subsequently adopted by Council on September 21, 1994 and referred to the Minister of Urban Affairs on September 23, 1994. Unfortunately, Recommendation 3 relating to amendments to The Manitoba Public Health Act contained errors which require correction.

The recommendations are to be amended as follows:

FROM	TO
Repeal Sections 17(1), (2), (3) and (4) thereof	Repeal Sections 17(1), (2), (3) and (4) thereof
Delete the word "unoccupied" in Section 19(d) thereof and substitute therefor the word "occupied".	Delete the word "unoccupied" in Section 13(d) thereof and substitute therefor the word "occupied"
Delete the symbol and figures "$5,000.00" in Section 33(1) thereof and substituting therefor the symbol and figures "$50,000.00".	Delete the symbol and figures "$500.00" in Section 33(1) and substituting therefor the symbol and figures "$5,000.00 for an individual, and $50,000.00 for a corporation".
Add the following Section 39(1.1) thereto: "39(1.1) A judge or magistrate imposing a penalty under this section may, in addition to imposing a penalty, order the convicted person to comply with the relevant provision, order or direction."	Add the following Section 33(1.1) thereto: "33(1.1) A judge or magistrate imposing a penalty under this section may, in addition to imposing a penalty, order the convicted person to comply with the relevant provision, order or direction."

The Department of Urban Affairs is aware of this situation and is anticipating receiving the changes.

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The Executive Policy Committee therefore recommends:

I. That the following proposed amendments to The Manitoba Public Health Act be submitted to the Province of Manitoba for approval, replacing those submitted on September 23, 1994:

- Repeal Sections 17(1), (2), (3) and (4) thereof;

- Delete the word "unoccupied" in Section 13(d) thereof and substitute therefor the word "occupied";

- Delete the symbol and figures "$500.00" in Section 33(1) and substituting therefor the symbol and figures "$5,000.00 for an individual, and $50,000.00 for a corporation"; and

- Add the following Section 33(1.1) thereto:

  "33(1.1) A judge or magistrate imposing a penalty under this section may, in addition to imposing a penalty, order the convicted person to comply with the relevant provision, order or direction."

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

Adopted by consent.

Expenditure of Funds from Land Dedication Reserve - Installation of a Catch Basin at the Tennis Courts - Park City West Community Centre
File EP-2 (Vol. 22)

93 - 6. On June 14, 1994, the East Kildonan-Transcona Community Committee recommended that funds in the amount of $8,000.00 be expended from its East Kildonan-Transcona Land Dedication Reserve Fund to correct the drainage problem at the Park City West Community Centre which would involve construction of a swale to drain the area onto Hoka Street that runs along the east edge of the Park.

The Executive Policy Committee concurs in the above and recommends that funds in the amount of $8,000.00 be allocated from the East Kildonan-Transcona Land Dedication Reserve Fund for the project.

Adopted by consent.

Audit of Civic Museums
File FA (Vol. 3)

94 - 7. On March 2, 1988, Council adopted a motion that included the following recommendations from the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture:

1. That no civic museums report through any civic department nor to any civic department head.

2. (a) That all civic museums report to the appropriate Community Committee for both administrative and financial matters;
   (b) That each Museum Board have, as a member, at least one City Councillor from the local Community Committee;
   (c) That each museum be required to provide the Community Committee with reports at least annually including an annual audited financial report.

3. That the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture be designated as the Standing Committee responsible for dealing with matters related to all civic museums.

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4. That the services of civic support departments (ie., Audit, Budget Bureau, Finance, Law, Civic Properties, Personnel, etc.) be made available to the Museum Boards upon request.

At the time the motion was adopted, there appeared to be a desire to clarify the reporting relationships between Museums and the City. The recommendations were made to maintain the "arm's length" operating relationship between the City and the museum boards while increasing civic accountability for the funding and/or operations of the museums. While increased financial control would be achieved, the operation of the museums would continue to be the responsibility of the museum boards.

The Audit Department agrees that clear reporting relationships and financial accountability must be maintained. We do not agree, however, that this can only be achieved by requiring annual audited financial reports from each museum.

Each museum board has the ultimate responsibility to ensure the affairs of the museum are conducted in accordance with the museum's mandate. This responsibility includes ensuring that appropriate expenditures are approved and made in accordance with their annual budget. Requiring Board approval of expenditures over a certain dollar amount, and reviewing and seeking management responses for variation from budget on a regular basis (at least quarterly) are additional controls that help the Board discharge their responsibilities and ensure management accountability.

If these controls are in place, it is not considered necessary from a financial accountability perspective to also require an audit of individual financial statements. In addition, from the perspective of public dollars involved, annually audited financial statements are not warranted. Eight museums have been identified that receive either grants or direct funding from the City. Grants provided to four of the museums total $78,000.00. Direct funding for the remaining four museums, where museum invoices are paid directly by the City and are subject to the City's internal controls, total $390,000.00. The total of these amounts represent a negligible percent of the total expenditures of $900 million for the City. The internal controls of the City are reviewed on an annual basis by our external auditors.

Specifically given that:

1. The cost of performing audits on each museum will far exceed any potential financial benefit that could result;

2. Each museum has its own Board, with City representation, that is ultimately responsible for the financial integrity of the museum;

3. Audited financial statements will not in and of themselves ensure financial responsibility;

4. The dollars funded to the museums is immaterial when you consider the entire financial situation of The City, and;

5. The majority of expenditures made already flow through the internal controls of the City.

The Audit Department recommends that Council rescind the audit requirement for Civic Museums provided that the other two recommendations made to ensure the financial integrity of the museums are also approved.

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That the City communicate to Civic Museum Boards the responsibilities of their Boards with respect to the financial management of the Museums.

II. That Civic Museum Boards ensure policies exist with respect to the financial management of the Museums, specifically:

   a) that appropriate expenditures are approved and made in accordance with their annual budget;
   b) requiring Board approval of expenditures over a certain dollar amount; and,
   c) reviewing and seeking management responses for variation from budget on a regular basis.

III. That the Mayor and Council rescind the Council Order adopted March 2, 1988 that requires an audit of the financial statements of Museums receiving funding from The City.

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

Adopted by consent.

Osborne Village Business Improvement Zone - Proposed Program - Zone Levy and Budget Estimates - 1995
File FL-7.3 (Vol. 3)

95 - 8. On December 20, 1989, Council adopted By-law No. 5322/89, being a By-law of The City of Winnipeg to designate a Business Improvement Zone to be known as the Osborne Village Business Improvement Zone and to establish a Management Board for the Zone. By-law No. 5322/89 requires that the Business Improvement Zone prepare for the consideration of Council its proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates.

The Osborne Village Business Improvement Zone at its Annual General Meeting held on October 3, 1994, approved the proposed annual budget and program as outlined in Appendix "A".

The Executive Policy Committee recommends that pursuant to By-law No. 5322/89, Council request the City Centre Community Committee to conduct a public meeting to hear representations with respect to the proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates for the year 1995 and to provide recommendations to Council within 60 days from receipt of Council's request.

Copy of attachment referred to in the above clause is on file in the office of the City Clerk.

Adopted by consent.

West Broadway - South Sherbrook Business Improvement Zone - Proposed Program - Zone Levy and Budget Estimates - 1995 File FL-7.8 (Vol. 2)

96 - 9. On March 25, 1992, Council adopted By-law No. 5921/92, being a By-law of The City of Winnipeg to designate a Business Improvement Zone to be known as the West Broadway - South Sherbrook Business Improvement Zone and to establish a Management Board for the Zone. By-law No. 5921/92 requires that the Business Improvement Zone prepare for the consideration of Council its proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates.

