REPORT OF THE

COMMITTEE ON PROTECTION, PARKS AND CULTURE

DATED JULY 24, 1995

On motion of Councillor Silva, the Report of the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture, dated July 24, 1995, was considered clause by clause.

Moved by Councillor Silva,

That the Consent Agenda, Clauses 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11 and 12 be adopted.

1046 - Councillor Boychuk asked to be recorded as having voted against Clause 3 in accordance with Rule 50.7 of the Procedure By-law.

The motion to adopt the Consent Agenda, Clauses 1,2 3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11 and 12 was put and declared carried.

Her Worship the Mayor and Councillors:

The Friends of the Assiniboine Park Conservatory Inc.
File PR-7.1 (Vol. 7)

1047 - 1. The Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture has been advised that voluntary supporting agencies and a variety of models for public/private partnerships are common features of conservatories, botanic gardens and arboreta throughout North America and the world. Locally, the Assiniboine Park is supported by the Zoological Society of Manitoba, which is recognized as a citizen's advisory group.

While tax support for conservatories and botanic gardens has declined in recent years, attendance has not. The number of visits to the Assiniboine Park Conservatory has remained static at around 400,000 for a number of years. Voluntary groups have formed to maintain and expand facilities, and citizens' groups have accessed funding sources not readily available to municipal governments. Contributions from other levels of government and from foundations and other philanthropic sources are common where co-operating agencies have assumed partnerships with municipal agencies. There are many models for these types of arrangements.

The Friends of the Assiniboine Park Conservatory Inc. is a registered charity which was founded in 1988, and whose primary goal is "to act as a volunteer support group for the ongoing development of the Conservatory". The organization is membership driven, and presently has over 327 individual members, as well as 7 institutional and organizational members.

With respect to sources of revenue, The Friends' major fundraiser has been its Mother's Day Plant Sale, netting $17,000.00 in 1994, up from $8,000.00 in 1993 and $3,000.00 in 1992. A gift shop has also been started and raised $4,000.00 in 1994.

As an organization, The Friends has reached the point where it can begin to plan on a multi-year basis, to express well-developed points of view, and to have significant impact on the continuing well-being of the institution it was formed to support. Also, it is evident from the accomplishments, particularly in the last year, that The Friends provide a service which enhances the Assiniboine Park Conservatory and helps to serve public needs, and which cannot be achieved through tax based funding.

The Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture therefore recommends:

I. That the City of Winnipeg formally recognize "The Friends of the Assiniboine Park Conservatory Inc." (The Friends) as a working partner to further botanical operations in Winnipeg.

II. That the City of Winnipeg recognize that the primary objective of The Friends is to aid in the full realization of the Mission of the Assiniboine Park Conservatory. (Appendix "A")

III. That the City of Winnipeg and The Friends of the Assiniboine Park Conservatory Inc. act as partners in planning for development of the Conservatory and in the implementation of the Conservatory's Mission.

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

Copy of the list of accomplishments of The Friends of Assiniboine Park Conservatory Inc. is on file in the City Clerk's Department.

Adopted by consent.

(See Minute No. 1059 for attachment)

Proposed Capital Program Change - Seven Oaks Pool Bulkhead replacement to renovate the Elmwood Kildonans Pool to include a Leisure Pool/Lap Pool
File PR-2.2 (Vol. 18)

1048 - 2. The Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture has been advised that the Seven Oaks Pool and Elmwood Kildonans Pool were constructed in 1975/76 using the same building plans, therefore both pool tanks are identical. The bulkheads at the Elmwood Kildonans Pool were replaced four years ago and have a life expectancy of twenty to twenty-five years. The bulkheads at Seven Oaks Pool were scheduled to be replaced in 1995, funded through a Council approved capital program totalling $200,000.00.

In 1994, funding in the amount of $398,000.00 was approved from the East Kildonan-Transcona Community Committee Land Dedication Reserve Fund to commence a conversion of the existing 65 metre pool at the Elmwood Kildonans Pool to a leisure pool/lap pool. These funds included removal of the existing 5 metre diving tower and replacing it with a 3 metre spring board, the installation of a large tube water slide, improvements to site access, family change room, sound baffles and front counter renovations. The leisure pool conversion will complement all of these renovations to allow for an artificial beach atmosphere, a separate pool tank heated to a higher temperature for family fun, including a "lazy river" and the creation of a patio deck and accessories with water toys with spray fixtures and lighting.

To increase both attendance and revenue, the Parks and Recreation Department wishes to further renovate the Elmwood Kildonans Pool, with the cost to carry out this further renovation estimated to be $200,000.00. If this renovation were to be carried out, the existing new bulkheads in Elmwood Kildonans Pool would not be required and could be transferred to Seven Oaks Pool to fill this pool’s needs for new bulkheads. If the leisure pool renovation does not occur at Elmwood Kildonans Pool, bulkheads will be required at this site, and new bulkheads (at an estimated cost of $200,000.00) would have to be purchased for Seven Oaks Pool.

The Parks and Recreation Department is of the view that by changing the program for the 1995 Capital Budget from "the bulkhead replacement at Seven Oaks Pool" to "the renovation of Elmwood Kildonans Pool to a leisure pool" the City would benefit by providing for the bulkhead replacement at Seven Oaks Pool as originally planned in the 1995 Capital Budget, and enhancing increased revenue generation potential by providing a new creative leisure pool opportunity at Elmwood Kildonans Pool.

