Report - Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development - March 4, 2003

Item No. 19 **Proposed Amendment to the License By-law - Massage Therapists File EL-1 (Vol. 32)**

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On March 18, 2003, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, and submits the following to Council:

1. That the License By-law, with respect to massage therapists, be amended by adding the following educational institutions to the list of registered educational institutions and regulatory bodies recognized under the License By-law, namely:

   A. Registered Educational Institutions
      i. Guangzhou University, Guangzhou, China; and
      ii. Toronto School of Business, Toronto, Ontario; and
      iii. The Swedish Institute, New York, New York; and
      iv. Shiatsu School of Canada Inc., Toronto, Ontario; and
      v. Okanagan Valley College of Massage Therapy Ltd., Vernon B.C.

   B. Regulatory Bodies
      i. College of Massage Therapists of Ontario; and
      ii. College of Massage Therapists of British Columbia.

2. That the City Solicitor/Manager of Legal Services be requested to prepare the necessary by-law for submission directly to Council.

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

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On March 18, 2003, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, and submitted the matter to Council.

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On March 4, 2003, the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development concurred in the administration recommendation, and submitted its recommendation to Executive Policy Committee and Council.

Re: LICENSE BY-LAW NO. 6551/95 - MASSAGE THERAPISTS

For submission to: Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development

Original report signed by: Ursula Stelman, Director of Community Services

Report date: February 24, 2003

In camera item: No

Recommendation(s):

That City Council amend the License By-law No. 6551/95, with respect to massage therapists, by adding the following educational institutions to the list of registered educational institutions and regulatory bodies recognized under the License By-law, namely:

(a) Registered Educational Institutions
   I. Guangzhou University, Guangzhou, China; and
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   V. Okanagan Valley College of Massage Therapy Ltd., Vernon B.C.

(b) Regulatory Bodies
   I. College of Massage Therapists of Ontario; and
   II. College of Massage Therapists of British Columbia.

Report Summary

Key Issues:

- Within the License By-law 6551/95, massage therapists are distinguished from the general license category of "massagists" by providing evidence that the applicant has successfully completed the requirements of a training program in massage therapy and has received accreditation from a registered educational facility named in the By-law.

- This is a routine report recommending that two recognized Schools of Massage Therapy be added to the list of registered educational institutions recognized under the License By-law 6551/95.

Implications of the Recommendation(s):

General Implications

X	None
	For the organization overall and/or for other departments
	For the community and/or organizations external to the City of Winnipeg
	Involves a multi-year contract

Comment:

Policy implications

X	No
	Yes

Comment:

Financial Implications

X	Within approved current and/or capital budget
	Current and/or capital budget adjustment required

Comment:

Report

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(b) Regulatory Bodies

I. College of Massage Therapists of Ontario; and
II. College of Massage Therapists of British Columbia.

Reason for the report:

Council approval is required for any additions to the License By-law list of recognized educational institutions and regulatory bodies for massage therapy, thereby enabling applicants who have graduated from or are registered with these institutions to be licensed as a massage therapist in the City of Winnipeg.

History:

Council, at its meeting held March 24, 1993, adopted Clause 8 of Report "A" of the Committee on Finance and Administration dated March 1, 1993 with respect to amendments to the License By-law No. 6551/95 (4007/85) relating to the licensing of massage therapists. Effective September 1, 1993, massage therapists are distinguished from the general license category of "massagists" by providing evidence that the applicant has successfully completed the requirements of a training program in massage therapy and has received accreditation from a registered educational facility named in the By-law. That report recognized that additional schools over and above those initially identified likely existed and stated "minor amendments to the By-law may be necessary in future to address such situations".

Discussion:

Graduates from the above named institutions and/or persons registered with the above named regulatory bodies have made application to The City of Winnipeg for licensing as a "massage therapist". The applicants have supplied the necessary documentation indicating successful completion of a program of study in anatomy, physiology, kinesiology, biology, physical therapy and other related fields of study; or have provided the registration with the respective regulatory bodies. The educational institutions to be added are all recognized with the respective provincial or state governments.

Before recommending the addition of a school, the practice has been to review criteria with respect to both the school and the applicant, such as curriculum, program content, hours of study, other related training and work experience, membership in a massage therapy association, and so forth.

Before recommending the addition of a regulatory body, the practice has been to review criteria with respect to the admission of an applicant and the level of authority granted by the respective provincial or state governments.

This report is recommending that these schools and regulatory bodies be added to the list of recognized schools of massage therapy in the License By-law to enable the applicant to be licensed as a massage therapist.

Further reports of this nature will be submitted to Council in future to add to the list of registered educational facilities in the License By-law.

Financial Impact Statement:

There is no financial impact associated with this report. The Departmental Controller concurs.

In preparing the report, there was consultation with and concurrence by:
Legal Services
Harold Dick

This Report Submitted By:

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Division:	Community Resource Protection & Safety Services
Prepared by:	Bryan Verity, Chief License Inspector
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