The Osborne Village Business Improvement Zone at its Annual General Meeting held on October 5, 1994, approved the proposed annual budget and program as outlined in Appendix "A".

The Executive Policy Committee recommends that pursuant to By-law No. 5921/92, Council request the City Centre Community Committee to conduct a public meeting to hear representations with respect to the proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates for the year 1995 and to provide recommendations to Council within 60 days from receipt of Council's request.

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Ellice/Sargent Business Improvement Zone - Proposed Program - Zone Levy and Budget Estimates - 1995
File FL-7.7 (Vol. 2)

97 - 10. On March 6, 1991, Council adopted By-law No. 5650/91, being a By-law of The City of Winnipeg to designate a Business Improvement Zone to be known as the Ellice/Sargent Business Improvement Zone and to establish a Management Board for the Zone. By-law No. 5650/91 requires that the Business Improvement Zone prepare for the consideration of Council its proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates.

The Ellice/Sargent Business Improvement Zone at its Annual General Meeting held on October 11, 1994, approved the proposed annual budget and program as outlined in Appendix "A".

In addition, the Ellice/Sargent Business Improvement Zone have requested a name change to "The West End Winnipeg Business Improvement Zone".

The Executive Policy Committee recommends that pursuant to By-law No. 5650/91, Council request the City Centre Community Committee to conduct a public meeting to hear representations with respect to the proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates for the year 1995 and to provide recommendations to Council within 60 days from receipt of Council's request.

Copy of attachment referred to in the above clause is on file in the office of the City Clerk.

Adopted by consent.

Corydon Avenue Business Improvement Zone - Proposed Program - Zone Levy and Budget Estimates - 1995
File FL-7.2 (Vol. 3)

98 - 11. On March 7, 1990, Council adopted By-law No. 5378/90, being a By-law of The City of Winnipeg to designate a Business Improvement Zone to be known as the Corydon Avenue Business Improvement Zone and to establish a Management Board for the Zone. By-law No. 5378/90 requires that the Business Improvement Zone prepare for the consideration of Council its proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates.

The Corydon Avenue Business Improvement Zone at its Annual General Meeting held on October 12, 1994, approved the proposed annual budget and program as outlined in Appendix "A".

The Executive Policy Committee recommends that pursuant to By-law No. 5378/90, Council request the City Centre Community Committee to conduct a public meeting to hear representations with respect to the proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates for the year 1995 and to provide recommendations to Council within 60 days from receipt of Council's request.

Copy of attachment referred to in the above clause is on file in the office of the City Clerk.

Adopted by consent.

Osborne South Business Improvement Zone - Proposed Program - Zone Levy and Budget Estimates - 1995
File FL-7.9 (Vol. 1)

99 - 12. On July 21, 1993, Council adopted By-law No. 6201/93, being a By-law of The City of Winnipeg to designate a Business Improvement Zone to be known as the Osborne South Business Improvement Zone and to establish a Management Board for the Zone. By-law No. 6201/93 requires that the Business Improvement Zone prepare for the consideration of Council its proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates.

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The Osborne South Business Improvement Zone at its Annual General Meeting held on October 17, 1994, approved the proposed annual budget and program as outlined in Appendix "A".

The Executive Policy Committee recommends that pursuant to By-law No. 6201/93, Council request the City Centre Community Committee to conduct a public meeting to hear representations with respect to the proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates for the year 1995 and to provide recommendations to Council within 60 days from receipt of Council's request.

Copy of attachment referred to in the above clause is on file in the office of the City Clerk.

Adopted by consent.

Norwood Grove Business Improvement Zone - Proposed Program - Zone Levy and Budget Estimates - 1995
File FL-7.6 (Vol. 1)

100 - 13. On March 6, 1991, Council adopted By-law No. Business Improvement Zone and to establish a Management Board for the Zone. By-law No. 5649/91 requires that the Business Improvement Zone prepare for the consideration of Council its proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates.

The Norwood Grove Business Improvement Zone at its Annual General Meeting held on October 18, 1994, approved the proposed annual budget and program as outlined in Appendix "A".

The Executive Policy Committee recommends that pursuant to By-law No. 5649/91, Council request the Riel Community Committee to conduct a public meeting to hear representations with respect to the proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates for the year 1995 and to provide recommendations to Council within 60 days from receipt of Council's request.

Copy of attachment referred to in the above clause is on file in the office of the City Clerk.

Adopted by consent.

Selkirk Avenue Business Improvement Zone - Proposed Program - Zone Levy and Budget Estimates - 1995
File FL-7.5 (Vol. 2)

101 - 14. On September 25, 1991, Council adopted By-law No. 5770/91, being a By-law of The City of Winnipeg to designate a Business Improvement Zone to be known as the Selkirk Avenue Business Improvement Zone and to establish a Management Board for the Zone. By-law No. 5770/91 requires that the Business Improvement Zone prepare for the consideration of Council its proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates.

The Selkirk Avenue Business Improvement Zone at its Annual General Meeting held on October 19, 1994, approved the proposed annual budget and program as outlined in Appendix "A".

The Executive Policy Committee recommends that pursuant to By-law No. 5770/91, Council request the Lord Selkirk - West Kildonan Community Committee to conduct a public meeting to hear representations with respect to the proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates for the year 1995 and to provide recommendations to Council within 60 days from receipt of Council's request.

Copy of attachment referred to in the above clause is on file in the office of the City Clerk.

Adopted by consent.

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Downtown Winnipeg Business Improvement Zone - Proposed Program - Zone Levy and Budget Estimates - 1995 File FL-7.4 (Vol. 5)

102 - 15. 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 and to establish a Management Board for the Zone. By-law No. 5080/89 requires that the Business Improvement Zone prepare for the consideration of Council its proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates.

The Downtown Winnipeg Business Improvement Zone at its Annual General Meeting held on October 27, 1994, approved the proposed annual budget and program as outlined in Appendix "A".

The Executive Policy Committee recommends that pursuant to By-law No. 5080/89, Council request the City Centre Community Committee to conduct a public meeting to hear representations with respect to the proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates for the year 1995 and to provide recommendations to Council within 60 days from receipt of Council's request.

Copy of attachment referred to in the above clause is on file in the office of the City Clerk.

Adopted by consent.

Image Capturing Enforcement Program (Photo Radar) File GF-2 (Vol. 42)

103 - 16. The Executive Policy Committee has been advised that the Winnipeg Police Service has investigated the potential use of image capturing enforcement systems within the City of Winnipeg. Major cities in Alberta, Ontario and British Columbia have already implemented image capturing enforcement programs with dramatic success in increasing road safety.

Statistics from Police agencies using these devices have documented a reduction in motor vehicle collisions from 5% to 44%. It is anticipated that the City of Winnipeg will experience similar reductions. Recent tests by the Winnipeg Police Service Traffic personnel on major arteries anticipate revenues in the initial year of operation of the above system at over $2,000,000.00.

A project implementation team has been established. They have researched the available systems currently in use by other Police agencies, which included problems inherent to developing these programs, principally difficulties in obtaining the necessary draft legislation.

The Winnipeg Police Service requested direction from the Province of Manitoba as to what legal steps might be required if this type of speed enforcement were to be introduced.

The Assistant Deputy Minister/Registrar of Motor Vehicles, after consultation with the Department of Justice, has provided that direction. He confirmed that amendments would be required to The Highway Traffic Act and its regulations and perhaps other statutes. Further, that since such an initiative would require formal approval by the Provincial Government, he recommends that a formal request be communicated through the Official Delegation protocol.

The Winnipeg Police Service project team will continue to monitor all the issues surrounding photo radar.