The proposed program change would allow for a family orientated water activity increasing attendance and revenue, which would offset any increase in operating funds, including staff and regular maintenance costs for the increased operations and attendance at the Elmwood Kildonans Pool. Comparative studies in May 1995, found that Vernon, British Columbia, had recently converted a 25 metre lap pool to a leisure pool. This conversion increased attendance and revenues, surpassing the increased operating costs. Thus, the Parks and Recreation Department anticipate that this conversion will complement the lap pool by providing unstructured opportunities for leisure and recreation.

The Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture therefore recommends:

I. That the 1995 Capital Program for the Seven Oaks Pool Bulkhead Replacement (03-118xxx-5495510301) be changed to the renovation of Elmwood Kildonans Pool to include a Leisure Pool/Lap Pool.

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

Adopted by consent.

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Winnipeg's Urban Sport Fishing Program
File PR-2 (Vol. 79)

1049 - 3. The Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture has been advised that the Deputy Minister of the Manitoba Department of Natural Resources invited the City of Winnipeg, by way of letter addressed to the Chief Commissioner received on May 12, 1995, to endorse the draft "Winnipeg's Urban Sport Fishing Plan" and to participate in the implementation of the actions identified therein.

The proposed "Winnipeg's Urban Sport Fishing Plan" was initiated by the Fisheries Branch of the Manitoba Department of Natural Resources and has been developed with input from the City of Winnipeg Parks and Recreation, and Water and Waste Departments, the Manitoba Wildlife Federation, Fish Futures Inc., the Manitoba Department of Environment, Travel Manitoba, the Manitoba Department of Urban Affairs and the Federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans.

The purpose of the proposed Urban Sport Fishing Plan is to develop the urban fishing potential of Winnipeg's waterways which will benefit both levels of government, the industry that has been built up around sport fishing in Winnipeg, and the citizens of Winnipeg. The Plan's objective is threefold:

1. To develop the sport fishing potential of Winnipeg's waterways to provide a healthy, inexpensive and cross-generational activity for residents of Winnipeg;

2. To support and enhance the Province's sport fishing industry; and

3. To develop the urban sport fishing experience such that it can contribute to tourism in Manitoba.

The Civic Administration through its Parks and Recreation, Water and Waste, and the Community Services Departments have had direct representation throughout the development stage of this Urban Fishing Plan. The Administration has reviewed two previous drafts and provided comments and recommendations to the Manitoba Fisheries Branch for consideration which have been addressed in the final draft. The associated implementation costs to the City have been determined to be manageable particularly in view of the long range recreational benefits. Therefore, the Civic Administration fully endorses the approval of this plan.

The Water and Waste Department has recently completed a fifteen year program to significantly upgrade the City's water pollution control facilities. These upgrades, which were completed at a cost in excess of $200 million, were undertaken primarily with the objective of protecting aquatic life in the Red and Assiniboine Rivers. The objective for the involvement of the Department in the fishing plan preparation was to ensure that it adequately reflects improvements to river water quality, and that a healthy sport fishery exists. In addition to issues respecting water quality, the safety of consuming fish caught from the local rivers, and the health risk associated with participating in the fishing activity needs to be properly addressed.

The public generally considers that fish caught from the Red and Assiniboine Rivers within the City limits are unsuitable for consumption because of contamination from a variety of pollutants. The fishing plan as prepared provides a framework to educate the public and alter their erroneous perception regarding the safety of fish consumption.

The water quality issue associated with fecal coliform contamination from undisinfected treated wastewater plant effluents and from combined sewer overflows is also dealt with in the fishing plan. The plan recognizes that the health risk to anglers is difficult to estimate, and likely negligible if proper hygienic precautions are undertaken. A brochure has already been jointly prepared by the City and Provincial Health Departments on the safe handling and preparation of fish.

The Urban Sport Fishing Plan also references an existing recommendation by the Provincial Clean Environment Commission on the posting of signs along the rivers to warn the public of elevated bacteria levels. The posting of these signs would be done in concert with the Manitoba Department of Environment and represents a potential funding requirement for the City. These signs would be required irrespective of the urban fishing plan.

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The Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture therefore recommends:

I. That the City of Winnipeg endorse the plan entitled "Winnipeg's Urban Sport Fishing Plan" initiated by the Fisheries Branch of the Manitoba Department of Natural Resources and developed with input from the City of Winnipeg Parks and Recreation, and Water and Waste Departments, the Manitoba Wildlife Federation, Fish Futures Inc. and other provincial agencies.

II. That specific approval be given to the following recommendations relative to the City of Winnipeg contained therein; namely:

(a) That the Parks and Recreation Department be directed to determine the feasibility of incorporating low cost urban sport fishing courses into the City of Winnipeg's Leisure Program using industry sponsored professional fishermen/Manitoba Wildlife Federation volunteers as instructors.

(b) That the Parks and Recreation Department, in conjunction with the Manitoba Department of Natural Resources and the Manitoba Wildlife Federation, develop and fund suitable signage, with information to be contained within a brochure to be developed by Fish Futures Inc. and the Manitoba Department of Environment which will identify recommended fishing locations, what species are present, how to catch them and to prepare them, for use at appropriate access points.

(c) That the Community Services Department, in conjunction with the Provincial Departments of Environment, Health and Natural Resources, develop an appropriate message for urban anglers regarding appropriate hygienic practises when fishing in Winnipeg's rivers. (This information should be disseminated with the aforementioned brochure discussed within Recommendation II (b) above.)

(d) That the Parks and Recreation Department, in conjunction with the Manitoba Department of Natural Resources, develop riverbank access in areas that are appropriate for urban fishing utilizing the Winnipeg Safe City Committee's Safety Audit Kit.

