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REPORT OF THE

SECRETARIAT COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL

DATED JUNE 2, 1994

On motion of Councillor Reese, the Report of the Secretariat Committee of Council, dated June 2, 1994, was considered.

Her Worship The Mayor and Councillors:

Development of a Code of Conduct/Ethics for the Council of the City of Winnipeg
File GL-5.7

843 - 1. Council, on October 20, 1993, adopted the following motion to develop a Code of Conduct for the Members of Council, which directed that the Secretariat Committee draft a Code of Conduct/Ethics for Council approval:

Moved by Councillor Hyman,
Seconded by Councillor Eadie,

WHEREAS Council at its meeting held on September 22 referred the following motion to Executive Policy Committee and subsequently to the Secretariat Committee:

'WHEREAS in a democracy, government should be open and accessible and elected officials impartial and responsible to the people;

AND WHEREAS the public must have confidence in the integrity of its government;

AND WHEREAS City of Winnipeg Councillors are currently subject to the regulations regarding Conflict of Interest under the Municipal Council Conflict of Interest Act;

AND WHEREAS in order to strengthen the integrity and to enhance public trust in civic government, it is advisable that a Code of Conduct be developed to supplement existing provincial legislation;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Winnipeg request the Province of Manitoba to enact the necessary legislation to permit the City of Winnipeg, by by-law, to establish a Code of Conduct for the Members of the Council of the City of Winnipeg.';

AND WHEREAS it was determined at a subsequent meeting of the Secretariat Committee that the terminology "Code of Conduct" in the referenced motion also meant "Conflict of Interest" which is covered by Provincial Statute;

AND WHEREAS due to time constraints, the Secretariat Committee was unable to complete its discussions on this issue in order to report in time for the October 20th meeting of City Council;

AND WHEREAS Councillors' Conflict of Interest regulations are contained in provincial Statute, while a Code of Conduct/Ethics could be enacted by Council without Statute amendment;

AND WHEREAS It would be appropriate to deal with these two issues separately;

AND WHEREAS the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act was enacted by the Manitoba Legislature in 1983 and has not been examined for its effectiveness since that time;

AND WHEREAS the Manitoba Council Conflict of Interest Act applies to all Manitoba Municipalities equally, and does not take into account the complexity of issues that the councils of larger urban municipalities are faced with on a daily basis;

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council concur in the following recommendations, namely:-

1) That the Government of Manitoba be requested to conduct a review of the Municipal Council Conflict of Interest Act, and to adopt a separate act, in consultation with City council, which would be applicable to the City of Winnipeg, or, to adopt legislation which would permit Winnipeg City Council to pass its own Conflict of Interest By-law;

2) That the Secretariat Committee be directed to draft a Code of Conduct/Ethics for Council approval, which would be applicable to the Mayor and Councillors of The City of Winnipeg;

3) That the Council motion of September 22nd which was referred to the Executive Policy Committee and to the Secretariat Committee, be filed.

The Secretariat Committee began its deliberations in November 1993, at which time it reviewed background information and conducted extensive research. Since that time, the Secretariat Committee has convened several meetings, held discussions with all Members of Council and held a meeting to hear public representation.

For the information of Council, your Secretariat Committee is continuing to pursue the development of a Code and expects to be in a position to report back to Council on September 21, 1994.

Moved by Councillor Reese,
Adoption of the clause.

Carried.

Council here reverted to the order of business - "Executive Policy Committee, - Motions".

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

MOTIONS

Moved by Councillor Lazarenko,
Seconded by Councillor Fraser,
844 - WHEREAS Council adopted Clause 9 of the Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated June 15, 1994, which established a Task Force relative the future restructuring of City Council;

AND WHEREAS the Task Force is to be comprised of the Deputy Mayor as Chair, a member of Executive Policy Committee appointed by Her Worship The Mayor, and three members of Council elected at large;

BE IT RESOLVED that the at-large appointees of Council be Councillors Angus, Prystanski and Reese.

The motion was put.

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

Yea: Councillors Reese, Boychuk, Clement, Eadie, Golden, Lazarenko, Prystanski, Silva, Fraser, Her Worship Mayor Thompson and Councillor Angus. 11

Nay: Councillors Duguid, Hyman, Murray, O'Shaughnessy and Thomas. 5

and the motion was declared carried.