Based on the experience of Calgary and Edmonton, it is estimated that the Winnipeg Police Service start up cost will be $750,000.00. This amount could be recovered during the first year of photo radar operation.

Discussions with Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation representatives in 1993 indicated a willingness for the Corporation to assist the City of Winnipeg in the purchase of photo radar equipment. At this point, the Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation is not committed to the purchase of this equipment. However, the Corporation is willing to revisit the commitment of funds once the enabling legislation is in place.

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On October 31, 1994, the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture recommended that the Province of Manitoba be requested to make the necessary amendment(s) to the appropriate legislation to allow the City to proceed, at the earliest possible date, with the implementation of the image capturing enforcement system (photo radar).

The Executive Policy Committee concurs in the above and therefore recommends:

I. That the Province of Manitoba be requested to make the necessary amendment(s) to the appropriate legislation to allow the City to proceed, at the earliest possible date, with the implementation of the image capturing enforcement system (photo radar).

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

Adopted by consent.

Full Disclosure of Board of Commissioners' Meetings to Councillors
File GE (Vol. 6)

104 - 17. Council on January 26, 1994, adopted the following:

Moved by Councillor Prystanski,
Seconded By Councillor Reese,

WHEREAS on June 23, 1993, a motion proposing access to the Board of Commissioners for Councillors was referred to the July 14 meeting of the Executive Policy Committee;

AND WHEREAS on July 14, 1993, the Executive Policy Committee referred the matter to the Ad Hoc Committee on Review of the Administration and Management Structure;

AND WHEREAS on November 10, 1993, Executive Policy Committee made a recommendation to Council;

AND WHEREAS on November 17, 1993, Council referred back to the Executive Policy Committee the clause with instructions for minor adjustments;

AND WHEREAS there is no recommendation at the December 17th meeting of City Council, and the Executive Policy Committee has asked for a further extension at the meeting of January 26, 1994;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council NOT grant a further extension on this issue as requested by the Executive Policy Committee and approve the following motion:-

"THAT the Council motion of June 23, 1993 be filed;

AND THAT the practise of the Mayor and Councillors being in attendance at regular meetings of the Board of Commissioners be adjusted as follows:

1) all Members of Council be provided with copies of the Board of Commissioners agendas (and attachments on specific topics provided upon request only), and;
2) copies of minutes of all regular Board of Commissioners meetings;

THAT each Standing Committee Chairperson, in conjunction with the relevant Commissioner consider setting aside a specified portion of the regular standing committee meeting to enable the Administration to brief the Committee on emerging issues, and to enable the Committee to have direct input into the formation of policy guidelines and initiatives."

AND FURTHER THAT Her Worship the Mayor continue to be responsible for organizing Council seminars on a regular basis;

AND FURTHER THAT the Board of Commissioners host "round table" up-date meetings for all Members of Council, at least once a month, with agendas being available a week in advance;

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AND FURTHER THAT the above recommendations be conducted on a trial basis until September, 1994, during which the Executive Policy Committee evaluate this process and provide direction to Council, at its first regular meeting in September, 1994, as to whether the process should be continued and in what manner.

AND FURTHER THAT the Proper Officers of the City do all things necessary to implement the foregoing."

Inasmuch as members of Council have been receiving the above-noted information from the Board of Commissioners, the Executive Policy Committee recommends the motion be filed.

Adopted by consent.

Proposed Access to Information By-law
File GL-5.8 (Vol. 7)

105 - 18. Council at its meeting held on June 22, 1994, referred back Clause 3 of the Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated June 15, 1994, namely:

Moved by Councillor Lazarenko,
Seconded by Councillor Duguid,

THAT Clause 3 of the Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated June 15, 1994, be referred back to the Executive Policy Committee with instructions that EPC hold a special meeting to consider the proposed Access to Information By-law.

In conjunction therewith, the following resolution was also referred to the Executive Policy Committee:

Moved by Councillor Thomas,
Seconded by Councillor Boychuk,

WHEREAS By-law 6420/94 on page 7 does not have listed "Hansard" on the list of documents to which the citizens of Winnipeg are permitted access;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the list be amended and Hansard be added as Item (J) at the top of page 2 in the attached By-law.

On September 8, 1994, the Executive Policy Committee conducted a public hearing with respect to the proposed Access to Information By-law and referred the presentations submitted at the said hearing for review to the Law Department.

The Executive Policy Committee concurs with amending the Proposed Access to Information By-law by the inclusion of "Hansard" on the list of documents to which the citizens of Winnipeg are permitted access.

For the information of Council, Executive Policy Committee has referred the draft by-law to the Law Department for minor revisions prior to submission to Council.

Adopted by consent.

Agreement to Preserve N.H.L. Hockey in Winnipeg File F-5.1 (Vol. 3)

106 - 19. Council at its meeting held on September 21, 1994, ruled automatic referral of the following motion to your Committee, under Rule 16.1 of the Procedure By-law No. 5400/90:

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Moved by Councillor Murray,
Seconded by Councillor Thomas,

WHEREAS the diversion of VLT monies from the City of Winnipeg revenue stream to the Winnipeg Jets is in fact the down-loading of the Provincial commitment to cost-share the losses of the Winnipeg Jets Hockey Club;

AND WHEREAS this downloading abrogates both the spirit and substance of the understanding on which the City participated in the agreement to preserve NHL hockey in Winnipeg;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Winnipeg City Council give immediate notice to the other parties to the agreement to preserve NHL hockey in Winnipeg that we view the agreement as having been abrogated and that the Administration be directed to do all things necessary to withdraw from the agreement;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City immediately engage independent legal counsel to represent the City's interests in litigation relating to the matter of winding down the agreement and disposing of the City's share of assets and liabilities of the hockey franchise.

The Executive Policy Committee recommends non-concurrence with the above motion.

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

Moved by Councillor Thomas,
That the clause be laid over for 60 days.

Carried.

M.E.C. Management Fees
File F-5.1 (Vol. 3)

107 - 20. Council at its special meeting held on October 14, 1994, ruled automatic referral of the following motion to your Committee, under Rule 16.1 of the Procedure By-law No. 5400/90:

Moved by Councillor Thomas,
Seconded by Councillor Murray,

WHEREAS there is no provision or plan to carry losses past 1995 if the team cannot be sold;

AND WHEREAS there is no provision for covering management fees when the fund is empty and there may well be difficulties or delays in the sale of the team;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT actual revenues achieved by the sale of the Jets be calculated under the two possible scenarios of sale (within the City and sale of the franchise to another market);

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the priority for disbursements of those funds and the control of those funds be clearly established to determine how much money is available to cover the established 10 million dollar fund and what is available to refund the City for covering the operating losses of the Jets;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the source of funds for the coverage of management fees if required in the future be decided simultaneously to this amendment.

The Executive Policy Committee recommends that the above motion be filed.

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

Moved by Councillor Thomas,
That the clause be laid over for 60 days.

Carried.

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Voluntary Retirement Incentive Packages with all Certified Bargaining Units
File GU (Vol. 3)

108 - 21. Council at its meeting held on October 19, 1994, ruled automatic referral of the following motion to your Committee, under Rule 16.1 of the Procedure By-law No. 5400/90:

Moved by Councillor Lazarenko,
Seconded by Councillor Boychuk,

WHEREAS Council at its meeting of February 22, 1994, adopted a resolution which provided for a Voluntary Retirement Incentive Program to be offered to W.A.P.S.O. employees;

AND WHEREAS Council at its meeting of April 27,1994, adopted Clause 6 of the Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated April 20, 1994, which provided for a "Voluntary Retirement Incentive Program for Management";

AND WHEREAS the Board of Commissioners in their September 1994 "New Directions" Progress Report, characterized these voluntary retirement incentive plans as having "... allowed the necessary downsizing to be accomplished without damaging the economic security of individuals.";

AND WHEREAS the recently tabled 1995 Current Estimates contemplate the permanent lay-off of a substantial number of non-supervisory and non-management staff;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Chief Commissioner be instructed to negotiate voluntary retirement incentive packages with all certified bargaining units currently facing lay-offs within their ranks.