(e) That the Parks and Recreation Department ensure that sufficient and appropriate refuse containers are present within the aforementioned riverbank access sites and that trash is removed as required.

(f) That the City of Winnipeg participants, in conjunction with the Provincial Government and the Federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans, generate and update as required, a list of the available government funding sources and approach the newly formed Recreational Fishing Institute of Canada for industry funding source information.

III. That the implementation of the above recommendations not be subject to an additional appropriation.

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

A copy of the plan entitled "Winnipeg's Urban Sport Fishing Plan" is on file in the City Clerk's Department.

Adopted by consent.

(See Minute No. 1046 for opposition recorded by Councillor Boychuk.)

Proposal to Enter into a Management Agreement with the Transcona Nationals Football Club Inc. and the S.J.F. Children's Centre Inc. for the Use of the Optimist Club Building at 875 McMeans Avenue East - East Kildonan-Transcona Community File PR-2.10 (Vol. 8)

1050 - 4. The Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture has been advised that the Optimist Club of Transcona Inc. is no longer able to maintain the building it built on the city-owned property in Optimist Park in 1988, given the changes in the Club's fundraising activities which have necessitated a reallocation of funds to youth

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programs and capital projects in the community.

Communication dated June 12, 1995, from the Optimist Club of Transcona Inc. advised the Parks and Recreation Department that it wished to turn the Optimist Building over to the City of Winnipeg as of September 30, 1995.

Although representatives from the Parks and Recreation Department met with the Club to discuss the situation at the Optimist Building and to encourage the Club to remain at the site, the Club strongly indicated that it did not want to become involved in property management and operations, and as such, it wished to turn the building over to the City.

During the period September 1988 thru to the present, the Optimist Club of Transcona Inc. has maintained and managed the building. The building has been utilized by the Transcona Nationals Football Club Inc. and other organizations, with the Football Club currently occupying half of the building.

On June 13, 1995, the S.J.F. Children's Centre Inc., a non-profit child care group, advised the Parks and Recreation Department of an interest in relocating to the Optimist Club building on September 1, 1995.

On June 29, 1995, the Transcona Nationals Football Club Inc. provided the Parks and Recreation Department with a five year plan for the Club and use of the Optimist Club building.

The Parks and Recreation Department has identified the following three alternatives for the Optimist Recreation building located at 875 McMeans Avenue East, namely:

Alternative No. 1 - Close the Optimist Building and Save the Premises - This alternative involves the closure of the building on September 30, 1995, for an indefinite period and securement of the premises by the Civic Buildings Department. Although this alternative would provide a means of eliminating the ongoing financial liability for operating the building, the space would not be utilized, thereby, losing an opportunity to use the building for community programming and benefit, and require the relocation of the Transcona Nationals Football Club from the building.

Alternate No. 2 - Utilize the Optimist Building as a Summer Recreation Fieldhouse Building - This alternative involves the use of the building during the period of April 1st through October 31st of each year in order to provide a Fieldhouse building to support the Football Club and other users at Optimist Park. Although this alternative would provide a means of utilizing the building for approximately half of the year during the evenings and weekends, the alternative does not provide for year round day-time and evening use occupancy. Moreover, winterization costs and security issues would have to be addressed even though the building would not be utilized during the winter months.

Alternative No. 3 - Utilize the Optimist Building Year Round with Several Tenants to offset all Operating Costs - This alternative involves the use of the building on a year round basis by entering into a Management Agreement with two users. As earlier indicated, the Transcona Nationals Football Club Inc. and the S.J.F. Children's Centre Inc. are very interested in managing the facility and assuming all financial and maintenance obligations associated with the building. This alternative would provide on-site year round use and occupancy of the building and represent a high capacity use of the building. As well, it would eliminate winterization costs and security as issues to be addressed by the City; associated with Alternative No. 2.

Given the advantages/benefits associated with Alternative No. 3, the Parks and Recreation Department is strongly supportive of Alternative No. 3; however, prior to committing to the alternative, the Department undertook an additional investigation of the financial implications/issues related to this alternative.

At the request of the Parks and Recreation Department, the Optimist Club of Transcona provided a summary of disbursements and receipts for the building from October 1994 thru May 1995. The summary submitted was not complete nor comprehensive, therefore, it was difficult to project actual expenses and revenues and ordinary and extraordinary expenses and revenues.

In order to establish a base operating budget, the Department contacted the various utility companies to establish actual use/costs for the building. Total utility costs approximate $6,500.00 and a contingency of approximately $1,500.00 per year is recommended for additional building expenses.

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On this basis, representatives from the Parks and Recreation Department approached the Transcona Nationals Football Club Inc. and the S.J.F. Children's Inc. to review building costs and the need for each group to contribute approximately $4,000.00 each year to cover the costs of the building. Both groups indicated they would equally share the costs and that each organization was able to contribute $4,000.00 each toward the building costs. As well, the organizations have been apprised that they will be responsible for snow clearing and building cleaning costs incurred.

At the request of the Department, both organizations have provided a set of financial statements for previous years operations. The Transcona National's Football Club previously paid the Optimist's Club $3,000.00 per year towards the cost of the building, thus, the Club is willing and able to increase this amount to $4,000.00 per year. The S.J.F. Children's Inc. is able to contribute $4,000.00 per year for the use of the common area, washrooms and meeting room approximately 50% of the building and has obtained a favourable site assessment and need report from the Provincial Day Care Officer for day care space in the Transcona Community. Moreover, given the need to relocate to a new location by September 1, 1995, the Centre is keenly interested in this building.
As such, it appears that both organizations are capable of meeting the financial obligations associated with the operations of the Optimist Building.

