REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE DATED APRIL 27, 1993

On motion of Mayor Thompson, the rule was suspended and the Report of the Executive Policy Committee, dated April 27, 1993, was considered clause by clause.

Amalgamated Transit Union – "The Public Sector Reduced Work Week and Compensation Management Act" File GU-4.5, Vol. 8

510 - 1. Your Executive Policy Committee submits the following resolution for favourable consideration, namely:

"WHEREAS the Province of Manitoba has given first and second readings to Bill 22, being "The Public Sector Reduced Work Week and Compensation Management Act."

AND WHEREAS Section 5(1) reads as follows:

> "If an employer intends to implement a reduced work week under this Part, the employer shall, in the calendar year in which the affected 12-month period commences, serve notice of that intention on the union that represents the affected employees,
>
> (a) specifying the total number of days of leave without pay that employees will be required to take as a result of the reduced work week and the 12-month period during which the reduced work week will occur; and
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> (b) requesting that consultations commence as described in subsection (4)."

AND WHEREAS Section 5(2) reads as follows:

> "The employer shall file a notice under subsection (1) with the minister."

AND WHEREAS Section 5(4) reads as follows:

> "A union that receives a notice under subsection (1) shall commence consultations with the employer for the purpose of reaching an agreement as to:
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> (a) the number of days of leave without pay that each employee must take;
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> (b) when employees must take the days or portions of days of leave without pay within the 12-month period;
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> (c) the manner and frequency of deduction of pay from employees' wages in connection with the days or portions of days of leave without pay; and
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> (d) any other matter that the union and the employer consider relevant to the implementation of the reduced work week."

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of The City of Winnipeg give notice to the Amalgamated Transit Union that all of its members will be placed on ten days of leave, without pay, for the period April 1st, 1993 to March 31st, 1994:

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED THAT the Amalgamated Transit Union consider this as notice that the City wishes to commence consultations with it as provided for in Section 5(4) of the above Act.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Labour, Province of Manitoba."

Moved by Mayor Thompson,
Adoption of the clause.

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In amendment,
Moved by Her Worship Mayor Thompson,
Seconded by Councillor Clement,

THAT Clause 1 of the Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated April 27, 1993 be amended by adding at the end of the resolution contained therein, the following:

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council delegate to the Executive Policy Committee the authority to do all things necessary to implement this resolution, including details of the furlough."

The Speaker called the Deputy Speaker, Councillor Reese, to the Chair in order to participate in the debate and after speaking resumed the Chair.

The amendment was put.

Councillor Boychuk called for the years and nays, which were as follows:-

Yes: Councillors Reese, Duguid, Eadie, Fraser, Golden, Lazarenko, Murray, O'Shaughnessy, Prystanski, Silva, Clement and Mayor Thompson. 12

Nay: Councillors Boychuk, Hyman, Thomas and Angus. 4

and the amendment as declared carried.

The motion for the adoption of the clause, as amended, as put.

The Speaker called for the yeas and nays, which were as follows:-

Yea: Councillors Reese, Duguid, Eadie, Fraser, Golden, Hyman, Lazarenko, O'Shaughnessy, Prystanski, Silva, Clement, Mayor Thompson and Councillor Angus. 13

Nay: Councillor Boychuk, Murray and Thomas. 3

and the motion for the adoption of the clause, as amended was declared carried.

Winnipeg Civic Nurses' Association, Local 1 Of MNU – Notice re "The Public Sector Reduced Work Week and Compensation Management Act" File GU-4.4, Vol. 5

511 - 2. Your Executive Policy Committee submits the following resolution for favourable consideration, namely:

"WHEREAS the Province of Manitoba has given first and second readings to Bill 22, being "The Public Sector Reduced Work Week and Compensation Management Act".

AND WHEREAS Section 5(1) reads as follows:

> "If an employer intends to implement a reduced work week under this Part, the employer shall, in the calendar year in which the affected 12-month period commences, serve notice of that intention on the union that represents the affected employees,
>
> (a) specifiying the total number of days of leave without pay that employees will be required to take as a result of the reduced work week and the 12-month period during which the reduced work week will occur; and
> (b) requesting that consultations commence as described in subsection (4)."

AND WHEREAS Section 5(2) reads as follows:

> "the employer shall file a notice under subsection (1) with the minister."

AND WHEREAS Section 5(4) reads as follows:

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"A union that receives a notice under subsection (1) shall commence consultations with the employer for the purpose of reaching an agreement as to:

(a) the number of days of leave without pay that each employee much take;

(b) when employees must take the days or portions of days or leave without pay within the 12-month period:

(c) the manner and frequency of deduction of pay from employees' wages in connection with the days or portions of days of leave without pay; and

(d) any other matter that the union and the employer consider relevant to the implementation of the reduced work week."

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council of The City of Winnipeg give notice to the Winnipeg Civic Nurses' Association, Local 1 of MNU, that 54 of its members in the Health Department and 3 in the Personnel Department will be placed on ten days of leave, without pay, for the period April 1st, 1993 to March 31, 1994;

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED THAT the Winnipeg Civic Nurses' Association, Local 1 of MNU, consider this as notice that the City wishes to commence consultations with it as provided for in Section 5(4) of its members in the Health Department and 3 in the Personnel Department will be placed on ten days of leave, without pay, for the period April 1st, 1993 to March 31st, 1994:

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED THAT the Winnipeg Civic Nurses' Association, Local 1 of MNU, consider this as notice that the City wishes to commence consultations with it as provided for in Section 5(4) of the above Act.

BE IT ALSO RESOLVED THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Labour, Province of Manitoba."

Moved by Mayor Thompson,
Adoption of the clause.

In amendment,
Moved by Her Worship Mayor Thompson,
Seconded by Councillor Clement,
THAT Clause 2 of the Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated April 27, 1993 be amended by adding at the end of the resolution contained therein, the following:

"BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council delegate to the Executive Policy Committee the authority to do all things necessary to implement this resolution, including details of the furlough.:

The amendment was put.

The Speaker called for the yeas and nays, which were as follows:-

Yea: Councillors Reese, Duguid, Eadie, Fraser, Golden, Lazarenko, Murray, O'Shaughnessy, Prystanski, Silva, Clement and Mayor Thompson. 12

Nay: Councillors Boychuk, Hyman, Thomas and Angus. 4

and the amendment was declared carried.

The motion for the adoption of the clause, as amended, was put.

The Speaker called for the yeas and nays, which were as follows:-

Yea: Councillors Reese, Duguid, Eadie, Fraser, Golden, Hyman, Lazarenko, O'Shaughnessy, Prystanski, Silva, Clement, Mayor Thompson and Councillor Angus. 13

Nay: Councillors Boychuk, Murray and Thomas. 3

and the motion for the adoption of the clause, as amended, was declared carried.

REPORT OF THE

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

APRIL 7, 1993

On motion of Mayor Thompson, the Report of the Executive Policy Committee, dated April 7, 1993, was considered clause by clause.

Moved by Mayor Thompson,
That the Consent Agenda items, Clauses 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14 and 15 be adopted.

Councillor Thomas requested that Clause 1, 11, 12 and 15 be pulled from the Consent Agenda.

The motion to adopt the Consent Agenda, Clauses 2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,13 and 14 was put and declared carried.

His Worship The Mayor and Councillors:

Increase of Reconnection Charges After Non-Payment Discounts File HR (Volume 5)

512 - 1. Reconnection charges were originally put in place in 1965 at a rate of $15.00 which was, at the time, considered to be fair and yet high enough to be a deterrent.

The cost reconnect electrical service in man hours to the Credit 7 Collections Branch, the Dispatch Office, and the Trouble Office has increased greatly since the reconnection charge was first introduced. It was thought then, that a charge would act as a deterrent with the idea that customers would rather pay their accounts and avoid disconnection of service and the attendant reconnection charge. The naominal amount of $10.00 when looked at in the context of today's wages and living expenses, is neither a deterrent nor an accurate reflection of the costs involved.

An increase of $15.00 in the first year and $15.00 in the second year will bring Winnipeg Hydro more in line with other utilities which operate in Winnipeg. At present, the other utilities are charging the following rates:

Centra Gas	$48.00
Waterworks, Waste & Disposal Department	$25.00
Manitoba Hydro (This figure is being reviewed and will, in all probability, be raised in the near future.)	$15.00

The following table shows the difference in revenues generated between the existing and proposed rates:

Year	Number of Reconnects	Revenue Generated at the rate of $10.00	Revenue Generated at the rate of $25.00	Revenue Generated at the rate of $40.00
1989	2267	$22,670.00		
1990	2719	$27,190.00		
1991	3080	$30,800.00		
1992*	3800	$38,000.00		
1993*	4000	$40,000.00	$100,000.00	
1994*				$160,000.00

*Projected

The increased projected revenue of $60,000.00 and $120,000.00 respectively, will help offset some of the costs of the department's operations. The estimated cost of one trip to the customer's premise for either disconnect or reconnect electrical power is $19.00. When a customer does not pay his/her bill, the cost to Winnipeg Hydro is at least $38.00 (two trips to the customer's premise), not including the cost of office staff's time spent with the customer. It is

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expected that the larger fee will have the effect of influencing customers to respond to Final Disconnection Notices, pay their bills, and avoid reconnection charges.

Notification to customers of the increased fee will be accomplished through a printed message highlighted on the hydro bill as well as a brightly coloured printed insert sent to each customer prior to implementation of the changes.

For the information of Council, the Committee on Planning and Community Services is reviewing the direct payments by Social Services for recipients' costs to Winnipeg Hydro. For the additional information of Council, the Committee on Works and Operations on March 10, 1993, concurred in the following recommendations:

1. That effective May 1, 1993, the charge for reconnecting electrical services, disconnected for non-payment, be increased from $10.00 to $25.00.

2. That effective January 1, 1994, the charge for reconnecting electrical services, disconnected for non-payment, be increased from $25.00 to $40.00.

Moved by Mayor Thompson,
Adoption of the clause.

In amendment,

Moved by Councillor Thomas,
Seconded by Councillor Hyman,
THAT in the second paragraph of the preamble of Clause 1 of the Executive Policy Committee Report dated April 7, 1993, the words "man hours" be deleted and replaced by the words "staff time" to more accurately reflect the intent of the clause.

The amendment was put and declared carried.

The motion for the adoption of the clause, as amended, was put and declared carried.

Parking Meter By-law No. 820/74
File ST-2 (Volume 8)

513 - 2. The Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs by letter dated January 18, 1993, has requested that the organization be issued a parking privilege permit for its Grand Chief.

The City's Parking Meter By-law # 820/74 at present authorizes the issue of parking privileges to the Governments of Canada, Manitoba, and Winnipeg and to their respective employees. The by-law does not provide authority to issue such privileges to other organizations.

The Department has recommended that the by-law change as a courtesy to The Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs.

Costs to implement an issuance process, following by-law amendment, will be offset by revenue derived from the sale of parking privilege cards to this organization.

Your Executive Policy Committee recommends:

a) That paragraph (b), Section 10 of the City's Parking Meter By-law #820/74 be amended to include the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs as follows:

> "10.(b) by a vehicle of or employed by The City of Winnipeg, or the Armed Forces, or any emergency vehicle, provided that markings designating ownership of the vehicle is painted thereon, or by a vehicle of or employed by The City of Winnipeg, The Armed Forces, the Government of Manitoba, The Government of Canada or The Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs identified by a card, sticker, or certificate duly authorized and signed by the Mayor of The City of Winnipeg, provided that the operator of said vehicle is using the vehicle in the course of his or her duties."

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b) That the Acting City Solicitor prepare the necessary revision to the Parking Meter By-law.

c) That the Proper Officers be authorized to implement these recommendations.

Adopted by consent.

Exchange District Business Improvement Zone – Proposed Program – Zone Levy and Budget Estimates – 1993 File FL-7.1 (Volume 2)

514 - 3. On January 25, 1989, Council passed By-law No. 5081/89, being a By-law of The City of Winnipeg to designate a Business Improvement Zone known as the "Exchange Districts Business Improvement Zone" and establish a Management Board for the Zone. The Management Board is required under the terms of the aforesaid By-law to prepare for submission to Council on or before October 31st in each year, its proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates.

The Exchange District Business Improvement Zone on October 27, 1992, held its Annual General Meeting and approved the Zone's proposed budget and programs for 1993. (Copy previously forwarded to all members of Council.) On November 25, 1992, Council requested the City Centre Community Committee to conduct a public meeting to hear representations with respect to the proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates.