Inasmuch as voluntary retirement incentive packages are being discussed throughout the bargaining process, the Executive Policy Committee has taken this motion under advisement.

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

The Speaker called Councillor Boychuk to the Chair in order to participate in the debate.

In amendment,

Moved by Councillor Eadie,
Seconded by Councillor Clement,
THAT the clause be amended by adding the following words after the word "advisement" in the last line thereof; - "and therefore recommends that the motion be received as information".

The amendment was put and declared carried.

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

Task Force on the Restructuring of City Council File GL-5.6 (Vol. 5)

109 - 22. Council at its meeting of June 22, 1994, adopted Clause 9 of the Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated June 15, 1994, which established the Task Force on the Restructuring of City Council to make recommendations relative to the future political restructuring of City Council, and charged the Committee to submit its preliminary recommendations to Council no later than November 30, 1994 and a final submission to Council on or before March 31, 1995.

By November 1, 1994 the Committee had held nine meetings, including a Public Meeting held on October 18, 1994, at which time the Committee heard representation from 24 delegations. At its meeting the Committee reviewed its mandate, set terms of reference and established a working schedule. The Committee reviewed the current

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political/administrative operating parameters, current administrative reporting relationships and developed alternatives for a "transitional model" to meet the requirements of implementing the "New Direction" strategy, to be effective February 18, 1995.

At the Public Meeting held on October 18, 1994, recommendations were received from delegations in response to the "focus questions" prepared by the Task Force. The numerous recommendations received are being closely considered by the Task Force. It is the Committee's belief that significant changes are required to improve the current decision-making structure. These changes are far reaching and will form the basis of the Committee's final report due by March 31, 1995, including recommendations for necessary legislative amendments.

Prior to submitting its preliminary report, the Committee believes it necessary to further review the delegation of authority and is requesting that the Executive Policy Committee recommend to Council that an extension of 30 days be provided for the Task Force to submit its preliminary report to Council.

The Executive Policy Committee recommends that Council grant an extension of time of 30 days to allow for further consideration of this matter.

Adopted by consent.

Amendment to the Policy for Appointment to Boards and Commissions
File GC-7 (Vol. 24)

110 - 23. Council on May 25, 1994, ruled automatic referral of the following motion to your Committee, under Rule 16.1 of the Procedure By-law No. 5400/90:

"Moved by Councillor Boychuk,
Seconded by Councillor Reese,

THAT the policy for appointment to Boards and Commissions be amended to ensure that citizen members reside within The City of Winnipeg and/or ward affected."

The Executive Policy Committee on June 8, 1994, referred the matter to the Ad Hoc Committee to Review the Administration and Management Structure for review. On June 15, 1994, the Executive Policy Committee dissolved the Ad Hoc Committee and on July 20, 1994, referred the matter to the new Task Force appointed by Council on June 22, 1994, relative to the future political restructuring of City Council.

Inasmuch as the Law Department has requested an additional period of time to review this matter, the Executive Policy Committee recommends that Council grant an extension of time of 30 days.

Adopted by consent.

1995 Budget with a 0% tax increase / Multi-year budgeting to target a substantial property tax decrease by 1997
File GL-5.6 (Vol. 5)

111 - 24. Council at its reconvened meeting held on April 28, 1994, ruled automatic referral of the following motion to your Committee, under Rule 16.1 of the Procedure By-law No. 5400/90:

Moved by Councillor Angus,
Seconded by Councillor Clement,

WHEREAS many of the people of the City of Winnipeg feel they pay too much property tax;

AND WHEREAS Council has taken a number of initiatives to reduce costs by downsizing management and combining Departments;

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AND WHEREAS multi-year budgeting is consistent with good management techniques;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Executive Policy Committee be directed to bring in a 1995 Budget that projects a 0% tax increase for the citizens of the City of Winnipeg;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Executive Policy Committee be directed to introduce a system of multi-year budgeting which will target for a substantial property tax decrease by 1997;

AND BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that the new budgeting system allows departments to establish three year budgeting which may involve fewer line items, more authorities for managers to move money between line items and freedom for Departments to retain or roll-over year-end savings to attain overall Departmental objectives;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that an annual contingency reserve be established to address unforseen required expenditures;

AND BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that managers be allowed to develop incentive programs that meet the needs and reflect the cultures of their Departments; considering bonus programs, gain-sharing programs, and departmental awards linked to performance.

The Executive Policy Committee on July 6, 1994, referred the matter to the ongoing Council Budget and Priority Setting Seminars for 1995 and the Board of Commissioners for review and report on developing incentive programs.

The Executive Policy Committee therefore recommends that Council grant an extension of time of 120 days to allow for further consideration of the matter.

Adopted by consent.

Creation of a "Winnipeg Taxation Fairness Committee" File FL-2 (Vol. 12)

112 - 25. Council on July 20, 1994, ruled automatic referral of the following motion to your Committee, under Section 16.1 of the Procedure By-law No. 5400/90:

Moved by Councillor Lazarenko,
Seconded by Councillor Golden,

WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg has one of the highest rates of property taxation in Western Canada for the "typical" house, while at the same time one of the lowest expenditure levels per capita for the delivery of municipal services;

AND WHEREAS Winnipeg relies heavily upon property assessments for its source of taxation revenue in comparison to other cities in Canada;

AND WHEREAS the Council of the City of Winnipeg has devoted extensive time, energies and efforts in keeping the levels of taxation and their increases at reasonable levels;

AND WHEREAS the citizens of Winnipeg continue to express an ongoing concern related to the level of taxation levied on an annual basis;

AND WHEREAS there is a public perception that the system and level of taxation levied by the City of Winnipeg is both inequitable and unfair;

AND WHEREAS a system of taxation which is perceived and is seen to be fair, equitable and competitive to ratepayers and the commercial community is essential to the future economic well-being and prosperity of the City of Winnipeg;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by Council of the City of Winnipeg that there be created a "Winnipeg Taxation Fairness Committee" (the "Committee") whose mandate and make up shall be as follows:

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1. *to examine and categorize existing sources of revenue now received by the City of Winnipeg;*
2 *to identify the proportion each category of tax revenue received represents as a part of the whole;*
3. *to examine taxation systems utilized in other municipal jurisdictions;*
4. *to present to the Council of the City of Winnipeg such recommendations as it deems appropriate for the implementation of a fair system of taxation which corrects existing inequities and disparities in levels of and the system of taxation;*
5. *to present its recommendations in a report to Council within one (1) year of its appointment.*

Committee Members

Members of the Committee to be appointed by the Mayor, on a volunteer basis, in consultation with Council, shall consist of a broad representation of the community (proposed groups outlined on Appendix "A").

Council shall approach the provincial Minister of Justice to appoint the Chief Justice of the Court of Queen's Bench or his designate to chair the Committee.

AND BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that the said Committee shall be entitled to receive the necessary financial and human resources and assistance from the offices of the Board of Commissioners, the City Clerk's Department, the City Assessor and such other office(s) or officer(s) as may be deemed appropriate by the Committee.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Committee be entitled to determine its own rules of procedure.

Committee on August 31, 1994, passed a motion that consideration of the matter be referred to a Council Seminar to be held within 30 days.

Inasmuch as Council has not held its Seminar with respect to this matter, the Executive Policy Committee therefore recommends that Council grant an extension of time of 30 days to allow for further consideration.