Given the benefits associated with Alternative No. 3, and the ability of both organizations to meet the financial and management obligations of the building, the Parks and Recreation Department is supportive of the City entering into a Management Agreement with the Transcona Nationals Football Club and S.J.F. Children's Inc. to operate the (former) Optimist Building.

The Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture therefore recommends:

I. That Alternative No. 3, which states that the Optimist Building at 875 McMeans Avenue East be utilized for year round use by the Transcona Nationals Football Club Inc. and S.J.F. Children's Centre Inc. be approved for implementation.

II. That the Director of Land and Development Services in conjunction with the Manager of Legal Services undertake all things necessary to receive the subject premises from the Optimist Club of Transcona Inc.

III. That the Director of Civic Buildings be requested to inspect the building and determine the condition and need for any necessary repairs and to advise the Director of Parks and Recreation Department.

IV. That the Director of Parks and Recreation in conjunction with the Director of Land and Development Services be authorized to enter into a Management Agreement with the Transcona Nationals Football Club Inc. and the S.J.F. Children's Centre Inc.

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

Adopted by consent.

Request for Fee Waiver for Use of Pan Am Pool - Swim Manitoba (Canadian Amateur Swimming Association - Manitoba Section
File PR-2.10 (Vol. 8)

1051 - 5. The Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture has been advised that the City Centre Community Committee considered an application for a Per Capita Grant in the amount of $6,000.00 from Swim Manitoba (Canadian Amateur Swimming Association - Manitoba Section) in connection with waiving the facility rental fees for the hosting of a major national swimming championship, the Summer Nationals Pan Pacific Trials, to be held here in Winnipeg at the Pan Am Pool from July 27 to 30, 1995.

On July 4, 1995, the City Centre Community referred the request from Swim Manitoba to the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture for favourable consideration of the waiver of the fees.

On July 24, 1995, Myles Tycholis, Managing Director of Swim Manitoba, appeared in delegation at the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture in support of the organization's request for a waiver of fees.

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The Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture therefore recommends:

I. That the fees associated with the leasing of the Pan Am Pool to Swim Manitoba (Canadian Amateur Swimming Association - Manitoba Section) to host the Summer Nationals Pan Pacific Trials from July 27 to 30, 1995, be waived in part resulting in the organization being charged a reduced fee of $4,800.00.

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 - Holy Trinity Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral File PR-2.6 (34) (Vol. 3)

1052 - 6. The Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture has considered an application from the Holy Trinity Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral for a Community Incentive Grant in the amount of $25,542.00 towards an asbestos abatement project at 1175 Main Street.

Under the definition of Eligible Applicants within the Community Incentive Grant Program, the application does not meet the program eligibility and selection criteria inasmuch as the Holy Trinity Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral is not a non-profit recreation and sport organization. In addition, the project benefits only the membership of the Church, and therefore is deemed not to be a recreation or sport facility accessible to all members of the community. Further, the project does not make a significant contribution to the long term benefit of the community at large in terms of improved facilities.

On May 9, 1995, the Lord Selkirk-West Kildonan Community Committee recommended that a Community Incentive Grant in the amount of $25,542.00 be approved for this project.

On July 24, 1995, the Ward Councillor, H. Lazarenko, 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 $25,542.00 be approved to the Holy Trinity Ukrainian Orthodox Cathedral for the purpose requested, subject to the following conditions:

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

Adopted by consent.

Community Incentive Grant Program - King Edward Community School File PR-2.6 (34) (Vol. 3)

1053 - 7. The Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture has considered an application from the King Edward Community School (King Edward Community Group Inc.) for a Community Incentive Grant in the amount of $10,000.00, for the purpose of providing a playstructure at 825 Selkirk Avenue.

Under the definition of Eligible Applicants within the Community Incentive Grant Program, the application does not meet the program eligibility and selection criteria inasmuch as the King Edward Community School is not a non-profit

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recreation and sport organization, as well as confirmation of other funding sources has not been provided.

On June 6, 1995, the Lord Selkirk-West Kildonan Community Committee recommended that a Community Incentive Grant in the amount of $10,000.00 be approved for this project.

On July 24, 1995, the Ward Councillor, J. Prystanski, apprised the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture of 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 $10,000.00 be approved to the King Edward Community School (King Edward Community Group Inc.) for the purpose requested, subject to the following conditions:

(a) Confirmation of all funding sources;
(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.

Adopted by consent.

Community Incentive Grant Program - Riverview Community Centre Inc.
File PR-2.6 (32) (Vol. 1)

1054 - 8. The Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture has considered an application from Riverview Community Centre Inc. for a Community Incentive Grant in the amount of $20,700.00, towards the replacement of the hockey pen at 66 Ashland Avenue.

Under the definition of Eligible Applicants within the Community Incentive Grant Program, 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, as well as confirmation of the total project funding has not been confirmed.

On July 4, 1995, the City Centre Community Committee recommended that a Community Incentive Grant in the amount of $20,700.00 be approved for this project.

On July 24, 1995, the Ward Councillor, G. Murray, 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 City Centre 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 $20,700.00 be approved to Riverview Community Centre Inc. for the purpose requested, subject to the following conditions:

(a) Confirmation of all funding sources;
(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.

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III. 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 - Kildonan Estates Parents Association
File PR-2.6(33)(Vol. 1)

1055 - 9. The Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture has considered an application from the Kildonan Estates Parents Association for a Community Incentive Grant in the amount of $13,500.00, towards the establishment of a park/playground in the Kildonan Estates area.

Under the definition of Eligible Applicants within the Community Incentive Grant Program, the application does not meet the program eligibility and selection criteria inasmuch as the total project funding has not been confirmed.

