REPORT OF THE

COMMITTEE ON PROTECTION, PARKS AND CULTURE

DATED APRIL 11, 1994

On motion of Councillor Silva, the Report of the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture, dated April 11, 1994, was considered.

Moved by Councillor Silva,
That the Consent Agenda items, Clauses 1,2 and 3 be adopted.

Carried.

667 - Councillor Golden asked to be recorded as having voted against Clause 3, in accordance with Rule 50.7 of the Procedure By-law.

Her Worship the Mayor and Councillors:

Appointment of Alternate Member to the Riverbank Management Committee
Files E-5.1 (Vol. 12) & GC-7 (Vol. 24)

668 - 1. On December 17, 1993, Council adopted Clause 1 of the Report of the Committee on Planning and Community Services dated November 23, 1993 which appointed Councillor Boychuk as the alternate member to the Riverbank Management Committee for both the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture and the Committee on Works and Operations.

In order to eliminate the current duplication, your Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture recommends that Councillor Silva be appointed as its alternate representative on the Committee.

Adopted by consent.

Additional Operating Funds - Tuxedo Community Centre, Deer Lodge Community Centre, Tyndall Park Community Centre and Earl Grey Community Centre
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669 - 2. Council on June 23, 1993, adopted the Universal Funding Formula for Community Centres. This formula addressed the City-wide funding inequities that existed amongst Community Centres since the late 1970's and established quantitative criteria upon which annual operating grants to community centres are now based.

The criteria approved in the formula includes utility costs, rinks, satellite sites, maintenance costs and population.

The ongoing implementation of the funding formula allows for adjustments to reflect the current status of each community centre's operation. Issues such as facility expansions (applicable to both additional square footage and/or additional hockey pens) and amalgamation resulting in the designation of a satellite site(s) are addressed in the formula to ensure operational changes at one centre do not have a negative impact on other community centres.

The funding formula states that all politically approved expansions and/or amalgamations will subsequently receive ongoing, additional funding from the City in accordance with the appropriate funding formula criteria.

The funding formula also states that any increase or decrease in the Department's annual community centre operating grant will be distributed on the same basis (i.e. 1% of global change = 1% change in each centre's operating grant) amongst all 77 community centres.

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The Universal Funding Formula addresses the issue of community centre expansions and/or amalgamations in order to ensure the sustained operation of such projects. In consideration of changing community centre demographics and the constant turnover of community centre volunteers, the sustainable operation of a project can only be guaranteed through the provision of the appropriate additional operating funds from the City.

The following community centres are proposed to be expanded in 1994:

Tuxedo Community Centre:

Tuxedo Community Centre has finalized the Program of Requirements and has confirmed all funding sources for a new skate change building. The new building will consist of four change rooms, a canteen, viewing area, storage and tractor rooms and other various amenities. In total, the skate change building will entail 4,070 square feet.

Utilizing the Universal Funding Formula, 4,070 square feet constitutes an addition of $7,000.00 to the operating grant for Tuxedo Community Centre. This amount will be pro-rated in 1994 based on the date of completion of the project (projected September, 1994) which amount is calculated to be $2,333.00, and will be added to their existing grant in 1994 of $46,619.00. Therefore, in subsequent years, Tuxedo Community Centre's annual operating grant will be based on $54,619.00.

Deer Lodge Community Centre:

Deer Lodge Community Centre acquired Blue Star Bakery, 327 Bruce Avenue, in January of 1993. In the Fall of 1993, the majority of the facility was demolished and a small portion was maintained for heated storage purposes (600 square feet). The Community Centre began utilizing this space to store equipment and supplies in January, 1994.

Therefore, the funds for this additional heated space should be approved in its entire amount for 1994. The additional $1,032.00 will increase Deer Lodge Community Centre's 1994 operating grant to $42,892.00.

Tyndall Park Community Centre:

In September, 1993, Tyndall Park Community Centre received confirmation of funding from various sources for the construction of a 5,395 square foot skate/change building. The building will consist of dressing rooms, skate/change area, washrooms, canteen, mechanical area and tractor room.

Utilizing the Universal Funding Formula, 5,395 square feet constitutes an addition of $9,225.00 to the operating grant for Tyndall Park Community Centre. The new facility is scheduled to be in operation May 1, 1994, and therefore the operating funds in the amount of $6,919.00 requested have been pro-rated accordingly. In subsequent years, starting in 1995 the additional annual operating funds requested are $14,172.00 to reflect a full year's operation, plus the addition of one hockey rink ($5,050.00).

Earl Grey Community Centre:

In 1992, the Earl Grey Community Centre proposed to redevelop their grounds and buildings to meet a growing demand for use of the Community Centre and grounds to provide better access to programs and services, and in 1993 contracted the services of Gaboury and Associates, Building Architects, who with Hilderman Witty and Associates, Landscape Architects, developed a program of requirements and a cost estimate for the project.

In the Fall of 1993, the Earl Grey Community Centre approved a concept plan for the redevelopment of the centre's building and the upgrading of the park site, including athletic fields, play spaces, improved drainage and landscaping.

The consultants and the Community Centre prepared a revised Program of Requirements which was estimated out at $988,196.99 including construction budget, design fees, contingency and GST.

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The following funding has been identified for this project:

City of Winnipeg Capital 1993 (for tennis courts)	$70,000.00
Community Incentive Grant	78,505.00
Community Centre Funds	100,000.00
Fort Rouge M/WCRP	750,000.00
Total funds available	$998,505.00

Your Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture on April 11, 1994, approved the Program of Requirements for the Earl Grey Buildings and Grounds Redevelopment project contingent on confirmation of all funding.