The City Centre Community Committee on January 12, 1993, held a public meeting to hear representations on the proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates. In conjunction therewith, the Community Committee adopted the following motion:

> "Whereas a public meeting to review the proposed program, zone levies and budget estimates for the Exchange District Business Improvement Zone was duly advertised in The Winnipeg Free Press and The Winnipeg Sun on Monday, December 28, 1992, in accordance with Section 17 of By-law No. 5081/89;
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> And Whereas no objections were received in respect to the Board's proposals;
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> Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the City Centre Community Committee unanimously recommended to Executive Policy Committee that the proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates for the Exchange District Business Improvement Zone, as adopted, be ratified by Executive Policy Committee and City Council."

On February 24, 1993, your Executive Policy Committee recommendation for approval of the proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates for the Exchange District Business Improvement Zone, was adopted by Council.

The proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates were previously forwarded to all members of Council. As the Exchange District Business Improvement Zone has complied with both the legislation and the By-law governing the budget processes, it is now left to City Council to pass a By-law approving all or part of the Board's proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates.

The City of Winnipeg Act CAP 10 S>m. 1989-90 Sub-section 200(8) and Sub-section 200(6) states the following:

> **Approval of estimates.**
> **200(8)** "Subject to Sub-section (6), Council may pass a By-law approving all or part of the Board's proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates and, upon that approval, may direct the payment to the Board or on behalf of the Board of an amount not exceeding the amount approved."
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> **Notice of objection.**
> **200(6)** "Council shall not approve the Board's proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates, if written notice of objection is received from one third of the businesses in the zone that represent one third of the total business assessment in the zone."

In addition By-law No. 5081/89 Section 17(7) states in part the following:

> Council may pass a By-law approving all or part of the Board's proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates and, upon that approval, may direct the payment to the Board or on behalf of the Board of an amount not exceeding the amount approved, such payment to be made in accordance with the following

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Schedule, except as provided in sub-section (10):

"(a) 75 % of the approved budget on June 30th;
(b) 15 % of the approved budget on August 31st;
(c) 10% of the approved budget on October 31st."

The 1993 business assessment roll's annual rental value for the Exchange District Business Improvement Zone is $15,529,165. The proposed budget of the Exchange District Business Improvement Zone is $152,600. The zone levy rate which will be applied to the annual rental value of individual properties in the Exchange District Business Improvement Zone is .983%.

Your Executive Policy Committee recommends:

1. That Council adopt the proposed By-law approving the Exchange District Business Improvement Zone Management Board's program, zone levy and budget estimates for the year 1993.

2. That Council direct the City Treasurer to make payment to the Board in accordance with the following schedule:

"(a) 75 % of the approved budget on June 30th;
(b) 15 % of the approved budget on August 31st;
(c) 10% of the approved budget on October 31st."

Adopted by consent.

Corydon Avenue Business Improvement Zone – Proposed Program – Zone Levy And Budget Estimates – 1993 File FL-7.2 (Volume 3)

515 - 4. On March 7, 1990, Council adopted By-law No. 5378/90, being a By-law of The City of Winnipeg to designate a Business Improvement Zone to be known as the "Corydon Avenue Business Improvement Zone" and to establish a Management Board for the Zone.

The Annual General Meeting for the Zone was held on October 14, 1992, at which time the 1993 program and budget estimates were approved in accordance with By-law No. 5378/90.

On November 25, 1992, Council requested the City Centre Community Committee to conduct a public meeting to hear representations in respect to the Corydon Avenue Business Improvement Zone's proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates.

On January 12, 1993, the City Centre Community Committee passed the following motion:

"Whereas a public meeting to review the proposed program, zone levies and budget estimates for the Corydon Avenue Business Improvement Zone was duly advertised in The Winnipeg Free Press and the Winnipeg Sun on Monday, December 28, 1992, in accordance with Section 17 of by-law No. 5378/90;

And Whereas no objections were received in respect to the Board's proposals:

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That the City Centre Community Committee unanimously recommend to Executive Policy Committee that the proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates for the Corydon Avenue Business Improvement Zone, as adopted, be ratified by Executive Policy Committee and City Council."

On February 24, 1993, your Executive Policy Committee recommendation for approval of the proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates for the Corydon Avenue Business Improvement Zone, was adopted by Council.

The proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates were previously forwarded to all members of Council. As the Corydon Avenue Business Improvement Zone has complied with both the legislation and the By-law governing the budget process, it is now left to City Council to pass a By-law approving all or part of the Board's proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates.

The City of Winnipeg Act CAP 10 S.M. 1989-90 Sub-section 200(8) and Sub-section 200(6) states the following:

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Approval of estimates.
200(8) **"**Subject to Sub-section (6), Council may pass a By-law approving all or part of the Board's proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates and, upon that approval, may direct the payment to the Board or on behalf of the Board of an amount not exceeding the amount approved."

Notice of objection.
200(6) "Council shall not approve the Board's proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates if written notice of objection is received from one third of the businesses in the zone that represent one third of the total business assessment in the zone."

In addition By-law No. 5378/90 Section 17(7) states in part the following:

Council may pass a By-law approving all or part of the Board's proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates and, upon that approval, may direct the payment to the Board or on behalf of the Board of an amount not exceeding the amount approved, such payment to be made in accordance with the following schedule, except as provided in sub-section (10):

"(a) 75% of the approved budget on June 30th;
(b) 15% of the approved budget on August 31st;
(c) 10% of the approved budget on October 31st.

The 1993 business assessment roll's annual rental value for the Corydon Avenue Business Improvement Zone is $1,631,740. The proposed budget of the Corydon Avenue Business Improvement Zone is $31,000. The zone levy rate which will be applied to the annual rental value of the individual properties in the Corydon Avenue Business Improvement Zone is 1.900%.

Your Executive Policy Committee recommends:

1. That Council adopt the proposed By-law approving the Corydon Avenue Business Improvement Zone Management Board's program, zone levy and budget estimates for the year 1993.

2. That Council direct the City Treasurer to make payment to the Board in accordance with the following schedule:

"(a) 75% of the approved budget on June 30th;
(b) 15% of the approved budget on August 31st;
(c) 10% of the approved budget on October 31st.

Adopted by consent.

Osborne Village Business Improvement Zone – Proposed Program – Zone Levy and Budget Estimates – 1993 File FL-7.3 (Volume 3)

516 - 5. On December 20, 1989, Council adopted By-law No. 5322/89, being a By-law of The City of Winnipeg to designate a Business Improvement Zone to be known as the "Osborne Village Business Improvement Zone" and to establish a Management Board for the Zone.

A General Budget meeting of the Board was held on October 13, 1992, in accordance with Section 16 of said By-law No. 5322/89. At the meeting the proposed 1993 programs and budget estimates were approved.

On November 25, 1992, Council requested the City Centre Community Committee to conduct a public meeting to hear representations in respect to the Osborne Village Business Improvement Zone's proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates.

On January 12, 1993, the City Centre Community Committee passed the following motion:

"Whereas a public meeting to review the proposed program, zone levies and budget estimates for the

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Osborne Village Business Improvement Zone was duly advertised in The Winnipeg Free Press and The Winnipeg Sun on Monday, December 28, 1992, in accordance with Section 17 of By-law No. 5322/89;

And Whereas no objections were received in respect to the Board's proposals;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the City Centre Community Committee unanimously recommend to Executive Policy Committee that the proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates for the Osborne Village Business Improvement Zone, as adopted, be ratified by Executive Policy Committee and City Council."

On February 24, 1993, your Executive Policy Committee recommendation for approval of the proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates for the Osborne Village Business Improvement Zone, was adopted by Council.

The proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates were previously forwarded to all members of Council. As the Osborne Village Business Improvement Zone has complied with both the legislation and the By-law governing the budget processes, it is now left to City Council to pass a by-law approving all or part of the Board's proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates.

Approval of estimates.
200(8) "Subject to Sub-section (6), Council may pass a By-law approving all or part of the Board's proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates and, upon that approval, may direct the payment to the Board on behalf of the Board of an amount not exceeding the amount approved."

Notice of objection.
200(6) "Council shall not approve the Board's proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates, if written notice of objection is received form one third of the businesses in the zone that represent one third of the total business assessment in the zone."

In addition By-law No. 5322/89 Section 17(7) states in part the following:

Council may pass a By-law approving all or part of the Board's proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates and, upon that approval, may direct the payment to the Board or on behalf of the Board of an amount not exceeding the amount approved, such payment to be made in accordance with the following schedule, except as provided in subsection (10):

"(a) 75% of the approved budget on June 30th;
(b) 15% of the approved budget on August 31st;
(c) 10% of the approved budget on October 31st."

The 1993 business assessment roll's annual rental value for the Osborne Village Business Improvement Zone is $3,217,080. The proposed budget of the Osborne Village Business Improvement Zone is $48,470. The zone levy rate which will be applied to the annual rental value of individual properties in the Osborne Village Business Improvement Zone is 1.500%.

Your Executive Policy Committee recommends:

1. That Council adopt the proposed By-law approving the Osborne Village Business Improvement Zone Management Board's program, zone levy and budget estimates for the year 1993.

2. That Council direct the City Treasurer to make payment to the Board in accordance with the following schedule:

"(a) 75% of the approved budget on June 30th;
(b) 15% of the approved budget on August 31st;
(c) 10% of the approved budget on October 31st."

Adopted by consent.

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Downtown Winnipeg Business Improvement Zone - Proposed Program - Zone Levy and Budget Estimates – 1993 File FL-7.4 (Volume 4)

517 - 6. The Downtown Winnipeg Business Improvement Zone held its Annual General Meeting on October 21, 1992, and approved the Zone's proposed budget and programs for 1993.

On November 25, 1992, Council requested the City Centre Community Committee to conduct a public meeting to hear representations in respect to the Downtown Winnipeg Business Improvement Zone's proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates.

On January 12, 1993, the City Centre Community Committee passed the following motion:

> "Whereas a public meeting to review the proposed program, zone levies and budget estimates for the Downtown Winnipeg Business Improvement Zone was duly advertised in The Winnipeg Free Press and The Winnipeg Sun on Monday, December 28, 1992, in accordance with Section 17 of By-law No. 5080/89;
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> And Whereas no objections were received in respect to the Board's proposals;
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> Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the City Centre Community Committee unanimously recommend to Executive Policy Committee that the proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates for the Downtown Winnipeg Business Improvement Zone, as adopted, be ratified by Executive Policy Committee and City Council."

On February 24, 1993, your Executive Policy Committee recommendation for approval of the proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates for the Downtown Winnipeg Business Improvement Zone for 1993, was adopted by Council.

The proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates were previously forwarded to all members of Council. As the Downtown Winnipeg Business Improvement Zone has complied with both the legislation and the By-law governing the budget processes, it is now left to City Council to pass a By-law approving all or part of the Board's proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates.

The City of Winnipeg Act CAP 10 S.M. 1989-90 Sub-section 200(8) and Sub-section 200(6) states the following:

> **Approval of estimates.**
> **200(8)** "Subject to Sub-section (6), Council may pass a By-law approving all or part of the Board's proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates and, upon that approval, may direct the payment to the Board or on behalf of the Board of an amount not exceeding the amount approved."
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> **Notice of objection.**
> **200(6)** "Council shall not approve the Board's proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates, if written notice of objection is received from one third of the businesses in the zone that represent one third of the total business assessment in the zone."

In addition By-law No. 5080/89 Section 17(7) states in part the following:

Council may pass a By-law approving all or part of the Board's proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates and, upon that approval, may direct the payment to the Board or on behalf of the Board of an amount not exceeding the amount approved, such payment to be made in accordance with the following schedule, except as provided in sub-section (10):

"(a) 75% of the approved budget on June 30th;
(b) 15% of the approved budget on August 31st;
(c) 10% of the approved budget on October 31st."

The 1993 business assessment roll's annual rental value for the Downtown Winnipeg Business Improvement Zone is $82,793,010. The proposed budget of the Downtown Winnipeg Business Improvement Zone is $724,466. The zone levy rate which will be applied to the annual rental value of individual properties in the Downtown Winnipeg Business Improvement Zone is .875%.

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Your Executive Policy Committee recommends:

1. That Council adopt the proposed By-law approving the Downtown Winnipeg Business Improvement Zone Management Board's program, zone levy and budget estimates for the year 1993.