On July 12, 1995, the East Kildonan-Transcona Community Committee recommended that a Community Incentive Grant in the amount of $13,500.00 be approved for this project.

On July 24, 1995, the Ward Councillor, R. Boychuk, apprised the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture of his support for the Community Incentive Grant application.

The Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture concurred in the recommendation of the East Kildonan-Transcona 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 $13,500.00 be approved to the Kildonan Estates Parents Association for the purpose requested, subject to the following conditions:

(a) Confirmation of all funding sources;
(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.

Adopted by consent.

Constable Development Program (1995
File GF-2 (Vol. 43)

1056 - 10. The Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture has been advised that in an effort to increase the representation of Aboriginals and Visible Minority candidates to compete for positions as police recruits, the Government of Canada and the City of Winnipeg have entered into agreements to upgrade persons to compete for the positions. These arrangements have been successful in the past and have made a considerable impact in allowing more employment equity to members of designated groups.

In anticipation for representatives of the Aboriginal and Visible Minority segments in future police recruit classes, the Winnipeg Police Service has approached Employment and Immigration Canada (Human Resources Development), to consider a project-based training (Employability Improvement) for fifteen recipients. This training would commence on or about August 21, 1995, and would conclude on or about December 8, 1995. This would enable the successful candidates to commence a police recruit class in December of 1995.

The proposed training program would include the following components, namely: physical fitness training to successfully pass the Police Officer Physical Aptitude Test (POPAT); language development to improve reading comprehension and writing skills; cross cultural training on the basic concepts and dimensions of culture; communication skills in verbal, non-verbal and symbolic modes; justice related courses; typing/computer applications;

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first aid and cardio pulmonary resuscitation training; tours of courts and justice facilities; and ride-along experiences with actual police units.

The Winnipeg Police Service would provide various instructors for this course and costs for the trainers will be borne by Employment and Immigration Canada.

A draft of the agreement has been submitted to the City of Winnipeg Corporate Services, Legal Division, for approval. The costs for this training, excluding wages that are paid by Unemployment Insurance, are estimated at approximately $58,000.00 and will be borne by the Government of Canada.

The Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture therefore recommends:

I. That the City of Winnipeg enter into an agreement with the Canada Employment and Immigration Commission to conduct a Constable Development Program to prepare fifteen Unemployment Insurance recipients (preference shown to Aboriginal and Visible Minority candidates) to compete for positions as police recruits with the Winnipeg Police Service.

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

Adopted by consent.

Proposed Property Acquisition - 2430 McGillivray Boulevard - Development of a Satellite Recreation Facility for the Linden Ridge Neighbourhood - Assiniboia Community
File FI-2(31) (Vol. 2) c/r PR-2 (Vol. 79)

1057 - 11. On November 26, 1990, the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture requested the Parks and Recreation Department to prepare a report regarding the need for the proposed Linden Ridge Community Centre and community park.

In December 1990, the Parks and Recreation Department prepared a report outlining the current Neighbourhood/Community Centre affiliations and the need for the development of a new Community Centre to serve the Linden Ridge Community. The need for a new site was premised on the Departmental standard of one Community Centre per 14,000 population and that existing Community Centre affiliations did not accommodate the recreational demands of Linden Ridge Community Residents.

Subsequently, the Lindenwoods and Whyte Ridge Residents Associations agreed upon a site situated south of McGillivray Boulevard and west of Dovercourt Drive for the development of a Community Centre to serve both neighbourhoods. On this basis, funding in the amount of $591,000.00 was committed in the District 2 Cash in Lieu of Land Dedication Account for the development of the site. As well, additional funding from the City ($100,000.00) Community Incentive Grant and the Province ($50,000.00) Community Places was made available for this project totalling $741,000.00. However, upon further consideration of the report by the Community Committee and Neighbourhood Residents, support for the site declined due to the need for crossing major traffic arteries to access the site and, as well, the site was not located within either neighbourhood boundary.

Following the dissolution of support, the Associations pursued existing Community Centre affiliations and the Lindenwoods and Whyte Ridge Resident Associations began examining alternatives for the provision of recreation amenities in their neighbourhoods.

Since 1993, the Lindenwoods and Whyte Ridge neighbourhoods have been associated with the Victoria Community Centre at 80 Derek Avenue, and Westridge Community Centre at Waller Avenue and Marshall Crescent, respectively.

During the fall of 1993 and early 1994, the Whyte Ridge Residents Association reviewed an alternative for establishing a satellite recreation facility site in Scurfield Park adjacent to the Whyte Ridge Elementary School site. Following a series of public information and consultation meetings, the Association was unable to obtain neighbourhood support for the development of a recreation facility at this site. The local Neighbourhood Residents

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expressed concern regarding parking, lighting, noise, and activity associated with the site. As well, soccer and baseball would be accommodated off site at Don H. Smith Park situated southeast of Fleetwood Drive and Scurfield Boulevard.

Subsequently, the Whyte Ridge Residents Association initiated a review of other potential sites for the development of a satellite recreation facility and selected the former United Grain Growers property for this purpose.

The Lindenwood Residents Association has also pursued several options for the development of a satellite recreation facility; and, has been separately considered and planned within the expansion of the subdivision.

On September 26, 1994, the Committee on Finance and Administration requested the Administration to enter into negotiations with the owner of the property at 2430 McGillivray Boulevard (United Grain Growers Limited). During the period January through March 1995, the Land and Development Services Department completed an appraisal of the subject property and also reviewed several acquisition alternatives with the Parks and Recreation Department inclusive of the site and building.