Adopted by consent.

Appointment of a Second Council representative to Tourism Winnipeg
File G-2 (Vol. 17)

113 - 26. Council, at its Organizational Meeting held on November 2, 1994, appointed Councillor Hyman to Tourism Winnipeg. The appointment of a second Council representative has been referred to the Executive Policy Committee.

The Executive Policy Committee recommends that Councillor O'Shaughnessy be appointed as the second Council representative to Tourism Winnipeg.

Adopted by consent.

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

114 - 27. Council at its adjourned meeting held on December 17, 1993, ruled automatic referral of the following motion to your Committee, under Rule 16.1 of the Procedure By-law No. 5400/90:

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Moved by Councillor Hyman,
Seconded by Councillor Silva,

WHEREAS the debate and review of the 1994 Current Estimates is about to begin;

AND WHEREAS at the culmination of the debate on the 1993 Current Estimates it was agreed upon by Council that a review of revenue sources would be conducted with a view to implementing a revenue strategy;

AND WHEREAS Councillor O'Shaughnessy was appointed by the Executive Policy Committee as an Ad Hoc Committee of One to look at diversity of revenue sources for the City of Winnipeg;

AND WHEREAS the Report of the Ad Hoc Committee has not yet been distributed to all members of Council for discussion;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg directly supports tourism promotion in its funding of the Convention Centre, Tourism Winnipeg and Winnipeg 2000;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City explore the financial implications of instituting a "hotel/motel accommodations tax" and directing the revenue to funding the Convention Centre, Tourism Winnipeg, and Winnipeg 2000.

The Executive Policy Committee requested The Board of Commissioners to enter into formal discussions with the Manitoba Hotel Association, the Winnipeg Convention Centre, Tourism Winnipeg and Winnipeg 2000 regarding this proposal.

A meeting was held with representatives of the above referenced organizations. Concerns were indicated that such a tax would impact negatively on hotel use in Winnipeg.

A 2% tax levy on purchases of transient hotel and motel accommodation within the City would generate approximately $850,000 per annum.

There is a logical consistency to using the proceeds from an accommodation tax to fund tourism promotion, including the operation of facilities and events that would tend to attract tourists such as the Convention Centre, the Zoo, Tourism Winnipeg or special events such as the Grey Cup.

The annual revenue from the sale of transient hotel/motel accommodation is estimated at $42,500,000. Average room rates have been decreasing marginally in recent years. Therefore, revenue growth is assumed to be zero.

In order for the taxation of hotel/motel accommodation by the City and if authorized by The Provincial Municipal Tax Sharing Act, the following implementation steps would have to take place:

1. The City of Winnipeg to pass a by-law setting rates, defining services to be taxed, establishing a collection method, appointing the collectors and fixing fees and commissions.

2. The by-law to be approved the Lieutenant Governor-in-Council.

Recently, a survey was conducted with respect to hotel room taxes imposed in other jurisdictions and the results of that survey show that at 14%, Manitoba's rate of taxation on hotel rooms is competitive.

In view of the relatively small amount of revenue anticipated from this source and a possible adverse impact on tourism in Winnipeg, it is suggested that a hotel/motel accommodation tax not be pursued.

The Executive Policy Committee recommends that the City not consider implementing a hotel/motel accommodation tax.

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

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

Carried.

The Speaker here resumed the Chair.

Appointments of Directors for 7th International Winter Cities Winnipeg 1996 Inc./ 7 ième rencontre internationale des villes hivernales Winnipeg 1996 inc.
File GC-8.10 (Vol. 3)

115 - 28. On February 21, 1994, Council adopted Clause 4 of the Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated February 16, 1994, wherein Council instructed individuals to serve as directors on the 7th International Winter Cities Winnipeg 1996 Inc. and also that:

g) As other individuals are selected to serve on the Board of Directors further approvals and instructions will be sought from City Council.

The Executive Policy Committee has been advised that the recruitment of the various committee chairpersons is now effectively completed and it is now an appropriate time to have more individuals appointed by City Council to the Board of Directors.

The Executive Policy Committee recommends the following individuals serve on the Board of Directors of the 7th International Winter Cities Winnipeg 1996 Inc.

Ivan Berkowitz	replacing Martin Eva
Marjorie Hamilton	replacing Noel Joyal
Alyson Schwartz	replacing David Leitold
Judy Waytiuk	replacing Roger Currie
Rod Zimmer	
Dave Grant	
Jim Lewis	
Claudia Engel Boyce	
Deborah Thorlakson	
Rudy Friesen	
Hartley Richardson	

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

In amendment,

Moved by Her Worship Mayor Thompson,
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Fraser,
THAT the clause be amended as follows:

i) deleting the name Claudia Engel Boyce, as she has resigned; and

ii) adding to the list the name of a new director, Greg Dandewich.

The amendment was put and declared carried.

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

REPORT OF THE

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

DATED NOVEMBER 16, 1994

On motion of Her Worship Mayor Thompson, the rule was suspended and the Report of the Executive Policy Committee, dated November 16, 1994, was considered.

Her Worship The Mayor and Councillors:

Your Executive Policy Committee submits the following Report and recommends:

Appointments to the Positions of Deputy Chief of Police - Winnipeg Police Service
File GP-1.19 (Vol. 15)

116 - 1. The Executive Policy Committee has been advised that a position has been vacant since January 1991 (with the retirement of P. A. Johnston). At that time the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture recommended that a study be conducted of the Police Department management structure with a view to re-organizing from three (3) Deputy Chiefs to two (2) Deputy Chiefs. On March 1993 the newly appointed Chief instructed that a reorganization review be conducted to include, inter alia, a study of the existing rank structure.

On January 17, 1994, the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture agreed with the recommendation that the three (3) Deputy Chief structure be retained and approved filling the vacant Deputy Chief of Police position. On July 20, 1994, Council approved the Police Service organization which included an establishment of three (3) Deputy Chiefs.

With the retirement of Deputy Chief Joe Gallagher on September 17, 1994, a second Deputy Chief position became vacant. Bulletin #63/94 was issued on July 21, 1994, to all civic departments, to fill two (2) positions of Deputy Chief.

Fifteen applications were received for the two vacancies of Deputy Chief of Police. Fourteen of the applicants were from within the Winnipeg Police Service and one was from another City department. After initial review it was determined that three (3) applicants were not qualified. The remaining twelve (12) applicants were interviewed on September 14th and 15th by the interview panel consisting of the Commissioner of Protection, Parks and Culture, the Chief of Police and an Employment Officer from the Personnel Department.

The interview panel shortlisted five (5) candidates, which were re-interviewed by the panel and The Board of Commissioners. The interview panel and The Board of Commissioners were unanimous in their choice.

The Executive Policy Committee recommends that Brian Kramble, currently Acting Deputy Chief (Administration) and Terry McGregor, currently Inspector of Human Resources, be appointed to the two positions of Deputy Chief of Police.

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

The motion for the adoption of the clause was put.

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

Yea: Councillors Reese, Boychuk, Clement, Duguid, Eadie, Golden, Hyman, Murray, Prystanski, Silva, Thomas, Fraser, Her Worship Mayor Thompson and Councillor Angus. 14

Nay: Councillor Lazarenko. 1

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

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

On motion of Her Worship Mayor Thompson, Clause 7 of the Report of the Executive Policy Committee, dated October 7 1994, laid over by Council on October 19, 1994, was considered.