2. That Council direct the City Treasurer to make payment to the Board in accordance with the following schedule:

"(a) 75% of the approved budget on June 30th;
(b) 15% of the approved budget on August 31st;
(c) 10% of the approved budget on October 31st."

Adopted by consent.

Selkirk Avenue Business Improvement Zone - Proposed Program - Zone Levy and Budget Estimates - 1993 File FL-7.5 (Volume 1

518 - 7. On September 25, 1991, Council adopted By-law No. 5770/91, being a By-law of The City of Winnipeg to designate a Business Improvement Zone to be known as the "Selkirk Avenue Business Improvement Zone" and to establish a Management Board for the Zone.

On May 5th, 1992, the Selkirk Avenue Business Improvement Zone held its Annual General Meeting at which time the proposed budget for the period January 1, 1993 to December 31, 1993 was approved.

On May 27, 1992, Council requested the Lord Selkirk-West Kildonan Community Committee to conduct a public meeting to hear representations in respect to the Selkirk Avenue Business Improvement Zone's proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates.

On July 21, 1992, the Lord Selkirk - West Kildonan Community Committee passed the following motion:

"Whereas a public meeting to review the proposed program, zone levies and budget estimates for the Selkirk Avenue Business Improvement Zone was duly advertised in The Winnipeg Free Press on Monday, July 6, 1992, in accordance with Section 17 of By-law No. 5770/91;

And Whereas no objections were received in respect to the Board's proposals;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the Lord Selkirk-West Kildonan Community Committee unanimously recommend to Executive Policy Committee that the proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates for the Selkirk Avenue Business Improvement Zone, as adopted, be ratified by Executive Policy Committee and City Council."

On September 23, 1992 your Executive Policy Committee recommendation for approval of the proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates for the Selkirk Avenue Business Improvement Zone, was adopted by Council.

The proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates were previously forwarded to all members of Council. As the Selkirk Avenue Business Improvement Zone has complied with both the legislation and the By-law governing the budget processes, it is now left to City Council to pass a By-law approving all or part of the Board's proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates.

The City of Winnipeg Act CAP 10 S.M. 1989-90 Sub-section 200(8) and Sub-section 200(6) states the following:

Approval of estimates.
200(8) "Subject to Sub-section (6), Council may pass a by-law approving all or part of the Board's proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates and, upon that approval, may direct the payment to the Board or on behalf of the Board of an amount not exceeding the amount approved."

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Notice of objection.
200(6) "Council shall not approve the Board's proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates, if written notice of objection is received from one third of the businesses in the zone that represent one third of the total business assessment in the zone."

In addition By-law No. 5770/91 Section 17(7) states in part the following:

Council may pass a By-law approving all or part of the Board's proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates and, upon that approval, may direct the payment to the Board or on behalf of the Board of an amount not exceeding the amount approved, such payment to be made in accordance with the following schedule, except as provided in sub-section (10):

"(a) 75% of the approved budget on June 30th;
(b) 15% of the approved budget on August 31st;
(c) 10% of the approved budget on October 31st."

The 1993 business assessment roll's annual rental value for the Selkirk Avenue Business Improvement Zone is $1,101,144. The proposed budget of the Selkirk Avenue Business Improvement Zone is $22,500. The zone levy rate which will be applied to the annual rental value of individual properties in the Selkirk Avenue Business Improvement Zone is 2.050%.

Your Executive Policy Committee recommends:

1. That Council adopt the proposed By-law approving the Selkirk Avenue Business Improvement Zone Management Board's program, zone levy and budget estimates for the year 1993.

2. That Council direct the City Treasurer to make payment to the Board in accordance with the following schedule:

"(a) 75% of the approved budget on June 30th;
(b) 15% of the approved budget on August 31st;
(c) 10% of the approved budget on October 31st."

Adopted by consent.

Norwood Grove Business Improvement Zone - Proposed Program, Zone Levy and Budget Estimates - 1993
File FL-7.6 (Volume 1)

519 - 8. On March 6, 1991, Council adopted By-law No. 5649/91, being a By-law of The City of Winnipeg, to designate a Business Improvement Zone known as the "Norwood Grove Business Improvement Zone" and establish a Management Board for the Zone.

The Norwood Grove Business Improvement Zone at its Annual General Meeting held October 21, 1992, approved its Annual Program and Budget for 1993.

Council on November 25, 1992, requested the Riel Community Committee to conduct a public meeting to hear representations with respect to the proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates for the Norwood Grove Business Improvement Zone.

On January 12, 1993, the Riel Community Committee passed the following motion:

"Whereas a public meeting to review the proposed program, zone levies and budget estimates for the Norwood Grove Business Improvement Zone was duly advertised in The Winnipeg Free Press and The Winnipeg Sun on December 30, 1992, in accordance with Section 17 of By-law No. 5649/91;

And Whereas no objections were received in respect to the Board's proposals;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved That the Riel Community Committee unanimously recommend to Executive Policy Committee that the proposed program, zone levy, and budget estimates for the Norwood Grove

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Business Improvement Zone, as adopted, be ratified by Executive Policy Committee and City Council."

On February 24, 1993, your Executive Policy Committee recommendation for approval of the proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates for the Norwood Grove Business Improvement Zone, was adopted by Council.

The proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates were previously forwarded to all members of Council. As the Norwood Grove Business Improvement Zone has complied with both the legislation and the by-law governing the budget processes, it is now left to City Council to pass a by-law approving all or part of the Board's proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates.

The City of Winnipeg Act CAP 10 S.M. 1989-90 Sub-section 200(8) and Sub-section 200(6) states the following:

Approval of estimates.
200(8) "Subject to sub-section (6), council may pass a by-law approving all or part of the Board's proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates and, upon that approval, may direct the payment to the Board or on behalf of the Board of an amount not exceeding the amount approved."

Notice of objection.
200(6) "Council shall not approve the Board's proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates, if written notice of objection is received from one third of the businesses in the zone that represent one third of the total business assessment in the zone."

In addition By-law No. 5649/91 Section 17(7) states in part the following:

Council may pass a By-law approving all or part of the Board's proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates and, upon that approval, may direct the payment to the Board or on behalf of the Board of an amount not exceeding the amount approved, such payment to be made in accordance with the following schedule, except as provided in subsection (10):

"(a) 75% of the approved budget on June 30th;
(b) 15% of the approved budget on August 31st;
(c) 10% of the approved budget on October 31st."

The 1993 business assessment roll's annual rental value for the Norwood Grove Business Improvement Zone is $4,446,220. The proposed budget of the Norwood Grove Business Improvement Zone is $69,923. The zone levy rate which will be applied to the annual rental value of individual properties in the Norwood Grove Business Improvement Zone is 1.580%.

Your Executive Policy Committee recommends:

1. That Council adopt the proposed By-law approving the Norwood Grove Business Improvement Zone Management Board's program, zone levy and budget estimates for the year 1993.

2. That Council direct the City Treasurer to make payment to the Board in accordance with the following schedule:

"(a) 75% of the approved budget on June 30th;
(b) 15% of the approved budget on August 31st;
(c) 10% of the approved budget on October 31st."

Adopted by consent.

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Ellice Avenue/Sargent Avenue Business Improvement Zone - Proposed Program, Zone Levy and Budget Estimates - 1993 File FL-7.7 (Volume 1)

520 - 9. On March 6, 1991, Council adopted By-law No. 5650/91, being a By-law of The City of Winnipeg to designate a Business Improvement Zone to be known as the "Ellice Avenue/Sargent Avenue Business Improvement Zone" and to establish a Management Board for the Zone.

On October 7, 1992, the Ellice Avenue/Sargent Avenue Business Improvement Zone held its Annual General Meeting at which time the proposed budget for the period January 1, 1993 to December 31, 1993, was approved.

On November 25, 1992, Council requested the City Centre Community Committee to conduct a public meeting to hear representations in respect to the Ellice Avenue/Sargent Avenue Business Improvement Zone's proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates.

On January 12, 1993, the City Centre Community Committee passed the following motion:

> "Whereas a public meeting to review the proposed program, zone levies and budget estimates for the Ellice Avenue/Sargent Avenue Business Improvement Zone was duly advertised in The Winnipeg Free Press and The Winnipeg Sun on Monday, December 28, 1992, in accordance with Section 17 of By-law No. 5650/91;
>
> And Whereas no objections were received in respect to the Board's proposals;
>
> Now Therefore Be It Resolved That the City Centre Community Committee unanimously recommend to Executive Policy Committee that the proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates for the Ellice Avenue/Sargent Avenue Business Improvement Zone, as adopted, be ratified by Executive Policy Committee and City Council."

On February 24th, 1993, your Executive Policy Committee recommendation for approval of the proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates for the Ellice Avenue/Sargent Avenue Business Improvement Zone, was adopted by Council.

The proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates were previously forwarded to all members of Council. As the Ellice Avenue/Sargent Avenue Business Improvement Zone has complied with both the legislation and the by-law governing the budget processes, it is now left to City Council to pass a by-law approving all or part of the Board's proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates.

The City of Winnipeg Act CAP 10 S.M. 1989-90 Subsection 200(8) and Sub-section 200(6) states the following:

> **Approval of estimates.**
> **200(8)** "Subject to Sub-section (6), council may pass a by-law approving all or part of the Board's proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates and, upon that approval, may direct the payment to the Board or on behalf of the Board of an amount not exceeding the amount approved."
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> **Notice of objection.**
> **200(6)** "Council shall not approve the Board's proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates, if written notice of objection is received from one third of the businesses in the zone that represent one third of the total business assessment in the zone."

In addition By-law No. 5650/91 Section 17/(7) states in part the following:

> Council may pass a By-law approving all or part of the Board's proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates and, upon that approval, may direct the payment to the Board or on behalf of the Board of an amount not exceeding the amount approved, such payment to be made in accordance with the following schedule, except as provided in subsection (10):
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> "(a) 75% of the approved budget on June 30th;
> (b) 15% of the approved budget on August 31st;
> (c) 10% of the approved budget on October 31st."

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The 1993 business assessment roll's annual rental value for the Ellice Avenue/Sargent Avenue Business Improvement Zone is $2,143,560. The proposed budget of the Ellice Avenue/Sargent Avenue Business Improvement Zone is $38,500. The zone levy rate which will be applied to the annual rental value of individual properties in the Ellice Avenue/Sargent Avenue Business Improvement Zone is 1.800%.

Your Executive Policy Committee recommends:

1. That Council adopt the proposed By-law approving the Ellice Avenue/Sargent Avenue Business Improvement Zone Management Board's program, zone levy and budget estimates for the year 1993.

2. That Council direct the City Treasurer to make payment to the Board in accordance with the following schedule:

   "(a) 75% of the approved budget on June 30th;
   (b) 15% of the approved budget on August 31st;
   (c) 10% of the approved budget on October 31st."

Adopted by consent.

West Broadway/South Sherbrook Business Improvement Zone - Proposed Program – Zone Levy and Budget Estimates - 1993 File FL-7.8 (Volume 1)

521 - 10. On March 25, 1992, Council adopted By-law No. 5921/92, being a By-law of The City of Winnipeg to designate a Business Improvement Zone to be known as the "West Broadway/South Sherbrook Business Improvement Zone" and to establish a Management Board for the Zone.

On October 14, 1992, the West Broadway/South Sherbrook Business Improvement Zone held its Annual General Meeting at which time the proposed budget for the period January 1, 1993 to December 31, 1993 was approved.

On November 25, 1992, Council requested the City Centre Community Committee to conduct a public meeting to hear representations in respect to the West Broadway/South Sherbrook Business Improvement Zone's proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates.

On January 12, 1993, the City Centre Community Committee passed the following motion:

> "Whereas a public meeting to review the proposed program, zone levies and budget estimates for the West Broadway/South Sherbrook Business Improvement Zone was duly advertised in The Winnipeg Free Press and The Winnipeg Sun on Monday, December 28, 1992, in accordance with Section 17 of By-law No. 5921/92;
>
> And Whereas no objections were received in respect to the Board's proposals;
>
> Now Therefore Be It Resolved That the City Centre Community Committee unanimously recommend to Executive Policy Committee that the proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates for the West Broadway/South Sherbrook Business Improvement Zone, as adopted, be ratified by Executive Policy Committee and City Council."

On February 24, 1993 your Executive Policy Committee recommendation for approval of the proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates for the West Broadway/South Sherbrook Business Improvement Zone, was adopted by Council.

The proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates were previously forwarded to all members of Council. As the West Broadway/South Sherbrook Business Improvement Zone has complied with both the legislation and the By-law governing the budget processes, it is now left to City Council to pass a By-law approving all or part of the Board's proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates.

The City of Winnipeg Act CAP 10 S.M. 1989-90 Sub-section 200(8) and Sub-section 200(6) states the following:

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Approval of estimates.
200(8) "Subject to Sub-section (6), Council may pass a by-law approving all or part of the Board's proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates and, upon that approval, may direct the payment to the Board or on behalf of the Board of an amount not exceeding the amount approved."

Notice of objection.
200(6) "Council shall not approve the Board's proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates, if written notice of objection is received from one third of the businesses in the zone that represent one third of the total business assessment in the zone."

In addition By-law No. 5921/92 Section 17(7) states in part the following:

Council may pass a By-law approving all or part of the Board's proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates and, upon that approval, may direct the payment to the Board or on behalf of the Board of an amount not exceeding the amount approved, such payment to be made in accordance with the following schedule, except as provided in sub-section (10):

"(a) 75% of the approved budget on June 30th;
(b) 15% of the approved budget on August 31st;
(c) 10% of the approved budget on October 31st."

The 1993 business assessment roll's annual rental value for the West Broadway/South Sherbrook Business Improvement Zone is $6,889,920. The proposed budget of the West Broadway/South Sherbrook Business Improvement Zone is $34,745. The zone levy rate which will be applied to the annual rental value of individual properties in the West Broadway/South Sherbrook Business Improvement Zone is 0.505%.

Your Executive Policy Committee recommends:

1. That Council adopt the proposed By-law approving the West Broadway/South Sherbrook Business Improvement Zone Management Board's program, zone levy and budget estimates for the year 1993.

2. That Council direct the City Treasurer to make payment to the Board in accordance with the following schedule:

"(a) 75% of the approved budget on June 30th;
(b) 15% of the approved budget on August 31st;
(c) 10% of the approved budget on October 31st."

Adopted by consent.

Provincial Tax Credit Reduction
File FL-2 (Volume 11)

522 - 11. Your Executive Policy Committee submits the following motion for adoption by Council:

WHEREAS City and Provincial governments are rightly focusing on expenditure control and reducing debt, as well as the promotion of economic development;

AND WHEREAS governments should work together for the one community they serve;

AND WHEREAS senior levels of government should not "off load" financial problems to lower levels of government;

AND WHEREAS the 1993 City budget will increase the average homeowner's property taxes by approximately $14.00;

AND WHEREAS the $75.00 property tax credit reduction announced in the 1993 provincial budget represents a combined municipal and education PROPERTY TAX INCREASE in the range of 4.2%;

AND WHEREAS property taxes in the City of Winnipeg are among the highest in Canada and the City has been making substantial efforts to move away from its dependence on property taxes;

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AND WHEREAS the provincial tax credit reduction (Tax Increase) totally contradicts and frustrates these efforts;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Winnipeg convey in the strongest terms its objection to the provincial government PROPERTY TAX INCREASE through reducing the property tax credit, and request the government reverse this decision.

Moved by Mayor Thompson,
Adoption of the clause.

In amendment,

Moved by Councillor Thomas,
Seconded by Councillor Duguid,
THAT Clause 11 of the Executive Policy Committee report dated April 7, 1993, be amended to include the loss of the senior citizen tax reduction of $175.00 and the consequent impact that this will have on one of our most vulnerable populations, the majority of which are on fixed incomes by impacting their taxes upward of an additional 10 percent.

Carried.

The motion for the adoption of the clause, as amended, was put and declared carried.

Council recessed at 11:56 a.m. and reconvened at 1:36 p.m., same members present.

Licensing of Contractors - License in Lieu of Business Tax for Non-Resident Contractors Files EL-1 (Vol. 26) & FL-1 (Vol. 8)

523 - 12**.** At a meeting of the Executive Policy Committee on September 12, 1990, an issue was raised with respect to companies doing business in Winnipeg and as to whether or not these companies pay business tax.

At the request of the Board of Commissioners, the Manager of Research and Policy Analysis prepared a report dated January 30, 1991, researching the possibility of licensing non-resident repairmen and contractors as an additional source of revenue. That report recommended that the City consider licensing all general contractors, building contractors and sub-trades that do work within the City of Winnipeg with preferential rates being charged to resident contractors. The report also recommended that the Development Fees By-law (under the jurisdiction of the Planning Department) be amended to reflect a new fee schedule for non-resident electrical and plumbing contractors.

On February 7, 1991, the Board of Commissioners reviewed the above mentioned report from the Manager of Research and Policy Analysis and referred same to the Commissioners of Finance and Administration and Planning and Community Services respectively, for reports on the implications of these recommendations on the Finance Department and on the Planning Department.

On April 3, 1991, the Executive Policy Committee considered a report from the Chief Commissioner dated February 28, 1991, recommending licensing contractors not paying business tax under License By-law 4007/85. The matter was referred back to the Board of Commissioners for a review of other jurisdictions and a report back.

On June 5, 1991, the Executive Policy Committee considered a report from the Chief Commissioner dated May 30, 1991, with respect to charging a license in lieu of business tax to out-of-town companies and providing information from other cities on licensing out-of-town companies. The matter was again referred back to the Board of Commissioners for further report.

On July 11, 1991, the Board of Commissioners considered a report from the Planning Department dated June 24, 1991, discussing the recommendations contained in the report from the Manager of Research and Policy Analysis dated January 30, 1991, and identifying that the potential licensing of contractors would likely be administered through possible amendments to the License By-law 4007/85 and enforced by the License Branch of the Finance Department.

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From the History outlined above it becomes clear that there are two issues being considered:

1. The possibility of licensing all contractors that do work within the City of Winnipeg under License By-law 4007/85 (other than those trades already licensed).

2. A license fee in lieu of business tax for non-resident contractors operating in the City of Winnipeg.

1. <u>The Licensing of All Contractors:</u>

   The City, under The City of Winnipeg Act, has the power to regulate, control and license the carrying on of any trade, with some exceptions (the profession of engineering being one of the exceptions). This function is administered by the License Branch of the Finance Department under the provisions of License By-law No. 4007/85.

Currently the License Branch issues approximately 18,700 general licenses per annum for various trades. The trades licensed do not include a category for general contractors, however, categories exist for window installers, sign erectors, furnace vacuum cleaners, oil supply service, and insulating machines. These trades are licensed as they install windows or signs adjacent to public streets, or lay hose over public property. In 1990, 49 licenses were issued for license fee revenue of $2,421. These trades require a $10,000 bond of indemnity under the By-law.

The construction industry is made up of two facets, building construction and heavy construction, each already dealing with various civic departments. Plumbers and electricians require licenses from the Planning Department as well as facing an examination process for certification which entails an examination fee. This group requires plumbing and electrical permits. The building industry is subject to building permit fees, demolition fees, occupancy fees, zoning fees, inspection fees, etc. as outlined in the Development Fees By-law also enforced by the Planning Department. Every builder who performs or supervises construction, alteration or repairs on any land, is to provide the assessor with information required for appropriate assessment. The Operations Department of the City interfaces with the heavy construction industry and licenses contractors working on streets, and sewer and waterworks to ensure adequate insurance and financial viability. Streets and Transportation (private approaches) and Waterworks, Waste and Disposal (street right-of-way) also work with the heavy construction industry. The Provincial Department of Labour is involved with the industry with respect to installation of gas services. All of these fees and permits apply to non-resident as well as resident contractors. As well, all resident contractors must pay business tax or a license in lieu of business tax. To introduce a general license fee for contractors would mean this industry would also have to deal with the License Branch of the Finance Department. It would also mean duplicate inspection staff for the purpose of ensuring the appropriate licenses were in place. Public perception would be negative if duplicate inspection were required. The License Branch does not currently have the knowledge specialization required to regulate and inspect this industry based on work standards. The sole contribution to public safety of the licensing of contractors by the License Branch may be to ensure adequate liability insurance is obtained, or to require bonds of indemnity.

Several associations represent this group. The Manitoba Heavy Construction Association has approximately 155 members, primarily from Winnipeg; the Manitoba Home Builders Association has approximately 60 Winnipeg members; and the Winnipeg Construction Association indicates that they have 250 members which represents approximately 80% of the volume in that segment. Other associations likely exist, and the City would need to work with these groups to facilitate planning for a change in the By-law.

The licensing branches of nine Canadian cities were contacted for information from their by-laws with respect to the licensing of contractors. This survey has indicated varying procedures as noted in Exhibit I. (copy previously forwarded to all members of Council.) All the cities surveyed did license contractors in some way, with Brandon being the only city which did not license resident contractors. From the ordinances provided from Halifax, it appears that Halifax is the only city surveyed that does not license electricians. Ottawa only licenses electricians and plumbers. Vancouver, Calgary, Edmonton, Regina, Brandon and Ottawa are cities which have preferential rates for resident contractors, however, Vancouver does not extend preferential rates to residents who operate from residential premises.

In summary, licensing of contractors under the License By-law 4007/85 is not recommended by administration due to the fact that the main purpose of this By-law is to regulate and control certain trades in relation to public safety and not for the purpose of generating revenue. There is also the fact that the building and construction industry is already subject to numerous fees and regulations administered by various City departments. Should the City wish to pursue licensing of contractors, further investigation would be required to determine the potential number of contractors who would require licensing. Liaison of the various civic departments noted above would also be required to co-ordinate contact with this industry.

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2. License in Lieu of Business Tax for Non-Resident Contractors

A report dated February 28, 1991, submitted to your Executive Policy Committee recommended amending the License By-law 4007/85 to include licensing contractors not paying a business tax. The License By-law 4007/85 is a regulatory by-law governing approximately 82 trade categories and its main objective is not for the purpose of raising revenue or for the purpose of ensuring that out-of-town firms do not have a competitive edge over local firms but rather regulation and control. After further reviewing this matter, the administration does not wish to pursue that earlier recommendation as regulatory control for building contractors is already provided by the Planning Department through building permits, the building code system, licensing requirements, etc.

A survey of Canadian cities was made to review the licensing of contractors to determine the treatment of non-resident contractors. Please see Exhibit I for the results of the survey. Vancouver, Calgary, Edmonton, Regina, Brandon and Ottawa were 6 of the 9 cities surveyed who did charge higher fees for non-resident contractors, although Vancouver indicated they were moving away from differential rates. Hamilton, Mississauga and Halifax did not have varying rates. Winnipeg licenses plumbers and electricians through by-laws enforced by the Planning Department, as well as licensing some related trades under the License By-law 4007/85.

The City, under The City of Winnipeg Act, Section 531(1), may by by-law classify, license and prescribe fees for businesses that are carried on in the City by persons who do not occupy premises for purposes of their business. This section of The Act permits the City to impose license fees for the purpose of raising revenue. If a by-law was designed for some other purpose, for example to disadvantage non-resident contractors to the advantage of resident contractors, it could be held to be outside the City's power to enact. The City of Winnipeg may not have the power to charge a fee based on the number of employees as is done in Brandon, nor on the basis of projects (like Ottawa). If the City decided to pursue a license in lieu of business tax, an annual fee would likely be the most appropriate.

If the City chose to charge a license fee in lieu of business tax to non-resident contractors in the building and construction industry, identification of these contractors would be crucial for successful enforcement of the by-law. The Planning Department of the City of Winnipeg interfaces with this industry on a regular basis through the issuance of building permits, etc., however, does not currently collect the information necessary to identify all trades working on specific jobs, nor whether they are resident or non-resident.

Specific problems in the identification process are:

A. Permits are issued to persons completing work on their own homes or the homes of friends and relatives on a gratis basis. These permit applications would have to be segregated from those where businesses are operating for gain;

B. Contractors often have not hired their sub-trades at the time of application for the permit, or may indicate same to avoid identifying persons who may be subject to the new license in lieu of business tax, thereby making extensive follow up and additional contacts with applicants necessary;

C. A post office box number, or an address which currently does pay business tax could be used by applicants. While utilization of a post office box number could be prohibited by the Winnipeg Building By-law, the latter avoidance technique would be difficult to uncover; and

D. To determine whether or not the contractor has paid business tax or a license in lieu of business tax would require constant liaison between the Planning Department and the Tax and License Branches of the Finance Department.

Inspection responsibilities would be onerous due to the often temporary nature of the business. Also, duplicate inspection may be required (building inspectors and license inspectors) resulting in high labour costs.