As identified on Misc. Plan No. ASBA 9372/4, the subject United Grain Growers Limited property is approximately 10.68 acres and situated south of McGillivray Boulevard, west of the C.P.R. right of way and north of Fleetwood Road. The property is also vacant and presently available for sale.

The site is buffered on the north by the U.G.G. Grain Elevator and by the C.P.R. tracks to the east and as such, future active recreational uses of the site would be separated but not isolated from the neighbourhood by same thereby improving long term acceptance and land use compatibility. The C.P.R. La Riviere line is used for three train trips per week and as such it is not an barrier to the site from the east. As well, the larger 10.68 acre site would provide for the consolidation of amenities on one site thereby improving the recreational planning and programming.

The property configuration is narrow and long; however, the site will accommodate the development of several recreation amenities including a small satellite recreation building at an estimated cost of $751,648.00. This cost estimate is preliminary and is subject to change to include a cash contribution to the cost of acquiring the United Grain Growers property and as such, the proposal will require a revision. The Whyte Ridge Residents Association is aware of this issue and is prepared to contribute half the cost of acquiring the property. By allocating funding to the acquisition of the land, the Whyte Ridge Residents Association will not have enough funding to develop the site, and as such, the Association will have to revise their proposal to meet the amount of available funding.

In addition, the Administration investigated the potential acquisition of Parcels A, B and C as shown on Misc. Plan No. ASBA 9372/4 in order to consolidate and improve access to the United Grain Growers property within the neighbourhood. The properties are currently available for sale and are estimated to cost $56,000.00. Funding for the subject acquisition is available from the District 2 Cash in Lieu of Land Dedication Account and from the Land for General Unspecified Purposes Account. The amount of funding is proposed to be shared between the accounts and is dependent upon finalization of terms and conditions.

Although the Parks and Recreation Department is supportive of the United Grain Growers property alternative as a means of ensuring that the recreational needs of the Whyte Ridge neighbourhood are met, the Department is concerned regarding the proposed cost of acquiring the additional lands within the subdivision area as opposed to the McGillivray Boulevard/Dovercourt Drive option in which 10.5 acres of land could have been obtained via dedication with associated off site development costs estimated up to $177,000.00.

Being as the United Grain Growers property does not have any off site development costs, the Administration is willing to recommend the acquisition of the subject United Grain Growers lands up to a value of $20,000.00 per acre as defined in the Development Agreement Parameters for property required for other Civic and School purposes for a total cost of approximately $215,000.00 which is roughly equivalent to the off site costs associated with the Dovercourt alternative and to acquire the remaining parcels A, B and C at a cost of $56,000.00 to complete the assembly.

Given the need for an active recreation site to serve the Whyte Ridge Neighbourhood and the recreational benefits associated with same and the similar financial implications with the Dovercourt option, the Parks and Recreation Department is supportive of the subject acquisition.

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On July 17, 1995, the Committee on Finance and Administration considered and concurred in the recommendation contained in the report dated July 10, 1995, from the Director of Land and Development Services, namely: that Council, subject to the approval of the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture as to need, approve the acquisition of the 10.68 acre portion of the United Grain Grower's property, as shown on Misc. Plan No. ASBA 9372/4, at a price of $214,000.00, and in accordance with the terms and conditions as stipulated on Appendix "A" on condition that the terms of acquisition be amended to provide for the transaction to be subject to: a successful rezoning application to permit the proposed recreation centre; and the date for possession and adjustments being redefined to a date to be the later of the date of approval (and the passage of the appeal period) of the require rezoning or the registration of the plan of subdivision.

The Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture therefore recommends:

I. That the 10.68 acre portion of the United Grain Growers Limited property situated at 2430 McGillivray Boulevard, as shown on Misc. Plan No. 9372/4, be acquired for the development of a new satellite recreation facility at a price of $214,000.00, in accordance with the terms and conditions as stipulated on Appendix "A" on the condition that the terms of acquisition be amended to provide for the transaction to be subject to:

(a) a successful rezoning application to permit the proposed recreation centre use; and
(b) the date for possession and adjustment being redefined to a date to be the later of the date of approval (and the passage of the appeal period) of the required rezoning or the registration of the plan of subdivision.

II. That Parcels A, B and C as shown on Misc. Plan No. ASBA 9372/4 be acquired in conjunction with the acquisition of the United Grain Growers Limited property at an estimated cost of $56,000.00.

III. That the Whyte Ridge Residents Association and the Parks and Recreation Department share the cost for the acquisition of the property on a 50/50 basis at a total cost as yet to be negotiated.

IV. That funding for the subject acquisition be obtained from the District 2 Cash in Lieu of Land Dedication Account and Land Acquisition for General Unspecified Purposes Account.

V. That pending acquisition of the subject properties, the Director of Land and Development Services be authorized to initiate a closing of the public right of way identified as Parcel D on Misc. Plan No. ASBA 9372/4 for inclusion into the future recreation site.

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

Adopted by consent.

(See Minute No. 1060 for attachment)

Proposed Property Acquisition - 512 and 514 Stradbrook Avenue - Development of a new park in the McMillan Neighbourhood - City Centre Community
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1058 - 12. On March 6, 1995, the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture concurred in the recommendation of the City Centre Community Committee and recommended to Executive Policy Committee that the Administration be authorized to negotiate the purchase of the property located at 514 and 524 for passive park/tot lot purposes, with the necessary funding of $50,000.00 being authorized from the City Centre Land Dedication Account. Further, the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture's concurrence for the proposed acquisition established the need for greenspace in the City Centre area.