Interest Free Loan - Funding Capital Projects File FC-2 (Vol. 17)

117 - 7. Council at its reconvened meeting held on June 23, 1994, ruled automatic referral of the following motion to your Committee, under Rule 16.1 of the Procedure By-law No. 5400/90:

Moved by Councillor Lazarenko,
Seconded by Councillor Boychuk,

WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg must from time to time, authorize the issue of bonds to finance capital projects that are necessary to ensure the health and welfare of the citizens of Winnipeg;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg recognizes that the cost of interest for bonds issued to fund capital projects is a great burden on the taxpayers of Winnipeg;

AND WHEREAS in the year 1994, City of Winnipeg borrowing costs totalled approximately $100 million in interest alone;

AND WHEREAS the Bank of Canada has the responsibility and the authority to regulate credit and currency in the best interests of the economic life of the nation;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Winnipeg request the Federal Government to instruct the Bank of Canada to issue an interest-free loan or a loan at a reduced interest rate, to the City of Winnipeg, for the purpose of funding capital projects and for paying off existing debts incurred by the City

Inasmuch as the Executive Policy Committee has been advised by The Bank of Canada that the Bank of Canada Act does not have power to grant interest free loans to municipalities or similar borrowers and has received a similar response from the Canadian Bankers Association, the Executive Policy Committee therefore recommends that the above motion be filed.

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

Council recessed at 11:59 a.m., and reconvened at 1:34 p.m., same members present.

Councillors Golden, Murray, O'Shaughnessy and Prystanski entered the meeting after Council had reconvened.

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

The motion to refer was put.

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

Yea: Councillors Reese, Boychuk, Hyman, Lazarenko, Prystanski and Thomas. 6

Nay: Councillors Clement, Duguid, Eadie, Silva, Fraser, Her Worship Mayor Thompson and Councillor Angus. 7

and the motion to refer was declared lost.

The motion for the adoption of the clause was put.

Executive Policy Committee - Unfinished Business (continued)

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

Yea: Councillors Reese, Clement, Duguid, Eadie, Hyman, Murray, O'Shaughnessy, Silva, Fraser, Her Worship Mayor Thompson and Councillor Angus. 11

Nay: Councillors Boychuk, Golden, Lazarenko, Prystanski and Thomas. 5

and the motion for the adoption of the recommendation that the motion be filed was declared carried.

MOTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Moved by Councillor Hyman,
Seconded by Councillor Thomas,

118 - WHEREAS it has been more than ninety (90) days since the matter of the Polo Park site for an arena was referred to Executive Policy Committee;

AND WHEREAS there is significant support on Council for the construction of a new facility on the Polo Park site, given that the cost of such a facility would be approximately half the cost of either of the proposed downtown locations;

AND WHEREAS the Polo Park site is the least likely to involve government subsidy;

AND WHEREAS the cost of constructing an arena/entertainment facility and the subsequent annual cost of financing the resulting debt is critical to the viability of both the facility and the N.H.L. franchise;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT a careful analysis be undertaken of the costs of the current Polo Park site versus the proposed downtown location and this be added as a third option to be investigated in the next three months.

The Speaker ruled that this matter would be laid over for 60 days in accordance with clauses 19 and 20 of the Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated November 9, 1994.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

MOTIONS

Moved by Councillor O'Shaughnessy,
Seconded Councillor Golden,

119 - WHEREAS Trevor Thomas commenced employment with the Metropolitan Corporation of Greater Winnipeg in 1969;

AND WHEREAS Mr. Thomas joined the City of Winnipeg Law Department under the unified civic system;

AND WHEREAS Mr. Thomas served this City, the administration and the elected representatives diligently over twenty-five years;

AND WHEREAS Mr. Thomas willingly shared his knowledge, expertise and wit with all who approached him;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council place on record its recognition of his faithful service to the City of Winnipeg;

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AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council express to Trevor and his wife Louise, best wishes for a healthy and happy retirement.

Carried.

Moved by Councillor Lazarenko,
Seconded by Councillor Hyman,

120 - WHEREAS the 1995 budget process has identified the need to be fiscally responsible;

AND WHEREAS an agreement between the City of Winnipeg and the Winnipeg Association of Public Service Officers (W.A.P.S.O.) has been successfully negotiated and approved by Council at its meeting of October 19, 1994;

AND WHEREAS Council at its meeting of March 22, 1993, extended the Collective Agreement between the Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 500 (C.U.P.E.) and the City of Winnipeg to December 24, 1994;

AND WHEREAS Council desires to renew and revise the provisions of that Collective Agreement and/or adopt a new Collective Agreement;

AND WHEREAS under City Policy C151, the Board of Commissioners has been given the authority to consult and report to Executive Policy Committee with respect to labour negotiations;

AND WHEREAS Section 3(9) of Schedule "A" of By-law 4444/86, being the Organizational By-law of the City of Winnipeg, has delegated to the Executive Policy Committee, the authority to:

> "Give direction to the Chief Commissioner of The Board of Commissioners on policies relating to the civic personnel, including employee relations, contract negotiations, changes in the civic establishment and related personnel matters.";

AND WHEREAS Council at its meeting of May 25, 1988, adopted Clause 1 of the Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated May 19, 1988, establishing the Joint Committee, Council Members and C.U.P.E., comprised of three Council Members and three representatives of C.U.P.E.;

AND WHEREAS Council at its Organizational Meeting held on November 2, 1994 appointed Councillors Clement, Duguid and Eadie as its representatives to the Joint Committee, Council Members and C.U.P.E. Representatives for the 1994 - 1995 term;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that only for the purposes of renewal and revision of the current Collective Agreement, between the Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 500 (C.U.P.E.) and the City of Winnipeg expiring December 24, 1994, that Council Policy C151 be temporarily suspended (until January 24th, 1995) in an effort to secure an expedited agreement and that By-law No. 4444/86, be amended accordingly to provide that:

I. The Committee on Finance and Administration be delegated the power and duties in respect to contract negotiations with C.U.P.E. Local 500 for purposes of renewal and revision of the provisions of the Collective Agreement to receive a report thereon from the Sub-Committee hereinafter established;

II. A Sub-Committee of the Committee on Finance and Administration comprised of Councillors Clement, Duguid and Eadie be established to give direction to the Chief Commissioner or Board of Commissioners in respect to such renewal and revision, and report back to the Committee with its recommendations;

III. The proper officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.

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

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

Executive Policy Committee - Motions (continued)

The motion to suspend the rule was put.

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

Yea: Councillors Reese, Boychuk, Clement, Duguid, Golden, Hyman, Lazarenko, Murray, Prystanski, Silva, Thomas and Angus. 12

Nay: Councillors Eadie, O'Shaughnessy, Fraser and Her Worship Mayor Thompson. 4

and the motion to suspend the rule was declared carried.

121 - Pursuant to The Municipal Council Conflict of Interest Act, Councillor Prystanski advised that he would refrain from entering the discussion and from voting on the above motion, due to his employment association with the City of Winnipeg, being a C.U.P.E. employee on a political leave of absence, and left the Chamber.

The Speaker called the Deputy Speaker, Councillor Reese, to the Chair in order to participate in the debate, and after speaking, resumed the Chair.

The motion was put.

Moved by Councillor Silva,
That the rule be suspended to allow consideration of the following amendment to the motion.

Moved by Councillor Silva,
Seconded by Councillor Clement,
THAT the motion proposed by Councillors Lazarenko and Hyman be hereby amended by deleting the words commencing "NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED" through to the end of the resolution in its entirety and substituting therefor the following:-

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT only for the purposes of renewal and revision of the current Collective Agreement, between the Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 500 CUPE and the City of Winnipeg expiring December 24, 1994, that Council Policy C151 be temporarily suspended (until January 24, 1995) in an effort to secure an expedited agreement and notwithstanding the provisions of By-law No. 4444/86 that:-

i) "Ad Hoc Negotiating Committee of the Executive Policy Committee" comprising Councillors Clement, Duguid and Eadie be established to give direction on behalf of the Executive Policy Committee to the Chief Commissioner or Board of Commissioners in respect to the renewal and revision of the provisions of the Collective Agreement with CUPE, Local 500 and report back to the Executive Policy Committee with its recommendations.

ii) The proper officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.

