REPORT OF THE

COMMITTEE ON PROTECTION, PARKS AND CULTURE

DATED MAY 1, 1995

On motion of Councillor Silva, the Report of the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture, dated May 1, 1995, was considered clause by clause.

Moved by Councillor Silva,

That the Consent Agenda, Clauses 1 and 2, be adopted.

Carried.

Her Worship the Mayor and Councillors:

Dedication of Space in the Proposed Expansion of the Luxton Community Centre for the St. Cross Child Care Centre Inc.
Files FC-1(1996-2000) & PR-2 (Vol. 79)

814 - 1. Council, on November 17, 1994, referred a motion to the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture with respect to the concept of dedicating space in the proposed expansion/renovation to the Luxton Community Centre for the St. Cross Child Care facility.

Council, on January 26, and April 19, 1995, granted extensions of time of 90 and 60 days, respectively, for consideration of the matter.

On March 6, 1995, the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture referred the matter to the Parks and Recreation Department Administration and the General Council of Winnipeg Community Centres for review and recommendation.

On April 3, 1995, the General Council of Winnipeg Community Centres unanimously passed the following motion: "That the primary mandate of community centres is the provision of recreation and leisure programs for their residents; provision of day care services should only be considered where the recreational needs of the community centre would not be compromised, as day care programs are the jurisdiction of the Province of Manitoba and no funding should be provided in either the construction or ongoing operation of day care programs."

The Parks and Recreation Department has indicated its concurrence with the foregoing motion, and following the consultation process with the General Council of Winnipeg Community Centres, submitted the following points for consideration:

1. Many community centres are limited in terms of space available for the expansion of their facilities, and therefore, the recreational requirements of the community centre must be the first priority when considering expansion projects.

2. It is recognized that day care centres provide a valuable service to the community, however, the inclusion of such a program into a community centre facility can only be considered if all the recreational needs of the community centre have been met.

3. Day care centres based from community centre facilities are normally designated as exclusive use areas, due to the nature of their operation and corresponding health/licensing requirements.

4. Day centre centres currently operating out of community centre facilities pay a lease or rental fee directly to the community centre to cover the facility operating costs.

5. The Universal Funding Formula for community centres adopted by Council in June 1993, does not include dedicated one purpose areas (ie. leased day care centres) under the criteria for calculation of square footage; therefore, community centres with day care facilities receive no operating funds to cover the costs (ie. utilities, maintenance supplies) of the square footage dedicated to the day care.

6. Although two organizations co-exist in one facility, the community centre executive is ultimately responsible for the overall operation of the facility, and it is imperative that the community centre be receptive to the

inclusion of the day care operation of day care programs.

The Parks and Recreation Department expressed concern that the resolution from the Lord Selkirk-West Kildonan Community Committee does not address the matter of capital funding relative to the proposed expansion of the Luxton Community Centre. It is the opinion of the Administration and General Council of Winnipeg Community Centres, that City funding should not be provided for either the construction or ongoing operation of day care programs.

On May 1, 1995, the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture again heard representation from the Ward Councillor, H. Lazarenko, accompanied by Terry Clifford and Leslie Blahut of the St. Cross Child Care Centre Inc., in support of dedicating space in the proposed expansion of the Luxton Community Centre for the Child Care Centre.

The Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture therefore recommends:

I. That the City endorse the proposed expansion of the Luxton Community Centre for the St. Cross Child Care Centre Inc., subject to the following:

(a) Concurrence by the Luxton Community Centre, and their assurance that the recreational needs of the Community Centre have not been compromised; and

(b) No City funding being committed to the development or ongoing operation of the Child Care facility.

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

Adopted by consent.

Community Incentive Grant Program - Tyndall Park Community Centre Inc.
File PR-2.6 (34) (Vol. 1)

815 - 2. The Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture has considered an application from Tyndall Park Community Centre Inc. for a Community Incentive Grant in the amount of $23,000.00 for completion of the Kinver Park play structure.

The application does not meet the program eligibility and selection criteria inasmuch as the total project funding includes City sources towards the applicant's 50% share of the project cost.

On April 11, 1995, the Lord Selkirk-West Kildonan Community Committee recommended that a Community Incentive Grant in the amount of $23,000.00 be approved for this project.

On May 1, 1995, the Ward Councillor, M. O'Shaughnessy, appeared in delegation at the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture and indicated his support for the Community Incentive Grant application.

The Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture concurred in the recommendation of the Lord Selkirk-West Kildonan Community Committee, and therefore recommends:

I. That the criteria for the Community Incentive Grant Program be waived in this instance.

II. That the amount of $23,000.00 be approved to the Tyndall Park Community Centre Inc. for the purpose requested, subject to the following conditions:

(a) Confirmation of all funding sources;

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(b) Approval of final plans and specifications for the project by the Director of Parks and Recreation; and

(c) The applicant entering into a formal agreement with the City of Winnipeg.

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

Adopted by consent.

Moved by Councillor O'Shaughnessy,
That Council do now adjourn.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: The Speaker Councillor Angus, Councillors Boychuk, Clement, Duguid, Eadie, Fraser, Golden, Hyman, Lazarenko, Murray, O'Shaughnessy, Prystanski, Reese, Silva and Thomas.

The motion to adjourn was put and carried and Council adjourned at 2:23 p.m.

APPROVED AND CONFIRMED

City Clerk Speaker