REPORT OF THE

STANDING COMMITTEE ON FISCAL ISSUES

DATED JANUARY 15, 2002

On motion of Councillor Clement, the Report of the Standing Committee on Fiscal Issues, dated January 15, 2002, was considered clause by clause.

Moved by Councillor Clement,
That the Consent Agenda, Clauses 1 and 2, be adopted.

Carried.

Provencher Paired Bridges Project Financial Status Report No. 5 - Period - May 1, 2001 to August 31, 2001
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187 - 1. On December 16, 1999, Council approved in principle a Conceptual Plan for the Provencher Bridge involving a new vehicular bridge, a separate pedestrian bridge in partnership with CentreVenture Development Corporation, as well as maintenance, inspection and monitoring of the existing structure until demolition at the end of 2002 and related works.

On September 5, 2000, Council approved the Preliminary Design and authorized commencement of the environmental licensing process, detailed engineering design and tendering for the Provencher Bridge Project.

On October 18, 2000, Council approved the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee dated October 11, 2000 for Alternative Roadway Networks connecting Provencher Bridge and Main Street as follows:

I. That Option A as illustrated on Figure A (Option A with Pioneer realigned) be approved at a cost of $5.75 million which would minimize the cost of the roadway connection between Main Street and the New Provencher Bridge.

II. That Option A be added to the 2001 - 2005 Five Year Capital Forecast and be implemented concurrently with the construction of the Provencher Bridge.

III. That funding sources for $5.75 million, the cost of implementing Option A, be identified and approved following completion of detailed engineering design and award of contract for construction of the new Provencher Bridge.

On June 20, 2001, Council approved the Vehicular Bridge Contract award to M. D. Steele Construction Ltd., which submitted the lowest evaluated responsive Bid meeting all requirements of the published Tender Package in the estimated amount of $30,655,094.60 plus GST. Vehicular bridge construction work commenced on July 3, 2001 and is scheduled to be complete by October 31, 2003.

On August 16, 2001 the Provencher Bridge Project - Pedestrian Bridge was announced as part of the Canada/Manitoba Infrastructure Program - Downtown Waterfront Project.

In connection with Council’s October 18, 2000 approval of the roadway connecting Main Street to the Provencher Bridge, it is recommended that the funding source for the roadway connection be from the total $57M capital budget of the Provencher Paired Bridges Project. The $5.75 million funding required for the roadway is available from the previously identified unallocated funding and as a result of reduced project contingency amounts following award of contract for the vehicle bridge. The total cost of $6.5 million includes $750,000 previously identified for a temporary connection between the bridge and the existing road system.

The proposed 2002 Capital Budget and Five Year Forecast for the Provencher Paired Bridges Project and this financial status report reflect the inclusion of the road works to Main Street. The report also reflects the Pedestrian Bridge as part of the Canada/Manitoba Infrastructure Program - Downtown Waterfront Project and is on file in the office of the City Clerk.

Report of the Standing Committee on Fiscal Issues dated January 15, 2002

The financial impact statement is outlined on Appendix "A".

The Standing Committee on Fiscal Issues recommends:

I. That unallocated funding in the $57 million project budget in the amount of $5.75 million be approved for the implementation of Option A Roadway Network connecting Provencher Bridge and Main Street.

II. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the foregoing, including the execution of any documents related thereto.

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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188 - 2. The Standing Committee on Fiscal Issues has been advised that in accordance with due process, the Corporate Finance Department has conducted a consistent and thorough review of all applications received for exemption from the Entertainment Funding By-law in accordance with the criteria set forth in the By-law and Schedule "B" thereto.

The Standing Committee on Fiscal Issues further concurred in the administrative recommendation that the amusement and/or place of amusement, which meet the criteria set forth in Schedule "B" be listed, as set out below.

The financial impact of approving (and denying) these applications for exemption from the entertainment funding tax is unknown. The tax revenue that could be generated from events hosted by these organizations cannot be quantified, as the events have not yet occurred.

On January 15, 2002, the Standing Committee on Fiscal Issues considered a report from the Chief Financial Officer, dated January 7, 2002 and recommended that the application from the 2003 Winnipeg World Curling Society Inc., requesting an exemption from the Entertainment Funding By-law No. 7710/2000, be filed.

The Standing Committee on Fiscal Issues therefore recommends:

I. That the following amusement and/or place of amusement, which meet the criteria set forth in Schedule "B" of The Entertainment Funding By-law No. 7710/2000, be listed in Schedule "A" thereto, namely:

1. "Sokol" Polish Folk Ensemble

II. That the City Solicitor/Manager of Legal Services be directed to prepare the necessary amending By-law in accordance with the foregoing for submission directly to Council for approval.

III. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the foregoing, including the execution of any documents related thereto.

Adopted by consent.

STANDING COMMITTEE ON FISCAL ISSUES

CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

189 - On motion of Councillor Clement, By-law No. 7965/2002, a by-law of The City of Winnipeg to amend the Entertainment Funding By-law No. 7710/2000, was read a first, second and third time, the rule being suspended for the third reading, and was passed and ordered to be signed and sealed. File FL-6 (Vol. 24)