To administer a by-law of this nature, new systems and staffing would be required in the Planning Department to identify the proposed licensees. If the License Branch was the collection arm of this proposed new license fee or tax, new systems and additional staffing would also be required by that Branch and also possibly by the Tax Branch to handle additional enquiries.

The Planning Department processes on average 10,000 development applications each year, therefore, the review, follow up, processing, and collection of this new license in lieu of business tax would require an extensive administrative system.

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The Planning Department, in an earlier report, indicated that the Winnipeg Construction Association estimates that there are approximately 2,550 contractors registered in the City of Winnipeg. Assuming 15% of these contractors are non-resident (an assumption based on statistics kept by the Planning Department), approximately 380 non-resident contractors may work in the City in any given year. Based on anticipated costs and the potential number of licensees, a fee of $315 would be required just to break even. To make the program revenue generating would require substantially higher fees.

While the City has the power to license contractors operating in Winnipeg but not paying a business tax, this is not recommended by administration, due to the fact that an extensive administrative system would have to be developed at significant cost. As well, there are anticipated problems with identification of licensees, inspection and enforcement.

If the City did wish to establish license fees, the various associations representing the construction industry should be invited to make representation on their behalf.

The administration has recommended:

1. That the License By-law 4007/85 not be amended to include the licensing of contractors (other than those t rades already licensed).

2. That license fees in lieu of business tax not be established for contractors operating in the City of Winnipeg who do not occupy premises in the City for the purpose of their business and accordingly have not been assessed business tax.

Your Executive Policy Committee does not concur in the administration recommendations and recommends:

1. That Council concur in the principal of Licensing in Lieu of Business Tax for Non-Resident Contractors for the right to do business in the City of Winnipeg.

2. That the Committee on Finance and Administration be authorized to review the Licensing of Contractors and provide a process for implementing a License in Lieu of Business Tax for Non-Resident Contractors, for report back to Executive Policy Committee within 90 days.

Moved by Mayor Thompson,
Adoption of the clause.

Carried.

Designation of Waddell Fountain in Central Park as a Provincial Heritage Site File PR-7 (Volume 22)

524 - 13. Council on April 15, 1992, adopted Clause 2 of the Report of the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture, dated March 30, 1992, which authorized the Parks and Recreation Department to apply to the Province of Manitoba for a Provincial Historical designation of the Waddell Fountain and also recommended that $200,000.00 be included in the 1993 Capital Budget for restoration and/or rebuilding of the Fountain.

During consideration of the 1993 Capital Estimates on February 23, 1993, these funds were deleted.

A communication from the Minister of Culture, with respect to the Waddell Fountain, dated January 29, 1993, advises that the Manitoba Heritage Council has recommended to the Honourable Minister that the Fountain merits designation as a provincial heritage site under the Heritage Resources Act and that the Minister has accepted this recommendation. Upon receipt of confirmation from City Council that it wishes to proceed, the Minister will be initiating the legal process of designation.

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Your Executive Policy Committee recommends that council formally confirm to the Minister of Culture that the City of Winnipeg wishes to proceed with the designation of Waddell Fountain in Central Park as a Provincial Heritage Site.

Adopted by consent.

Councillor/Senior Administration Salary Roll Back File GC-2 (Vol. 7)

525 - 14. Council at its Special Adjourned Meeting of March 22, 1993, ruled automatic referral of the following motion to your Executive Policy Committee, under Section 16.1 of the Procedure By-law No. 5400/90:

Moved by Councillor Murray,
Seconded by Councillor Hyman,

WHEREAS Councillors should practice the restraint they preach;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Councillors accept a 4% roll back in salary based on the same formula as the agreement negotiated with civic employees represented by the Canadian Union of Public Employees;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council request Executive Policy Committee negotiate a similar agreement with our senior administration.

Your Executive Policy Committee recommends that the above motion be adopted.

Your Committee further recommends that all members of Council accept a 4% roll back based on the same formula as the agreement negotiated with the Canadian Union of Public Employees and that the same agreement be negotiated with senior administration.

Adopted by consent.

Pembina Valley Water Cooperative Inc. – Assiniboine River Water Diversion Project File ER-3 (Volume 6)

526 - 15. The Pembina Valley Water Task Force was formed in the early summer of 1989 by the affiliation of the Pembina Valley Development Corporation and the Lower Red River Valley Water Commission. On March 28, 1990, your Executive Policy Committee requested that the administration advise as to:

- the purpose and status of any hearings underway and of the City of Winnipeg's participation in same regarding the Assiniboine River west of Winnipeg and the flow thereof,

- any diversion of waters from the Assiniboine River west of Winnipeg.

On April 3, 1990, a report was submitted to the Commissioner of Works and Operations by the administration as information on the Task Force's preparations and proposal.

On June 13, 1990, a request from the General Manager of the Pembina Valley Water Task Force, was made to the Chairman and Members of the Committee on Works and Operations to attend the July 17, 1990 meeting to present their long term strategy for diversion of water to ensure a secure water supply for the towns and rural residents in the Red River Valley, west of the Red River and south of No. 2 Highway.

At the meeting of the Committee on Works and Operations on July 17, 1990, the Pembina Valley Water Task Force presented their long term water supply diversion strategy for the Pembina Valley Triangle. Subsequently the Committee referred this matter to the administration for its review and to submit a report for its consideration. On October 17, 1990, a report was submitted to the Commissioner of Works and Operations as information which indicated that a letter had been sent by the Director of the Waterworks, Waste and Disposal Department to the Pembina Valley Task Force requesting additional specific details regarding their water supply proposal.

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On February 4, 1991, the Pembina Valley Water Task Force released their final feasibility study to a gathering of federal and provincial government officials in Morris, Manitoba and requested their approval of a $65 million water supply strategy.

In March 1991, the Pembina Valley Water Task Force filed a report entitled "A Water Supply Strategy for the Pembina Valley, December 1990" with Manitoba Environment.

On March 1st, 1991, the former Mayor formally registered the City's concerns regarding the Pembina Valley water supply proposal to the Province of Manitoba.

On April 18, 1991 and May 7, 1991, the Minister of Environment and Minister of Urban Affairs respectively, ensured the City that the downstream impacts of the Pembina Valley water supply proposal would be considered.
On October 10, 1991, an application for an Environment Act Licence and a Draft Environmental Impact Statement of the Pembina Valley Water Supply System was received by Manitoba Environment from the Pembina Valley Water Supply Co-operative Inc.

On November 2, 1991, Manitoba Environment advertised the proposal pursuant to the Environment Act and invited public comments and participation in the review process.

On December 24, 1991, the Waterworks, Waste and Disposal Department on behalf of the City filed written comments and concerns with Manitoba Environment in response to the proposal advertisement.

On February 7, 1992, the Minister of Environment advised that in response to objections to the proposal, that he would be requesting the Clean Environment Commission to hold public hearings.

On February 20, 1992, the Riverbank Management Committee requested the Committee on Works and Operations to assess whether the City should participate with the Central Plains Task Force and other municipalities in the review of the Pembina Valley Water Supply System Proposal in connection with an Environmental Impact Study before the Clean Environment Commission, or whether the City should make its own submission in this regard.

On March 31, 1992, the Committee on Works and Operations considered the request of the Riverbank Management Committee and decided that the City make representation on its own behalf in the review of the Pembina Valley proposal in connection with an Environmental Impact Study before the Clean Environment Commission.

On April 15, 1992, Council referred a motion which proposes that the City of Winnipeg recommend to the Province of Manitoba and the Government of Canada that the Assiniboine River Water Diversion Project be subject to a federal environmental assessment and review process.

On April 23, 1992, the Riverbank Management Committee concurred in the decision of the Committee on Works and Operations and in this connection requested that copies of the City's brief be provided to the members of the Riverbank Management Committee.

On May 8, 1992, Manitoba Environment circulated Draft Guidelines for Preparation of a Finalized Environmental Impact Statement for the Pembina Valley water supply proposal.

On May 26, 1992, representatives of the City attended a workshop held by Manitoba Environment for scoping of the Environmental Impact Assessment guidelines prior to finalization and provision to the Pembina Valley Water Supply Co-operative Inc.

On July 8, 1992, Council amended and adopted an Executive Policy Committee recommendation that the City, through the Official Delegation, recommend to the Province of Manitoba and the Government of Canada that the Assiniboine River Water Diversion Project be subject to a joint Federal and Provincial environmental assessment and review process.

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On July 8, 1992, Council approved funding for consultant services to commence preparations for Clean Environment Commission hearings on the Pembina Valley Water Supply proposal.

On July 13, 1992, the Mayor wrote the Minister of Urban Affairs to request that the Pembina Valley proposal be subjected to a joint federal and provincial environmental review process.

On August 5, 1992, Manitoba Environment issued Final Guidelines to the PVWC for preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement for the Pembina Valley Regional Water supply proposal.

On September 23, 1992, Council approved assignment for consultant services to prepare for the Clean Environment Commission hearings on the proposed development to TetrES Consultants Inc.

In December, 1992, the Pembina Valley Water Co-operative Inc. submitted their Environmental Impact Statement to Manitoba Environment.

On January 9, 1993, Manitoba Environment advertised the submission of the Environmental Impact Statement and required that comments be provided to them by February 26, 1993.

On February 5, 1993, an Addendum to the Environmental Impact Statement was submitted to Manitoba Environment by the Pembina Valley Water Co-operative Inc.

On February 26, 1993, the Waterworks, Waste and Disposal Department on behalf of the City filed a response to Manitoba Environment's advertisement expressing the City's comments and concerns regarding the water supply proposal.

Project Background

The Pembina Valley Water Co-operative Inc. (PVWC) is proposing to implement a regional water supply system to service the towns of Carman, Morden, Winkler, Plum Coulee, Altona, Morris, Emerson and other communities within this area. The water will be used for municipal, industrial and on-site farm uses. The original PVWC proposal included diversion of water from the Assiniboine River north of Rathwell via an open channel to the Boyne River and subsequently to the Stephenfield Reservoir. Supplementary supplies from the Red River at Morris and Letellier are also proposed. The total amount of water to be diverted is 0.707 cubic metres per second (cms) or 25 cubic feet per second (cfs) with 0.57 cms or 20 cfs being withdrawn from the Assiniboine River. This project was the subject of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) filed by the PVWC with Manitoba Environment in accordance with the Environment Act. The original proposal is shown on drawing A-1, a copy of which was previously forwarded to all members of Council.

In February, 1993 however, the PVWC announced a new alternative proposal which consists of upgrading the capacity of the City of Portage La Prairie's water treatment plant and distributing this treated water to Carman, Morden and Winkler areas via a buried supply pipeline. This alternative eliminates the need for the Assiniboine to Boyne River diversion and the Stephenfield water treatment plant. Proposed supplies from the Red River remain unchanged. This new proposal was the subject of an Addendum to the originally submitted EIS and was also advertised by Manitoba Environment. This new proposal is shown on drawing A-2, a copy of which was previously forwarded to all members of Council.

In the EIS report recently completed by the PVWC and submitted to Manitoba Environment, the potential impacts of their proposed development on the water resources of the Assiniboine River were concluded to be "largely insignificant". The EIS report identifies potential impacts as:

- loss of available water to downstream users (domestic/municipal supply, irrigation, sewage assimilation),
- impacts on fisheries and other aquatic biota in the Assiniboine River, and
- impacts on riparian habitat along the river.

The City's review of the EIS report has indicated that these impacts are not satisfactorily or completely addressed. A discussion of the deficiencies of the EIS document and City concerns regarding the proposed water supply project follows.

Regulatory Review Process Status

The PVWC water supply project proposal is rapidly proceeding through the Provincial regulatory review process. Since Manitoba Environment's deadline of February 26, 1993 for submission of comments on the EIS, they have reviewed all intervenor submissions and have compiled a list of additional information to be provided by the PVWC. Manitoba Environment unilaterally decided that the PVWC was not in a position to respond to certain issues raised by

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many of the intervenors, including the City of Winnipeg, dealing with minimum instream flows and water allocation policy. Manitoba Environment feels that these issues are more appropriately addressed by the Water Resources Branch (WRB) of Manitoba Natural Resources who are responsible for water management issues and operation of the Shellmouth reservoir.

The scope of the additional investigation required of the PVWC has therefore greatly been reduced. The PVWC has already responded to Manitoba Environment's request for additional information. Manitoba Environment has reviewed their response and deemed that sufficient information has now been submitted to proceed with public hearings on the PVWC proposal. Manitoba Environment has therefore recommended to the Minister of Environment that he instruct the Clean Environment Commission (CEC) to convene public hearings on the project.