The Community Centre building will be renovated and expanded to include a multi-purpose area, dressing rooms, washrooms and storage areas, as well as a 900 square foot skate/change building.
In total, the expanded portion of the facility will entail 2,800 additional square feet.

Utilizing the Universal Funding Formula, 2,800 square feet constitutes an addition of $4,816.00 to the operating grant for Earl Grey Community Centre. The Universal Funding Formula, as passed by Council on June 23, 1993, notes that any corresponding increase in operating funds must be approved by Council prior to the commencement of the project to protect the interests of all Community Centres. Additional yearly operating funds in the amount of $4,816.00 therefore must be approved by Council for subsequent years, otherwise the project (or portions identified as additions to the Universal Funding Formula) must be withdrawn.

Your Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture recommends:

I. That an additional appropriation in the amount of $10,284.00 be approved in the 1994 Current Estimates of the Parks and Recreation Department for the expanded operation and maintenance of the following Community Centres, based on the Universal Funding Formula, as follows:

Tuxedo Community Centre	$2,333.00
Deer Lodge Community Centre	1,032.00
Tyndall Park Community Centre	6,919.00
	$10,284.00

II. That in 1995 the Parks and Recreation Department's annual Community Centre Operating Grants allocation be increased by $27,020.00 to accommodate the expansion of the following Community Centres in accordance with the Universal Funding Formula, calculated as follows:

Tuxedo Community Centre	$7,000.00
Deer Lodge Community Centre	1,032.00
Tyndall Park Community Centre	14,172.00
Earl Grey Community Centre	4,816.00
	$27,020.00

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

Adopted by consent.

Strategies for Golf Course Development and Enhancement File PR-6 (Vol. 6)

670 - 3. On May 10, 1993, the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture established the Ad Hoc Committee on Golf Courses to examine the future operation of municipal golf courses.

A study depicting comparisons over the past 5 years (1989 - 1993) indicates a steady decline in the number of rounds of golf played at the Municipal Golf Courses with increased competition from the private sector sited as a reason for this decline. Private golf courses have a higher quality product and will continue to capitalize on the market. To be competitive with the private sector and increase attendance the City needs to improve the quality of its courses.

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The Ad Hoc Committee recommended that a golf course reserve be established for the purpose of golf course enhancement and any capital expenditures associated therewith. The Ad Hoc Committee further recommended that any revenues from the operation of the Municipal Golf Courses over the 1994 projected net surplus (approximately $585,000.00) be allocated towards this reserve in 1994.

The Ad Hoc Committee also recommended that effective 1995, that $1.00 from all rounds of golf played be allocated to the reserve, with authority delegated to the Board of Commissioners to approve expenditures from the reserve.

Your Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture concurred in the recommendations of its Ad Hoc Committee and therefore recommends:

I. That a Golf Course Reserve be established for the purpose of golf course enhancement and any capital expenditures associated therewith.

II. That revenues from the operation of the Municipal Golf Courses over and above the 1994 projected net surplus in the amount of approximately $585,000.00, be allocated towards the reserve in 1994.

III. That commencing in 1995, $1.00 from all rounds of golf played be allocated to the reserve.

IV. That authority be delegated to the Board of Commissioners to approve expenditures from the reserve.

V. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the above recommendations.

Adopted by consent.

(See Minute No. 667 for opposition recorded by Councillor Golden)

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QUESTION PERIOD

671 - Councillor Murray requested that the issue of violence against gay persons be investigated, in relation to instating undercover police operations similar to the Boston efforts.

Councillor Silva invited Councillor Murray to apprise the Committee of possible new initiatives and stated that the Committee would explore instating such initiatives.

Councillor Lazarenko noted that he had appeared before the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture requesting that the Police adopt a "blitz" effort for troublesome locations and questioned whether such action had been pursued.

Councillor Silva noted that Councillor Lazarenko's suggestions had been brought forward to the Chief of Police and that the Committee was awaiting further report on the matter.

Councillor Lazarenko questioned whether notes of congratulations are sent to retiring civic employees by the Committee.

The Speaker noted that the City of Winnipeg hosts a recognition day for retiring employees.

Councillor Silva noted that he would bring the matter forward to the Committee to ensure that the contributions of employees are recognized.

Councillor Boychuk questioned when a "photo-radar" system would be implemented and whether revenues from the program have been identified.

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Councillor Silva noted that the Civic budget had recognized $100,000 in revenues from photo-radar, but that there had been initial problems in implementing the system pertaining to technical difficulties, especially with the Manitoba Public Insurance Corporation in relation to assessing demerit points to a driver's license without actually identifying the person, but that the introduction of the system was expected by the end of October.

Councillor Boychuk noted the recent-held Police Service's "Open House", and commended the Department for the initiative and questioned whether this would be an annual event.

Councillor Silva noted that this was a positive, proactive and successful action of the Department that would probably become an annual event.

Councillor Boychuk noted the appreciation generally attributed to the "Bicycle Unit" and questioned whether there was a schedule for the unit and whether more members would be added to the unit for visibility purposes.

Councillor Silva concurred that the "Bicycle Patrol" had been very successful and encouraged Councillor Boychuk to raise his comments and questions at the Committee level with the Department and that he would further report back to Council on the matter.

Councillor Reese questioned whether there was a list of projects that had been developed representing the Infrastructure Program's allocation of four million dollars of project funding.

Councillor Silva noted that initially the City of Winnipeg had identified projects totalling ten million dollars and that the actual projects chosen had yet to be approved and that it was premature to identify which projects would fall under the funding.