On March 15, 1995, Executive Policy Committee referred the matter to the Committee on Finance and Administration, who subsequently on April 3, 1995, recommended that the Administration be instructed to negotiate the acquisition of property located at 514 and 524 Stradbrook Avenue, for passive park/tot lot purposes, subject to the availability of funding.

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On April 12, 1995, Executive Policy Committee requested the Administration to provide background information and costs associated with the proposed acquisition.

As background information, in November 1993, the City Centre Community Committee reviewed a report from the Parks and Recreation Department identifying options for additional open space in the McMillan Neighbourhood.

The McMillan Neighbourhood is bounded by Wellington Crescent and River Avenue to the north, Osborne Street to the east, Corydon Avenue to the south, and Stafford Street to the west. The neighbourhood was identified as being deficient in open space by 10.05 acres relative to the Departmental Open Space Standard.

As a means of addressing the deficiency, the Parks and Recreation Department proposed several options for mitigating the lack of open space; however, these options are of a long term nature. The options involved the creation of a 2.45 acre sub-neighbourhood park at the westerly boundary of the neighbourhood and the expansion of the River Osborne Community Centre-Gladstone School site at the easterly boundary of the neighbourhood.

Following the consideration of the aforementioned report, the City Centre Community Committee and the Planning Department were involved in a proposal to acquire and develop privately-owned lands as a park in conjunction with a housing proposal sponsored by the Riverborne Development Association Inc. at 512/514/524 Stradbrook Avenue, as identified on Plan No. 28-95.

The proposal involved the construction of multi-family housing units by the Riverborne Development Association Inc. on each side of 514 Stradbrook Avenue and to retain and develop 514 Stradbrook Avenue as a passive park utilizing funds up to $100,000.00 from the Manitoba/Winnipeg Core Rehabilitation Program. Furthermore, it was proposed by Riverborne that the development costs would be shared between the City and itself and that Riverborne would also be responsible for maintenance of the site.

By report dated May 3, 1994, the Planning Department requested authority to initiate negotiations for the purchase of 514 Stradbrook Avenue utilizing funds from the Manitoba/Winnipeg Core Rehabilitation Program. At its meeting on June 28, 1994, the Board of Commissioners requested that negotiations be undertaken by the Director of Land Surveys and Real Estate.

By memorandums dated February 6 and 7, 1995, the Parks and Recreation Department was advised by the Community Services Department and City Centre Community Clerk that the proposal was not proceeding. The option to purchase the property at 512 and 514 Stradbrook had lapsed and the Riverborne Development Association was interested in supporting the development of the site as a park.

On March 28, 1995, the Community Services Department advised the Director of Parks and Recreation of its support to acquire and develop a park at 514 Stradbrook Avenue.

On May 3, 1995, the District Planner for the City Centre Community advised Land and Development Services of the background information regarding this matter.

On May 5, 1995, the Land and Development Services Department provided a Capital Cost Estimate to the Director of Parks and Recreation for the proposed acquisition.

On July 13, 1995, representatives from the Community Services and Parks and Recreation Department met with representatives from Riverborne Development Association Inc. and the Osborne Business Exchange District. A letter dated July 13, 1995, from the Riverborne Development Association demonstrated a keen interest in supporting the acquisition and development of the subject properties for park space in the neighbourhood and state that broad support in the community exists for this initiative. Furthermore, the Association indicated that it would assume responsibility for obtaining funds for park development and maintenance of the site.

Conceptually, the subject proposed acquisition is not consistent with the proposed open space strategy for the McMillan Neighbourhood which is focused on expanding an existing active recreational site and the creation of a 2 acre subneighbourhood site. However, given the previous Civic approval to negotiate the acquisition of 514 Stradbrook Avenue by means of the Manitoba/Winnipeg Core Rehabilitation Program and the high level of public (community) interest generated for developing this site, the Parks and Recreation Department views this proposal as a short term option to assist in offsetting the need for open space in the neighbourhood.

Accordingly, the Parks and Recreation Department has reviewed the new proposal and is supportive of same on the following basis:

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1. That funding for the acquisition of the property estimated at $176,700.00 be available from the Manitoba/Winnipeg Core Rehabilitation Program ($100,000.00), the Community Incentive Grant Program ($50,000.00) and the Land for General Unspecified Purposes Account ($26,700.00).

2. That Riverborne Development Association Inc. and other Community Organizations be the sponsor for the park and undertake to obtain funds required for the development of the site.

3. That Riverborne Development Association Inc. and other Community Organizations assume the ongoing maintenance responsibility costs and for the site.

4. That prior to commencement of any improvements on site, Riverborne Development Association Inc. submit plans and specifications to the Director of Parks and Recreation for approval.

5. That the subject plans for the park address issues related to security and maintenance in the neighbourhood and preservation of the trees on site.

The Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture therefore recommends:

I. That the Director of Land and Development Services be authorized to negotiate the acquisition of the privately-owned properties legally described as Lots 25 and 26, Plan 52, and referred to as 512 and 514 Stradbrook Avenue, as shown on Plan No. 28-95, for local community parks and recreation purposes.

II. That funds in the amount of $100,000.00 from the Fort Rouge Manitoba/Winnipeg Core Rehabilitation Program be approved for the purchase of the subject properties.

III. That funds in the amount of $50,000.00 from the City Centre Community Incentive Grant Program be approved for the purchase of the subject properties.

IV. That funds in the amount of $26,700.00 from the Land for General Unspecified Purposes Account be approved for the purchase of the subject properties.

V. That the Director of Community Services in conjunction with the Director of Parks and Recreation be requested to enter into discussions with the representatives of the Riverborne Development Association Inc. and other local Community Groups to obtain an agreement for funding the development and maintenance of the park by the Association and other Groups.

