Agenda - Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development - April 8, 2003

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Item No. 5 Proposed City-Wide Heritage Program - Gail Parvin Hammerquist Fund for the year 2002 - 2003
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HISTORICAL BUILDINGS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

Recommending that the Steering Policy Committee on Property and Development concur with the proposed allocation of funds from the Gail Parvin Hammerquist Fund (5% of City land sales) for the year 2002 and 2003.

March 24, 2003

CHAIRPERSON AND MEMBERS
STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON
PROPERTY AND DEVELOPMENT

RE: CITY-WIDE HERITAGE PROGRAM 2002-2003

The Historical Buildings Committee is recommending that the Steering Policy Committee on Property and Development concur with the proposed allocation of funds from the Gail Parvin Hammerquist Fund (5% of City land sales) for the year 2002 and 2003.

A. City-Wide Heritage Grant Program 2002 - $82,000

That funds be allocated to stabilize the City's three oldest heritage structures that are in a severely deteriorated condition due to limited maintenance. They have not been identified for Capital works by any City department for a number of years.

1. Grey Nun's Convent (St. Boniface Museum), built in 1846	$50,000
2. Upper Fort Garry Gate, built in 1853	$20,000
3. Ross House, built in 1854	$12,000

The work must meet the City's "Standards for Conservation" and must have an approved Certificate of Suitability from the Historical Buildings Committee.

The Senior Planner (Heritage) concurs with this recommendation.

B. City-Wide Heritage Grant Program 2003 - $60,000

This year is the 25th anniversary of the passing of heritage by-laws in Winnipeg that created the original Historic Winnipeg Restoration Area and Old Market Square.

In those 25 years the City of Winnipeg has provided funds, human resources and has shown its commitment to heritage preservation that is the envy of many of Canadian municipalities. Numerous former vacant buildings are now alive with businesses, residents, and office workers. This farsightedness and commitment by our civic politicians has resulted in the "Exchange District" being declared a National Historic Site by the Government of Canada. We are also on the verge

of finding out if the area will be on a tentative list of the Federal Government to be nominated to UNESCO as a World Heritage Site.

This summer and fall the City will be the site of numerous conventions where our solid concern for heritage conservation will be a major topic for a number of workshops, walking tours, public debates, etc.

Some of the events include the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Annual Meeting, the Canadian Association of Municipal Administrators, Parks Canada Senior Managers meeting and the Heritage Canada Annual General Meeting.

The Historical Buildings Committee and the Planning, Property and Development Department propose to produce a major display, preprint materials, maps and powerpoint presentation that celebrate the last 25 years. It is time to raise awareness about the magnificent achievements made to turn the Exchange District from a collection of vacant underutilized buildings to a vibrant, innovative and world-class heritage precinct.

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Chairperson
Historical Buildings Committee

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