With the concurrence of the seconder, Councillor Duguid, and with the permission of Council, Councillor Silva withdrew the amendment.

The motion proposed by Councillors Lazarenko and Hyman was put.

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

Yea: Councillors Reese, Boychuk, Clement, Duguid, Golden, Hyman, Lazarenko, Murray, Silva, Thomas and Angus. 11

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Nay: Councillors Eadie, O'Shaughnessy, Fraser and Her Worship Mayor Thompson. 4

and the motion was declared carried.

Moved by Councillor Lazarenko,
Seconded by Councillor Boychuk,

122 - WHEREAS Council on February 12, 1992, adopted Clause 1 of the Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated February 12, 1992, and established a Council Members' Compensation Package;

AND WHEREAS in that report, Council adopted an increase in the "additional remuneration" portion of the salary of Chairpersons of each Standing Committee and the Deputy Mayor from $6,854.00 to the current level of $10,934.30;

AND WHEREAS the responsibilities of each of the Chairpersons of the Standing Committees and the Deputy Mayor are not more than those of other Members of Council, since non-Chair Members of Council serve on two (2) Standing Committees; chair Sub-Committees; attend Council, Community Committee, and Ad Hoc Committee Meetings; as well as serve on various Boards and Commissions; yet no additional remuneration is provided;

AND WHEREAS in that report, Council also set the Speaker's "additional remuneration" portion of the salary to the current level of $10,934.30 and the Deputy Speaker's at the current level of $5,468.06;

AND WHEREAS the Mayor and all Members of Council have identified significant fiscal concerns;

AND WHEREAS Council members should be a role model, and practice the restraint they preach;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council establish a task force, comprised of citizen members to review the said remuneration with respect to justification as to workload and the current fiscal concerns, and report back to Council within 60 days;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the task force examine all forms of remuneration received by the Mayor and the Mayor's Office and make appropriate recommendations for cuts acknowledging fiscal restraint.

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

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

The motion to suspend the rule was put.

Couniclor Fraser called for the yeas and nays, which were as follows:-

Yea: Councillors Reese, Boychuk, Clement, Duguid, Golden, Lazarenko, O'Shaughnessy, Fraser, Her Worship Mayor Thompson and Councillor Angus. 10

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

and the motion to suspend the rule was declared carried.

The Speaker called Councillor Golden to the Chair and left the Chamber.

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

The motion was put.

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

Yea: Councillors Boychuk, Lazarenko, Murray and O'Shaughnessy. 4

Nay: Councillors Clement, Eadie, Fraser, Her Worship Mayor Thompson and Councillor Golden. 5

and the motion that the question be now put was declared lost.

Councillor Murray questioned whether the motion was in order in that he believed that there was ambiguity and contradiction in the wording of the first resolve.

The Acting Speaker ruled the motion to be in order.

Councillor Murray challenged the ruling of the Chair.

The question, "Shall the ruling of the Chair be sustained?" was put and the ruling of the Chair was sustained.

The Speaker returned to the Chamber and resumed the Chair.

Councillor Prystanski here returned to the Chamber.

With the concurrence of the seconder, Councillor Boychuk, Councillor Lazarenko requested that the motion be withdrawn.

Councillor Lazarenko's request to withdraw was put.

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

Yea: Councillors Boychuk, Duguid, Eadie, Lazarenko, Murray and Thomas. 6

Nay: Councillors Clement, Golden, O'Shaughnessy, Prystanski, Fraser, Her Worship Mayor Thompson and Councillor Angus. 7

and the request to withdraw was denied.

In amendment,

Moved by Councillor Clement,
Seconded by Councillor Boychuk,
THAT after the word "days" in the first resolve, the following words be added; - "subject to the report being binding on all 16 elected representatives";

AND THAT the second resolve be dismissed because it only allows for a negative decision within the task force.

The Speaker called Councillor Boychuk to the Chair in order to participate in the debate, and after speaking, resumed the Chair.

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With the concurrence of the seconder, Councillor Boychuk and with the permission of Council, Councillor Clement withdrew the amendment.

The motion proposed by Councillors Lazarenko and Boychuk was put.

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

Yea: Councillor Lazarenko. 1

Nay: Councillors Boychuk, Clement, Duguid, Eadie, Golden, Hyman, Murray, O'Shaughnessy, Prystanski, Silva, Thomas, Fraser, and Councillor Angus. 13

and the motion was declared lost.

Moved by Councillor Lazarenko,
Seconded by Councillor Hyman,

123 - WHEREAS the principles of democratic government require that the people of the City of Winnipeg be given the fullest possible access to information on the conduct of the affairs of the City so that they can intelligently exercise their rights and responsibilities as citizens;

AND WHEREAS exceptions to this right of access to information should be created only where they are necessary to protect the privacy of individuals or some clearly defined overriding public interest;

AND WHEREAS in 1984 the Executive Policy Committee appointed an ad hoc committee of members of Council to review the policy of the City of Winnipeg regarding access to information;

AND WHEREAS in 1990 the legislature of the Province of Manitoba enacted amendments to the City of Winnipeg Act which requires the City to adopt a by-law on access to information;

AND WHEREAS since 1984 there have been significant developments in other jurisdictions in the field of access to information and major new challenges and opportunities resulting from the development of computer technology;

AND WHEREAS a draft By-law No. 6420/94 was presented to City Council for approval and the City Council resolved on June 22, 1994 to refer the matter to Executive Policy Committee for a public hearing;

AND WHEREAS the Executive Policy Committee held a hearing on September 8, 1994 at which time the City Ombudsman and a number of members of the public, including people with expertise in government information and human rights, made presentations which criticized and called for changes to certain portions of the draft by-law;

AND WHEREAS the Executive Policy Committee and the City Law Department have neither provided a satisfactory response to these criticisms nor recommended any significant changes to the draft by-law;

AND WHEREAS the City could benefit from a further review of the question of access to information in light of these new developments;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED AS FOLLOWS:

I. THAT there be created a "Winnipeg Access to Information Committee" (the "Committee") whose mandate shall be as follows:

1. to review the draft Access to Information By-law and similar by-laws and legislation in other jurisdictions;

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2. to formulate recommendations on access to information by-laws and procedures which reflect the principle that citizens shall be given access to the information on the affairs of the City subject only to those exceptions which are required to protect the privacy of individuals or the public interest;

3. to present its recommendations to Council on a draft by-law on access to information which can be passed under the terms of the existing City of Winnipeg Act within two (2) months of its appointment; and

4. to present its recommendations to Council on changes to the City of Winnipeg Act relating to access to information which Council should request the Provincial Legislature to enact and any further changes to the access to information by-law which could be made as a result of such amendments, within four (4) months after its appointment.

II. THAT Councillors Lazarenko, Thomas and Hyman be delegated jointly the responsibility for submitting recommendations for Committee appointees to the Selection Committee of the Executive Policy Committee: and that the Executive Policy Committee, in turn, shall submit the names of suitable appointees for ratification by Council, not later than the January 25th, 1995 scheduled meeting of Council.

III. THAT members of the Committee, once appointed, shall serve on a volunteer basis and shall include persons with expertise in the following areas:

- A member of the academic community with an expertise in municipal politics and/or government information
- A prominent lawyer who is a recognized authority on municipal law
- A professional librarian with expertise in computerized government records
- A citizen at large as a community representative

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the said Committee shall be entitled to receive the necessary financial and human resources and assistance from the offices of the Board of Commissioners, the City Clerk's Department, the City Law Department and such other offices or officers as may be deemed appropriate by the Committee;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Committee may retain independent legal counsel to assist in drafting an amended by-law.