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

Adopted by consent.

(See Minute No. 1061 for attachment)

1059 - Appendix "A" referred to in Clause 1 of the Report of the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture, dated July 24, 1995

MISSION OF THE ASSINIBOINE PARK CONSERVATORY

The mission of the Conservatory is to plan and direct the collection, propagation and display of plants to enhance the beauty of the City of Winnipeg, and to use in programs of education, recreation, conservation and research. These programs aim to increase public awareness and appreciation of plant life and ecological relationships on a local and global basis.

AIMS OF THE FRIENDS OF THE ASSINIBOINE PARK CONSERVATORY

1. To act as a volunteer support group for the on-going development of the Conservatory.

2. To foster a knowledge of the science of botany and practice of horticulture.

3. To increase public awareness of the need to conserve plant communities and resources.

4. To work with the City of Winnipeg in creating and delivery educational programs at the Conservatory.

5. To provide advice on the future development of Conservatory facilities.

6. To enhance the recreational use of the Conservatory for a variety of audiences.

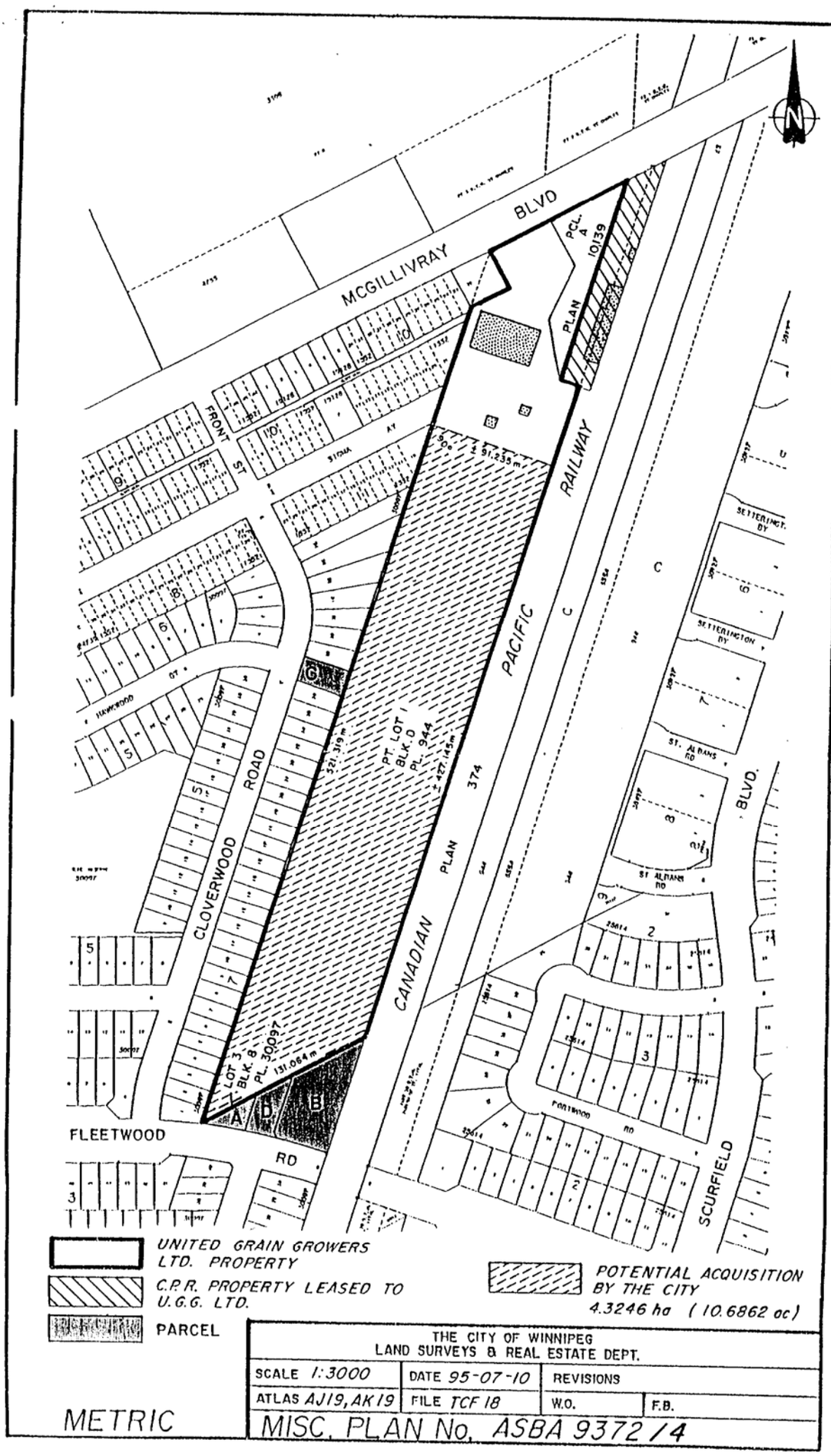
7. To plan and implement research projects relating to the goals of the Conservatory.

8. To market the Friends organization and activities with the objective of promoting Conservatory facilities and programs.

9. To raise funds in support of the objectives of the Friends, from the public, government and industry.

10. To present lectures, seminars and workshops, and to publish and distribute printed materials and film on botanical and horticultural matters.

1060 - Misc. Plan No. 9372/4 referred to in Clause 11 of the Report of the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture dated July 24, 1995



1061 - Plan No. 28-95 referred to in Clause 12 of the Report of the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture dated July 24, 1995