The Waterworks, Waste and Disposal Department has learned that the CEC hearings could occur as soon as the first week of May, 1993. The hearings may take place in Brandon, Portage La Prairie and Winkler.

For additional information, Federal Government Departments such as Fisheries and Oceans, the Canadian Coast Guard, Indian and Northern Affairs and Environment Canada have provided comments on the PVWC proposal to Manitoba Environment. These Federal Departments have also provided comments to the Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration (PFRA). PFRA may provide funding for the PVWC project, and therefore PFRA will be required to make a federal screening decision on the PVWC project pursuant to the EARP Guidelines Order.

In consideration of the projected May hearing timing, it is necessary to finalize internal administrative review and to obtain political concurrence for the position to be taken by the City at the CEC hearings on the PVWC water supply proposal.

City Position

The withdrawal of 0.57 m^3/s from the Assiniboine River for the PVWC water supply project, along with other changes in flow allocation and other projected irrigation withdrawals, has the potential for impacting flow regimes and uses along the entire river including the reaches through Winnipeg. The EIS report concludes that the impacts of the project can be mitigated through additional withdrawals from the Shellmouth Reservoir and that a minimum flow can be maintained in the river under all projected circumstances, even with the projected increased consumptive demands. This position advanced in the EIS is entirely based on minimum flow information provided by the Water Resources Branch (WRB) of Manitoba Natural Resources. The EIS quotes a WRB report stating that "The allowance of 2.83 m^3/s for instream purposes at Headingley provides for fish habitat in the City of Winnipeg and allows for a reasonable degree of aesthetic enjoyment of the river in the City". In evaluating potential project impacts, the EIS document accepts this new minimum flow rate without question and verification of its suitability for the stated purposes. Neither the EIS or the WRB reports acknowledge that additional consumptive withdrawals result in the lowering of the minimum base flow observed in the Assiniboine River at Headingley.

The Q_{7-10} flows (the low flow criterion for measurement of compliance of wastewater treatment facilities with the Manitoba Surface Water Quality Objectives) are established by the Provincial Water Resources Branch and have reduced significantly in the past several years as shown below. The reduction of these target flows places progressively greater stress on the pollution control efforts of the City in that the acceptability of its wastewater treatment performance is measured under these very low flow conditions. Hence, any additional withdrawal of flow which could reduce the target flow are a concern.

Date	Q_{7-10} Flow - Assiniboine River at Headingley	
	m^3/s	cfs
Prior to May, 1990	7.6	268
May, 1990	5.2	184
August, 1991	3.42 (without Pembina Valley)	121
	2.83 (with Pembina Valley)	100

Neither the EIS document or the WRB reports justify why a reduction in low flows will be insignificant nor provide supporting studies to demonstrate that lower flows will be adequate for fish habitat or aesthetics as claimed.

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The reduction in flow as a result of the PVWC proposal in isolation is from 3.42 to 2.83 m^3/s. The more significant reduction from 5.2 to 3.42 m^3/s is a result of changes to Provincial water allocation policy for additional consumptive withdrawals from the Assiniboine River besides the requirements for the PVWC water supply project. The Waterworks, Waste and Disposal Department believes that the PVWC project cannot be viewed in isolation from other near-term changes and therefore a cumulative impact assessment must be carried out first before granting any additional withdrawals from the Assiniboine River.

The Waterworks, Waste and Disposal Department therefore has concerns regarding the diversion of any flow from the Assiniboine River and believes the EIS document and supplementary information submitted by the PVWC is deficient in addressing these concerns. These concerns have been expressed to Manitoba Environment in response to their advertisement. A summary of these deficiencies and the Department's concerns follows. It is recommended that the technical basis for the City's position before the CEC hearings be that:

1. The adequacy of the minimum instream flow to support aquatic life is not defined, nor are any adverse physical effects which could reduce aesthetic and recreational enjoyment.

2. The adequacy of the minimum instream flow to provide for assimilation of Winnipeg's wastewater treatment facility effluents is not adequately addressed.

3. The proposal contemplates allocation of water for other uses from the Shellmouth Reservoir based on maintenance of a questionable minimum flow in the Assiniboine River which could result in over-allocation of the water resources of the Assiniboine River.

4. The EIS does not adequately address how the Shellmouth reservoir would be operated to manage instream flows, particularly during low flow periods.

5. The cumulative impacts of the Pembina Valley water supply withdrawal in conjunction with other withdrawals are not considered.

It is expected that the Water Resources Branch will be requested to respond to these minimum flow and water allocation concerns at the hearings.

In addition to the above technical arguments, it is also recommended that the City express procedural concerns at the CEC hearings regarding the processing of the PVWC application for licensing of their project under the Environment Act. These concerns will include:

1. Manitoba Environment received details of a major alteration to the project from the PVWC in the midst of the project advertisement for comments.

2. Manitoba Environment did not provide an adequate timeframe to review the EIS submitted by the PVWC in consideration of the major project alteration.

3. The request for additional information issued to the PVWC pursuant to the advertisement did not adequately address the concerns identified in intervenor submissions.

4. The PVWC response to the request for additional information will not be circulated to the intervenors for comments prior to the CEC hearings.

For the information of Council, the Committee on Works and Operations on April 13, 1993 concurred in the following recommendations.

Your Executive Policy Committee recommends:

1. That the City of Winnipeg request the Clean Environment Commission to recommend a moratorium on the granting of any additional water withdrawals from the Assiniboine River until such time as a basin wide study is completed to investigate water allocation issues and to establish an environmentally sound instream flow.

2. That the City of Winnipeg's position on the technical ramifications of the Pembina Valley Water Co-operative Inc.'s (PVWC) water supply proposal to be taken at the upcoming Clean Environment Commission (CEC) hearings be as follows:

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2.1 The adequacy of the minimum instream flow to support aquatic life is not defined, nor are any adverse physical effects which could reduce aesthetic and recreational enjoyment.

2.2 The adequacy of the minimum instream flow to provide for assimilation of Winnipeg's wastewater treatment facility effluents is not adequately addressed.

2.3 The proposal contemplates allocation of water for other uses from the Shellmouth Reservoir based on maintenance of a questionable minimum flow in the Assiniboine River which could result in over-allocation of the water resources of the Assiniboine River.

2.4 The EIS does not adequately address how the Shellmouth reservoir would be operated to manage instream flows, particularly during low flow periods.

2.5 The cumulative impacts of the Pembina Valley water supply withdrawal in conjunction with other withdrawals are not considered.

3. That the City express procedural concerns at the CEC hearings regarding the processing of the PVWC application for licensing under the Manitoba Environment Act.

Moved by Mayor Thompson,
Adoption of the clause.

In amendment,

Moved by Councillor Duguid,
Seconded by Councillor Boychuk,
That the clause be amended by adding the following thereto:

4. The City request the Province of Manitoba hold a Clean Environment Commission public hearing in Winnipeg in addition to the three rural centres that have been identified for public hearings.

The amendment was put and declared carried.

The motion for the adoption of the clause, as amended, was put and declared carried.

REPORT OF THE

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

APRIL 21, 1993

On motion of Mayor Thompson, the Report of the Executive Policy Committee, dated April 21, 1993, was considered clause by clause.

Moved by Mayor Thompson,

That the Consent Agenda items, Clauses 1,2,3,4,5,6,7 and 8 be adopted.

Councillor Golden requested that Clause 6 be pulled from the Consent Agenda.

Councillor Thomas requested that Clauses 4,7 and 8 be pulled from the Consent Agenda.

The motion to adopt the Consent Agenda, Clauses 1,2,3, and 5 was put and declared carried.

Her Worship The Mayor and Councillors:

Amendments to Fee Schedules
i) Streets By-law No. 1481/77
ii) Private Approaches By-law No. 329/73
iii) Lot Grading By-law No. 4569/87
Files SC-1.1(V.5), SC-3(V.2), SD-1(V.2)

527 - 1. The current fees for restoration of street cuts were approved by City Council on July 31, 1991, and implemented on September 1, 1991. Also approved was a recommendation that restoration fees for street cuts be increased yearly (January 1), beginning in 1993 to the end of 1996, according to the Statistics Canada index for construction. The construction index for year 1991/92 indicates an increase of only .3%. Therefore, due to the insignificance of the change, no increase in cut restoration fees will be implemented in 1993.

Preliminary analysis of street cut restoration fees indicates that the fees are currently adequate to recover the actual cost of restoration.

Council, on January 22, 1992, approved the review of all fees and charges at least once every three years, and that said fees and charges increase automatically, annually, by the rate of inflation unless a review indicates otherwise.

Council, on March 24, 1993, approved amendments submitted by the Streets & Transportation Department which gave effect to the addition of inflation to Private Approach Application fees for Residential (Conforming) and Non-Conforming, effective April 1, 1993.

Permit/Application Fees:

A review has shown that increased permit fees are required to recover technical services costs. During preparation of the 1993 Tax Supported Current Budget it was determined that there should be increased recoveries (estimated at $190,000) from permit/application fees to fully recover costs of the clerical and technical resources required in permit/application sales and technical control. Council, in the budget approval process, also directed that $100,000 be recovered from in-house engineering as an addition to the amount recommended by Committee on Works and Operations.

An analysis of the direct costs involved in permit sales and control was initiated to identify costs that are currently not being recovered through revenue from permit/application fees. All five Districts prepared estimates of the amount of resources required to sell, track and control each type of permit sold. These estimates were used as a guideline to identify the required increases in fees to recover the costs of processing and control.

The data submitted by the Districts indicated that, in general, permit/application fees were adequate to recover direct clerical costs, with the exception of Service permits, Service applications and Private Approach applications - Residential Conforming. However, technical services directly involved in the control of permits and applications were not being recovered in the current fee structure. The proposed fees will recover a part of the technical services involved.

Fees for Service permits and applications and Private Approach applications - Residential Conforming (currently $10.00 each) have been adjusted to more accurately reflect the clerical resources required in selling and tracking the permit/application, as well as handling all necessary deposits for eventual refund.

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The increase in the Cut Permit Fee from $25.00 to $60.00 per permit would apply to the permit only and not to the cut restoration fee. Therefore, the $60.00 fee would apply to each cut permit, regardless of the different types of cuts or number of square metres purchased on the permit.

The data provided by the District Technical Sections indicated a current Technical cost that could be as high as $65.00 per cut permit. In order to avoid an increase of this magnitude, it is proposed that a partial recovery ($35.00 is proposed) be implemented in 1993, with further review in subsequent years. Appendix B (copy previously forwarded to all members of Council), lists the number of cut permits sold in each District for 1991 and 1992 according to the type of customer -- i.e., Sewer or Water section, utilities or contractors, and the associated yearly increase in revenue from the $35.00 fee increase. Based on cut permits sold in 1992, the increase in revenue for a full year would be $281,260 (Cut Permits only).

The proposed fees listed below are recommended for implementation June 1, 1993. It is estimated that, if implemented, an increase of approximately $273,000 would be realized for the remaining seven months of 1993, based on the number of permits sold in 1992 (see Appendix A) (copy previously forwarded to all members of Council), and the assumption that an equal number of permits are sold each month. The expected recoveries from the fee increases will provide for the recovery of in-house clerical and technical services approved by Council and estimated at $190,000 plus $100,000 for a total of $290,000. If the new fees were in effect for a full year, total increase in revenue is estimated at $468,000.

A detailed breakdown of projected increases in revenue from the proposed changes is included in Appendix A (copy previously forwarded to all members of Council). The proposed fee increases will add $115.00 to the cost of constructing a new Single Family residence (Appendix A-1, copy previously forwarded to all members of Council).

For the information of Council, the Committee on Works and Operations on April 13, 1993, concurred in the following recommendations.

Your Executive Policy Committee recommends:

That the following By-laws be amended to revise the related Fee Schedules as shown, effective June 1, 1993:

	By-law	Current Fee	Proposed
1)	Streets By-law No. 1481/77 Schedule A		
	- Cut Permits	$ 25.00	$ 60.00
2)	Private Approaches By-law No. 329/73 - Schedule 4		
	- Private Approach Application (Residential Conforming)	10.00	25.00
	- Private Approach Application (Non-Conforming)	40.00	100.00
	- Private Approach Permit	25.00	45.00
3)	Lot Grading By-law No. 4569/87 Schedule A		
	- Grade Level Permit	100.00	150.00
4)	Departmental Administration Fees - no by-law		
	- Services Application	10.00	25.00
	- Services Permit (Contractor)	10.00	25.00

Adopted by consent.