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

Moved by Councillor O'Shaughnessy,

That the rule be suspended to allow consideration of the motion at this time.

The motion to suspend the rule was put.

Councillor O'Shaughnessy called for the yeas and nays, which were as follows:-

Yea: Councillors Clement, Golden, Lazarenko, O'Shaughnessy, Silva, Fraser and Angus. 7

Nay: Councillors Boychuk, Duguid, Eadie, Hyman, Murray, Prystanski, Thomas and Her Worship Mayor Thompson. 8

and the motion to suspend the rule was declared lost.

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Moved by Councillor Silva,
Seconded by Councillor Thomas,

124 - WHEREAS the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture awarded the Contract for the purpose of serving Court documents, enforcing The City of Winnipeg By-Laws, including Parking Meter and Traffic By-laws, and enforcing The Highway Traffic Act of Manitoba under the direction of the Winnipeg Police Service (Parking Patrol Contract) to the Canadian Corps of Commissionaires (Manitoba Division) for a term of twelve (12) months commencing on April 1, 1990 and expiring on March 31, 1991;

AND WHEREAS the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture approved successive 12 month extensions to the above Contract expiring March 31, 1992, March 31, 1993 and March 31, 1994 respectively on the same terms and conditions as in the foregoing Contract save and except for rate increases;

AND WHEREAS the Winnipeg Police Service further extended the foregoing Contract on an interim basis on April 1, 1994 pursuant to sub-clause (c)(ii) of Clause 7 of the Purchasing Policies on the same terms and conditions as the above Contract until it completed a review of the practise of awarding this Contract to the Canadian Corps of Commissionaires (Manitoba Division) on a sole source basis.

AND WHEREAS the said review has been completed and the Winnipeg Police Service will be forwarding a report to the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture for consideration at its meeting on January 10, 1995 which Report will set out a recommendation from the Winnipeg Police Service as to whether the City should continue to award the Parking Patrol Contract to the Canadian Corps of Commissionaires (Manitoba Division) on a sole source basis or whether the City should solicit competitive bids for the Contract.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT City Council ratify the extension of the Parking Patrol Contract from April 1st, 1994 until no later than March 31, 1995 pending a decision from City Council on the recommendation in the foregoing Report as to whether to continue awarding the Contract to the Canadian Corps Commissionaires (Manitoba Division) on a sole source basis or whether the City should be soliciting competitive bids.

The Speaker ruled automatic referral to the Committee Protection, Parks and Culture in accordance with Rule 16.1 of the Procedure By-law.

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

Carried.

The motion was put and declared carried.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

125 - On motion of Her Worship Mayor Thompson, 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. 6504/94, a By-law of The City of Winnipeg to amend By-law No. 4444/86 being the City's Organization By-law and certain amending By-laws thereto. File GL-5.6 (Vol. 6) and SC-3.13 (Vol. 13)

By-law No. 6512/94, a By-law of The City of Winnipeg to amend By-law No. 98/72, as amended, being a by-law providing for the regulation of local improvements
File SL-1(Vol. 19)

By-law No. 6513/94, a By-law of the City of Winnipeg to reactivate certain local improvements on Bethune Way deferred by By-Law No. 5478/90 File SL-1 (Vol. 19)

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

QUESTION PERIOD

126 - Councillor Golden requested an update on the question of committee formation to address the deterioration of the Main Street area.

Her Worship Mayor Thompson indicated that the final negotiations of the Winnipeg Development Agreement were underway and stated that once the agreement was in place, Councillor Golden's suggestion would be reviewed.

Councillor Golden questioned when the negotiations would be completed.

Her Worship Mayor Thompson indicated that she anticipated completion by the end of the month.

Councillor Golden questioned whether the creation of the committees would be a first priority in 1995, if the negotiations were completed by the end of the month.

Her Worship Mayor Thompson noted that this item would be addressed.

Councillor Clement noted that the Municipal Board had recently made a ruling concerning residential properties in Lindenwoods subdivision regarding the reassessment of some of the properties and questioned who had the authority to challenge the ruling.

Her Worship Mayor Thompson indicated that she would report back on the matter.

Councillor Murray noted Executive Policy Committee's June 1994 budget directive which directed the administration to standardize the child social assistance rates to be consistent with the Provincial rates and requested that Her Worship identify her policy on social assistance payments to children, in terms of whether it supported the existing Federal-Municipal agreement or whether it supported the undoing of the Federal-Municipal agreement.

Her Worship Mayor Thompson noted that the June budget guideline represented the commencement of the budget process and related deliberations.

Councillor Murray questioned why Executive Policy Committee suggested the standardization of the rates which represented a decrease of approximately 10 percent and questioned whether Her Worship supported this decrease.

Her Worship Mayor Thompson noted that she would come to a personal recommendation within the budget deliberation process.

Councillor Golden noted that historically, Executive Policy Committee presented a budget for deliberation by Community Committee and Standing Committee and questioned whether Executive Policy Committee would be presenting its 1995 budget for Community Committee review.

Her Worship Mayor Thompson noted that the budget process schedule provided for Executive Policy Committee to table its budget on November 30, 1994 and hear public delegations at this time.

Councillor Golden noted that the Community Committee meeting had been held at a time when the working public could attend and in further noting that the public had been waiting on the Executive Policy Committee budget, questioned whether there would be an opportunity for the working public to review the Executive Policy Committee budget at the Community Committee.

Her Worship Mayor Thompson noted the budget process schedule which included opportunity to hear public delegations at Executive Policy Committee and stated that she should be made aware of any problems pertaining to public attendance, and that she would seek the advice of Council if complaints are raised.

Councillor Boychuk referred to Executive Policy Committee's budget directive and questioned whether a reduction directive was given to Winnipeg 2000.

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Her Worship Mayor Thompson noted that the corporate accounts were frozen at last years levels.

Councillor Boychuk referred to the Mayor's recent trip to Texas and questioned the purpose of the trip.

Her Worship Mayor Thompson noted that the City of Winnipeg was a member of the "Red River Trade Corridor" which is part of the "Mid-Continental Corridor" and stated that there are several lobbying efforts to secure the "primary trade route", and the "I-69 route" and that the purpose of her trip was to lobby for a north-south route which would include Winnipeg.

Councillor Hyman questioned when Her Worship would host a seminar on priorities and Plan Winnipeg.

Her Worship Mayor Thompson noted that the seminars had already been scheduled.

Councillor Hyman questioned where the work on Plan Winnipeg fits in with Council's priority planning.

Her Worship Mayor Thompson noted that all priority planning to date had been based upon Plan Winnipeg.

Councillor Thomas requested an update on the finalization of the Winnipeg Development Agreement.

Her Worship Mayor Thompson noted that the three levels of government anticipated concurrence before the end of November.

Councillor Thomas questioned whether any of the three levels of government had been stalling the process.

Her Worship Mayor Thompson noted that the financial commitment of each of the three levels of government had not changed, and that she was not aware of any stalling.

Councillor Murray noted the imminent Christmas season and questioned what priority Her Worship held the child welfare rates issue and under what conditions and criteria would she order the current rates back in the budget.

Her Worship Mayor Thompson noted that the Christmas Cheer Board is willing to provide Christmas hampers to persons receiving social assistance and that Council would be making the decision on welfare rates in its budget debate.

Moved by Councillor Golden,

That Rule 8.6 of the Procedure By-law be suspended to allow Councillors to remove their jackets.

Carried.