REPORT "A" OF THE

COMMITTEE ON WORKS AND OPERATIONS

DATED APRIL 13, 1993

Note: This clause has been referred back by Executive Policy Committee to the Committee on Works and Operations.

Temporary Closure of Streets in Exchange District to Facilitate Filming "Legends of the Fall"
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485 - 1. The "Bedford Falls" Film Company has requested that certain streets in the Exchange District be closed for a period of approximately 6 days in June 1993, to facilitate filming a movie "Legends of the Fall".

The Exchange District of Winnipeg has been selected for filming as the building facades in this area are representative of the 1910-1913 period. To facilitate filming all modern street furniture, including traffic signs, traffic signals, parking meters, illumination poles must be temporarily removed. Any facilities that cannot be removed will be masked by film props. In those areas where street lighting has been removed, public safety will be ensured through the provision of adequate temporary lighting.

The Streets and Transportation Department perceives that the transportation needs of the City of Winnipeg can be reasonably accommodated during the proposed closure provided that King Street essentially remains open, with the necessary closures thereon accomplished by special duty police officers.

The Department costs to affect the required removals and replacements are estimated at $27,000 and $10,000 for the Streets and Transportation Department and Winnipeg Hydro respectively. If these costs are to be recovered, and all applicable overhead charges and lost parking meter revenue is included, the cost to the Bedford Falls Film Company is estimated at $46,000 and $14,000 for works performed by the Streets and Transportation Department and Winnipeg Hydro respectively.

The Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture is also considering a report dated April 7, 1993, which recommends that the removal of up to 53 boulevard trees situated on McDermot Avenue between King and Albert Streets not be approved as was requested by Prospect Film Services.

Upon resolution of the report dated April 7, 1993, by the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture, your Committee on Works and Operations subsequently recommends:-

I. That the following portions of streets and lanes be closed for approximately 6 days during mid-June 1993:

a) McDermot Avenue - Princess Street to Main Street;

b) Albert Street - a point south of McDermot to Bannatyne Avenue;

c) Arthur Street - Notre Dame Avenue to Bannatyne Avenue;

d) Certain lanes in the area.

II. That the traffic on King Street and Bannatyne Avenue be controlled as required by special duty police officers during the approximately 6 day period of filming.

III. That all traffic signals, traffic signs, parking meters, and illumination poles within the filming area be temporarily removed during the filming period.

IV. That the filming company "Bedford Falls" be required to post a performance bond to ensure recovery of all costs including overheads associated with the removal and replacement of traffic signals, parking meters, traffic signs, illumination poles, etc.

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

REFERRED BACK BY EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE TO THE COMMITTEE ON WORKS AND OPERATIONS