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Vacancy on the Taxicab Board of Manitoba Files GC-7 (Vol. 22) & ST-1 (Vol. 3)

528 - 2. Council, on January 27, 1993, ruled automatic referral of the following motion to your Executive Policy Committee, under Section 16.1 of the Procedure By-law No. 5400/90:-

Moved by Councillor O'Shaughnessy,
Seconded by Councillor Murray,

WHEREAS Councillor O'Shaughnessy has advised that he must resign from his position on the Taxicab Board of Manitoba because Wednesday Board meetings conflict with his attendance at Executive Policy Committee meetings;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council appoint a Councillor to fill the vacancy on the Taxicab Board of Manitoba for the remainder of the term to expire November, 1993.

Her Worship Mayor Susan A. Thompson has forwarded a letter to the President of Tourism Winnipeg, dated April 20, 1993, which reads in part as follows:

"I am writing to you today to apprise you of a difficulty which has arisen in finding a City Council representative for the Taxicab Board and to solicit the support of Tourism Winnipeg in remedying this difficulty.

By way of background information I can advise you that the Taxicab Act provides that membership on the Board shall be comprised of 5 persons, one of whom is a member of the council of the city of Winnipeg, nominated by the City council.

Unfortunately, with the reduction in the size of city Council and the number of conflicting schedules/meetings, City Council has been unable this year to identify a member of Council to serve on this Board.

Fortuitously the Taxicab Act appears to have anticipated such a difficulty. Section 2(3) of the Act provides for the appointment of an 'alternate' stating that the member nominated by City Council may from time to time nominate a person to act for him (her) on the Board at such meetings, or for such period as the nomination shall specify; and the person so nominated shall be a member of the Board during the meeting or the period specified.

In considering this alternative, members of the Executive Policy committee were of the view that in as much as the Taxi Industry has a strong impact on tourism, that any alternate chosen should represent the Tourism Industry.

This brings me to the point of my initial request, the assistance of Tourism Winnipeg.

I would like to propose to City Council that the Mayor be Council's appointment at the Taxicab Board. I would in turn nominate a member of the Board of Tourism Winnipeg (to be identified by your Board) to sit as my alternate. The term of appointment would be for one year, normally from November to November.

If you believe that the foregoing suggestion is appropriate I would appreciate you advising me of the name of Tourism Winnipeg's representative in order that I may nominate him/her as my alternate."

Her Worship The Mayor is presently awaiting a reply from Tourism Winnipeg.

Your Executive Policy Committee therefore requests that Council grant your Committee an extension of time of 60 days to deal with this matter.

Adopted by consent.

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Subdivision and Rezoning of land bounded by the Perimeter Highway on the west, Charleswood Road on the east, the abandoned CNR Cabot Subdivision (Ridgewood Corridor) on the north and the CNR Mainline/Wilkes Avenue on the south - Assiniboia Community File DASZ 7/91

529 - 3. Your Executive Policy Committee has laid over Clause 6 of the Report of the Committee on Planning and Community Services, dated May 11, 1992. The clause is with respect to the subdivision and rezoning of land bounded by the Perimeter Highway on the west, Charleswood Road on the east, the abandoned CNR Cabot Subdivision (Ridgewood Corridor) on the north, and the CNR Mainline/Wilkes Avenue on the south, in the Assiniboia Community.

Your Committee recommends that Council grant an extension of time of 90 days to allow further consideration of this matter.

Adopted by consent.

Additional Appropriation for Winnipeg 2000 File G-8 (Vol. 3)

530 - 4. Your Executive Policy Committee submits the following motion for favourable consideration.
WHEREAS City Council during the consideration of the 1993 current Estimates reduced the proposed financial allocation to Winnipeg 2000 from $1,034,325.00 to $519,040;

AND WHEREAS a reduction of this magnitude will create significant problems for the ongoing operation of Winnipeg 2000, and will not allow the Corporation to fulfil its obligations and to implement the economic development strategy City Council has assigned to it;

AND WHEREAS MEMBERS of the Executive Policy Committee have indicated their support for an economic initiative led by private sector volunteers;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that an additional appropriation of $500,000.00 be approved to provide adequate funding to Winnipeg 2000 for the year 1993;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that recognizing that economic development is a most important priority for our City consistent with Plan Winnipeg, that the Executive Policy Committee review the structure, the reporting relationship to City Council and a 3 year funding formula for Winnipeg 2000 and report its recommendations to City Council within 60 days.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Winnipeg 2000 not establish any further financial obligations for 1994 pending the completion of the review.

Moved by Mayor Thompson,
Adoption of the clause.

The Speaker called the Deputy Speaker, Councillor Reese, to the Chair and left the Chamber.

The motion to adopt the clause was put.

Councillor Boychuk called for the yeas and nays, which were as follows:-

Yea: Councillors Reese, Duguid, Eadie, Fraser, Golden, Hyman, Murray, O'Shaughnessy, Prystanski, Silva, Clement, Mayor Thompson and Councillor Angus. 13

Nay: Councillors Boychuk, Lazarenko and Thomas. 3

and the motion for the adoption of the clause was declared carried.

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Policy Amendment - Bus Transportation Grants File FG-1 (Vol. 9)

531 - 5. Your Executive Policy Committee submits for favourable consideration the following motion with respect to policy amendments for bus transportation grants.

WHEREAS Council's policies for grants C301 and C302 administered by both the Committee on Finance and Administration and the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture provides for the approval of bus transportation grants under certain criteria and guidelines, and

WHEREAS the Committee on Finance and Administration on January 14, 1993 referred to the committee on Works and Operations the suggestion that it administer the applications for bus transportation grants;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council remove the authority delegated to the Committee on Finance and Administration and the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture as it relates to bus transportation grants;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council delegate to the Committee on Works and Operations the authority to administer all applications for bus transportation grants under the existing criteria in Policy C301, effective upon Council's approval;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the administration be instructed to amend the policies as required to reflect the intent of the foregoing.

Adopted by consent.

Relocation of the St. Vital Mustangs' Football Club from the St. Vital Memorial Park to Maple Grove Park – Riel Community File PR-7 (Vol. 26) & PR-7.12(Vol. 1)

532 - 6. During 1984, Council approved the current Masterplan, attached Plan L1, for the long term development of Maple Grove Park as a regional park to service the emerging residential area in South St. Vital, including the provision of approximately 6 acres for community-level soccer pitches.

During 1987 several public and informal meetings occurred relative to the potential for relocating the St. Vital Mustangs' Football Club to an alternative site within the Community Committee area.

On October 5, 1987, in conjunction with consideration of an Administrative Report dated September 17, 1987, and representation by delegations from the St. Vital Memorial Park Residents' Association and the Mustangs' Football Club; the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture passed a motion that the Football Club continue to utilize its current site in the St. Vital Memorial Park. Additionally, approval in principle was provided for the proposed expansion of facilities for the Club in its current site; conditional upon ongoing and continuing dialogue between the Residents' Association and the Football Club, under the guidance of the Community Parks and Recreation Branch.

On May 18, 1989 the St. Boniface/St. Vital Community Committee decided against the limited expansion of the existing clubhouse, and, instead recommended construction take place of a multi-use sports fieldhouse on the southern portion of the St. Vital Memorial Park.

During January of 1991, approval of Council was granted to the advancement of Phase 1 of a new Clubhouse facility for the Football Club from 1993 to 1991 in the Five Year Capital Budget.

At a special meeting of the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture on April 14, 1993; a motion was approved directing the Administration to investigate the relocation of the St. Vital Mustang's Football Club to Maple Grove Park, including the transfer of $650,000.00 in approved capital funding for construction of the required football facilities, and to report back directly to Executive Policy committee at its April 21, 1993 meeting for a decision and recommendation to Council.

The following information is provided with respect thereto.

During 1992, Phase 2 of the new Clubhouse facility was approved by Council for advancement from 1995 to 1993 in the Five Year Capital Budget.

On January 20, 1993 the Riel Community Committee heard representation from the St. Vital Memorial Park

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Residents' Association regarding the adverse effects upon the adjoining residential area of newly installed lighting in the St. Vital Memorial Park.

By letter dated January 29, 1993 the Commissioner of Protection, Parks and Culture was advised by the Riel Community Clerk of the January 20 motion of the Community Committee "That the City not enter into any further facility use agreements for the St. Vital Memorial Park with the St. Vital Mustangs Football Club, without the consent of the Riel Community Committee and requested the Parks and Recreation Department to initiate efforts to locate an alternative suitable facility for the St. Vital Mustangs Football Club."

By memorandum dated February 5, 1993 the Acting General Manager of Parks and Recreation was requested by the Commissioner of Protection, Parks and Culture to initiate efforts to identify a suitable alternative site for the St. Vital Mustangs Football Club.

By report dated March 8, 1993 from the Acting General Manager of Parks and Recreation to the Commissioner of Protection, Parks and Culture eight sites within the Riel Community were identified as potential locations for the St. Vital Mustang's Football Club; Maple Grove Park being one of the potential sites identified.

As an option to the further reduction of available space in Maple Grove Park for regional parks purposes; the dislocation of two community-level soccer pitches from the park (and relocation within the St. Vital Memorial Park) in favour of a new site for the Mustang's Football Club provides an alternative for which Parks and Recreation can be supportive, inasmuch as the status quo of open space designated for regional park use would be essentially unaffected. Moreover, the site currently occupied by the community soccer pitches is in close proximity to the Perimeter Highway, and, as such is of lower quality for regional park use. Further, the site is well positioned with respect to distance from existing and emerging residential areas such as to not have any negative impact (lighting, sound) upon residential quality.

The two community-level soccer pitches in Maple Grove Park have remained unprogrammed for the past three years. The soccer groups assigned use of the pitches for the 1993 season have already been advised that they may be re-assigned to alternative sites as need arises. Inasmuch as the St. Vital Memorial Park is more centrally located within the community and readily accessible by public transit for youth; re-assignment of the teams to this location is being perceived as an advantage. Moreover, the use of the facilities at St. Vital Memorial Park by youth soccer is decidedly more compatible within the context of the residential surroundings of the area. When advised the Soccer Association did not express any opposition to the proposed relocation.

The two recently constructed playing fields in Maple Grove Park are in excellent condition, of regulation size for football, and of preferred north-south orientation. As such the basic field requirements for relocating of the Mustang's Football Club are in place for immediate use this season; the east field being for practise games and the west field being reserved for home games. Existing clearings to the west of the west field could readily accommodate spectator stands.

However, the Parks and Recreation Department is still concerned regarding projected problems of having only one access point to serve the entire 143 acre site; the site being bounded by the Red River to the west, north and east, and, the Perimeter Highway to the south. With only one entrance road, and overlapping seasons for rugby (Manitoba Rugby Union) and football (Mustangs) as well as peak period regional park use; there is high probability for occurrences of intense traffic congestion at the park entrance (being located in close proximity to the lighted intersection of St. Mary's Road and the Perimeter Highway) as well as on the interior road system of the park. This anticipated traffic condition would be further aggravated in situations requiring emergency vehicle access. As such it is proposed that the Streets and Transportation department be requested to investigate this potential problem and make remedial recommendations for early implementation in advance of such anticipated occurrences. By way of examples; Assiniboine Park is serviced by four entrance gates as well as a separate emergency access, and, Kildonan Park, with only two entrance gates, has experienced occasions when the gates have had to be closed due to excessive traffic congestion on the interior park roadway system. Owing to the short time frame made available for the preparation of this report to Executive Policy Committee, there has not been sufficient opportunity to address this potential traffic issue.

Moreover, due to increasing budgeting constraints for the past several years, progressive development of Maple Grove Park has been suspended. As a result, the interior road system of the park remains as a crushed stone sub-base, without the asphalt surfacing. Traffic volumes generated in conjunction with the Rugby Complex presently causes problems of rutting and excessive dust associated with the loose granular nature of the roadways. The addition of a second sports complex will predictably aggravate the roadway problems and accelerate deterioration of the road surfaces to the extent of necessitating increased annual maintenance fund and/or the advanced capital funding of an asphalting program.

The following cost estimate is provided as substantiation of project relocation costs of the multi-use sport facility from St. Vital Memorial Park to Maple Grove Park:

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Design and construction of multi-use sport facility (Including drilling of a well and provision of a septic pump-out system)	$630,000.00
Construction of a 100 car parking lot (including approach roads, landscaping, curbing, and control gate) *[1]	43,000.00
Installation of Irrigation System (2 fields)	35,000.00
Relocation of lighting for practice field (including extension of hydro service to the site)	43,000.00
Relocation of Spectator Stands/Press Box	10,000.00
Relocation of Scoreboard	2,000.00
Relocation of P.A. System	1,000.00
Installation of Goal Posts (at both locations)	10,000.00
Residual landscaping (buffer planting)	18,000.00
Contingency *[2](10%)	75,000.00
GST (3% Net of Rebate)	26,000.00
Finance/Administration charges(5%)	45,000.00
	$938,000.00

*[1] Although the Mustang's Football Club have indicated a preference for perimeter fencing of the site with chain-link fencing as a means of controlled public access/revenue charging of spectators; a similar earlier request by the Manitoba Rugby Union was denied based upon aesthetic incompatibility within the visual setting of a "public" regional park.

*[2] Contingency factor is estimated at 10% due to speculative nature at this time of various items: drilling of well, hydro service, site drainage, etc.

In view of the preliminary cost estimate of $938,000.00 for relocation of the football facility to Maple Grove Park, and the fact that a total of $945,000.00 has been currently approved within the City's Capital Budgets (1991, 1993) for the purpose of constructing a multi-use clubhouse in St. Vital Memorial Park; it is proposed that the total budget be subject to a program-change-order of City Council and reserved as a first call for relocation costs of the football facility, with any remaining funding surplus being utilized for further site up-grading of St. Vital Memorial Park.

Your Executive Policy Committee recommends:

1. That approval be provided for the relocation of the St. Vital Mustangs Football Club from the St. Vital Memorial Park to a site in Maple Grove Park as identified on the attached plan number L-2 in readiness for the 1993 fall season.

2. That Council approved masterplan for the long term development of Maple Grove Park, as revised to incorporate the requirements of the Mustangs Football Club, be approved as amended.

3. That the matter of public access/egress to the 143 acre Maple Grove Park site; incorporating two major sporting facilities as well as regional park use, and restricted, currently, to one entrance situated in close proximity to the St. Mary's Road and Perimeter Highway intersection; be referred to the Streets and Transportation Department for investigation and report, including recommendation; with any costs associated with intersection improvements being chargeable as an additional item in the 1994 Capital Estimates of the City.

4. That a program-change-order be authorized regarding funding approved in the City's 1991 Capital Budget ($453,000.00) and 1993 Capital Budget ($492,000.00) for a new multi-use sports fieldhouse to accommodate the Mustang's Football Club; to become a first charge associated with the cost of relocation, site preparation, and development (including provision of services) of the Mustang's Football Club in Maple Grove Park; estimated at a cost approximating $938,000.00.

5. That the current facility situated in the St. Vital Memorial Park be adapted to meet the needs of community-level soccer; dislocated from Maple Grove Park as a result of the proposed relocation of the St. Vital Mustang's Football Club onto the site.

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6. That the appropriate officers of the City be authorized to negotiate a Management Agreement with the St. Vital Mustang's Football Club for the use of the new multi-use Sports Fieldhouse, Athletic Fields and Parking Facilities in Maple Grove Park.

Moved by Mayor Thompson,
Adoption of the clause.

In amendment,

Moved by Councillor Golden,
Seconded by Councillor O'Shaughnessy,
WHEREAS certain works listed in this project can be delivered at lesser cost or by donation of goods and services;

AND WHEREAS Memorial Park requires some upgrade to support the soccer program located therein;

AND WHEREAS the capital approval was for a multipurpose facility in Memorial Park;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that:

1. The $938,000.00 be transferred to Maple Grove Park.

2. Proceeds not required to meet the Mustang Multipurpose facility in Maple Grove be transferred back to Memorial Park.

3. These works be carried out by design build contract (as per Windsor Community Club) and not through the City Purchasing Department.

The Speaker here resumed the Chair.

On motion, the Speaker advised that the resolutions within the motion would be considered separately.

The Speaker ruled that Recommendation No. 1 was out of order in that it was addressed in the clause.

The Speaker ruled that Recommendation No. 2 was out of order in that it was addressed in the clause.

The Speaker advised that Recommendation No. 3 and consideration of the clause would be tabled for consideration later in the meeting.

(For disposition of this item see Minute No. 535.)

Request for a City of Winnipeg Act Amendment - To Allow Levy Frontage Charges File GL-5.1 (Vol. 40)

533 - 7. Council on February 23, 1993, during the consideration of the Capital Estimates laid over a recommendation dealing with a requested amendment to The City of Winnipeg Act. The proposed amendment was to allow the City to levy frontage charges or to impose per-household and/or lot charges for specified purposes. The recommendation was defeated on a tie vote.

Your Executive Policy Committee has again considered the matter concerning the levy of frontage, household or lot charges for specified purposes and recommends:

1. That the Province of Manitoba be requested to amend The City of Winnipeg Act to allow Council by by-law to levy lot charges for specified purposes and that subject to Provincial approval, Council only consider such charges in the context of an overall revenue strategy or fair taxation policy.

2. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the above recommendation.

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Moved by Mayor Thompson,
Adoption of the clause.

The motion for the adoption of the clause was put.

Councillor Reese called for the yeas and nays, which were as follows:-

Yea: Councillors Duguid, Eadie, Fraser, Golden, Hyman, Murray, O'Shaughnessy, Prystanski, Silva, Thomas, Clement and Angus. 12

Nay: Councillors Reese, Boychuk and Lazarenko. 3

and the motion for the adoption of the clause was declared carried.

Provincial Government Capital Budget
Priorities for The City of Winnipeg
File FE(1993)(V. 3)

534 - 8. Your Executive Policy Committee submits the following motion for favourable consideration:

WHEREAS the Province did not advise the City of its capital priorities until after Council approved the 1993 budget;

AND WHEREAS the Province provided the anticipated 1993 level of subsidy in total but designated $5,670,900 to projects which are not in the City approved 1993 program;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 1993 Capital Budget as approved by City Council on February 23, 1993, be confirmed, and that the Province be requested to advise the City of its capital priorities for 1994 (and preferably 1994 through 1996) by June 1993, recognizing that Council is endeavouring to give early approval of its 1994 budget;

AND FURTHER that the appropriate officers take the necessary action to cost flow the 1993 provincial subsidy shortfall until the provincially designated projects are approved.

Moved by Mayor Thompson,
Adoption of the clause.

Carried.

Council here reverted to consider Clause 6 and the amendment proposed by Councillors Golden and O'Shaughnessy.

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535 - 9. With the permission of the seconder, Councillor O'Shaughnessy, and with the permission of Council, Councillor Golden amended the resolve to read as follows:

Moved by Councillor Golden,
Seconded by Councillor O'Shaughnessy,
WHEREAS certain works listed in this project can be delivered at lesser cost or by donation of goods and services;

AND WHEREAS Memorial Park requires some upgrade to support the soccer program located therein;

AND WHEREAS the capital approval was for a multipurpose facility in Memorial Park;

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that:

The City's Purchasing Policy be waived for this particular project and that these works be carried out by design build contract (as per Windsor Community Club) and not through the City Purchasing Department.

The amendment was put.

The Speaker called for the yeas and nays, which were as follows:-

Yea: Councillors Reese, Boychuk, Duguid, Eadie, Fraser, Golden, Hyman, O'Shaughnessy, Prystanski, Silva, Thomas, Clement, Mayor Thompson and Councillor Angus. 14

Nay: Councillor Lazarenko. 1

and the amendment was declared carried.

The motion for the adoption of the clause, as amended, was put and declared carried.

Councillor Lazarenko asked to be recorded as having voted against the clause, in accordance with Rule 50.7 of the Procedure By-law.

(Note: Copy of Plans L-1 and L-2 referred to in the above clause are on file in the office of the City Clerk.)

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

MOTIONS

Moved by Councillor Duguid,
Seconded by Councillor Murray,

536 - WHEREAS it is important to have a permanent body for the assessment of elected officials' compensation, in order to remove the perception of a conflict and restore public trust;

AND WHEREAS there is a movement across North America to have independent bodies or commissions set the salaries and pensions of elected representatives;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of Manitoba be requested to strike an independent body or commission to set the salaries and pensions of municipal and provincial elected officials across the province;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the results of the deliberations of the independent body be binding upon the governments of the Province, City and Municipalities in Manitoba.

The Speaker ruled automatic referral of the motion to the Executive Policy Committee in accordance with Rule 16.1 of the Procedure By-law.

Moved by Councillor Duguid,

That the rule be suspended to allow consideration of the motion at this time.

Carried.

The motion was put and declared carried.

Moved by Councillor Golden,
Seconded by Councillor Fraser,

537 - THAT Executive Policy Committee investigate whether the City of Winnipeg can, at this late date, charge a minimum tax on all property tax bills at a level that would allow all taxpayers so billed to qualify for the maximum property tax credits.

The intent is that there shall be no net cost to City property taxpayers after property tax credit.

Automatic Referral to Executive Policy Committee in accordance with Rule 16.1 of the Procedure By-law.

Moved by Councillor Silva,
Seconded by Councillor Duguid,

538 - WHEREAS April 28, 1993 has been designated as a National Day of Mourning in recognition of workers who have died while in the performance of their duties;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg, as one of the major employers in the Province, recognizes the importance of job safety to employees and the contribution of employees of the City of Winnipeg to the well being of its citizens;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Winnipeg, in recognition of the National Day of Mourning, observe a minute of silence in recognition of all employees who have died in the performance of their duties.

Carried by Silent Standing Vote.

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CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

539 - On motion of Mayor Thompson the following By-laws were each read a first, second and third time, the rule being suspended for the third reading of each by-law, and were passed and ordered to be signed and sealed, namely:-

By-law No. 6137/93, a By-law of the City of Winnipeg to levy the 1993 Business Improvement Zone levy for the Downtown Winnipeg Business Improvement Zone. File FL-7.4.

By-law No. 6143/93, a By-law of the City of Winnipeg to levy the 1993 Business Improvement Zone levy for the West Broadway/South Sherbrook Business Improvement Zone. File FL-7.8.

By-law No. 6144/93, a By-law of the City of Winnipeg to levy the 1993 Business Improvement Zone levy for the Selkirk Avenue Business Improvement Zone. File FL-7.5.

By-law No. 6138/93, a By-law of the City of Winnipeg to levy the 1993 Business Improvement Zone levy for the Exchange District Business Improvement Zone.
File FL-7.1.

By-law No. 6139/93, a By-law of the City of Winnipeg to levy the 1993 Business Improvement Zone levy for the Osborne Village Business Improvement Zone.
File FL-7.3.

By-law No. 6140/93, a By-law of the City of Winnipeg to levy the 1993 Business Improvement Zone levy for the Corydon Avenue Business Improvement Zone.
File FL-7.2.

By-law No. 6141/93, a By-law of the City of Winnipeg to levy the 1993 Business Improvement Zone levy for the Ellice Avenue/Sargent Avenue Business Improvement Zone. File FL-7.7.

By-law No. 6142/93, a By-law of the City of Winnipeg to levy the 1993 Business Improvement Zone levy for the Norwood Grove Business Improvement Zone. File FL-7.6.

On motion of Mayor Thompson, the rule was suspended and By-law No. 6178/93, a By-law of the City of Winnipeg to authorize the undertaking of certain local improvements during the year 1993, was read a first, second and third time, the rule being suspended for the third reading of the by-law, and was passed and ordered to be signed and sealed. Files FC(1993) and SL(1993).

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

QUESTION PERIOD

540 - Councillor Hyman requested an update on the Core Area Initiative and in particular the Main Street revitalization effort.

Her Worship Mayor Thompson noted that she had had numerous meetings with the Federal and Provincial Ministers on the Core Area Initiative and that the Federal Minister was presently dealing with a number of questions which when resolved would allow further progress on the matter. In addition, Her Worship noted that the Main Street revitalization effort would be a primary focus and that she would be bringing forth information on the time frame of events in the near future.

Councillor Hyman inquired as to whether plans for an arena would be part of the Core Area Initiative.

Her Worship Mayor Thompson advised that the arena was not currently part of the new Core Area Initiative discussions.

Councillor Fraser requested an update on the issue of the settlement of legal fees for the members of the business community who had appealed tax levies, noting that discussions had supposedly been underway with the Honourable Minister of Urban Affairs.

Her Worship Mayor Thompson noted that the City's Law Department was currently reviewing the matter.

Councillor Fraser requested information on a property tax insert scheduled for the tax bill mailing.

Her Worship Mayor Thompson advised that information would be provided by highlighting the Provincial Government's contribution on the actual tax bill, and that there would be a special insert as well as utilization of the envelope to communicate additional information. Her Worship further advised that she would be providing more information on the content to allow for further input from all Councillors.