REPORT OF THE

COMMITTEE ON PROTECTION, PARKS AND CULTURE

DATED APRIL 8, 1993

On motion of Councillor O'Shaughnessy, the Report of the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture, dated April 8, 1993, was considered clause by clause.

Moved by Councillor O'Shaughnessy,
That the Consent Agenda items, Clauses 1,2,3,4, and 7 be adopted.

Carried.

Her Worship the Mayor and Councillors:

Policy on Purple Loosestrife or Lythrum.
File PM (Vol. 3)

541 - 1. In response to the rapid spread of the noxious weed, Purple Loosestrife in City owned parks and along riverbanks, the Parks and Recreation Department has developed a policy for the removal of said plants. Between 1985 and 1989 the drought conditions in the Province produced exposed mud flats and marsh drawdowns. These conditions accelerated the spread of Purple Loosestrife, scientific name Lythrum salicaria, an exotic or non-native species listed under the Manitoba Noxious Weed Act which is capable of invading and taking over wetlands and riverine habitat.

In 1989 research was conducted at the University of Winnipeg which indicated that the supposedly sterile cultivars of Purple Loosestrife, both the wild species and Lythrum virgatum, could produce viable or live seed. The cultivar "Morden Pink" appeared to have the least tendency to cross pollinate with the wild plants and produce live seed.

In the summer of 1990, the Weed Control Branch of the Parks and Recreation Department began removal of Purple Loosestrife in water retention ponds within The City of Winnipeg. This practise was continued in 1991 and 1992.

In 1991, the Manitoba Purple Loosestrife Committee was formed with representatives from the following agencies: Canadian Wildlife Service, Manitoba Habitat Heritage Corporation, Ducks Unlimited, Agriculture Canada, Manitoba Agriculture, Morden Research Station and the City of Winnipeg.

In 1991, the Manitoba Nursery and Landscape Association produced a policy based on the University of Winnipeg research which discouraged the sale of Purple Loosestrife from seed.

In the summer of 1992, the Park Superintendents of Lord Selkirk-West Kildonan and St. James-Assiniboia Communities removed all Lythrum from their parks including some wild stands along the rivers. The Parks Superintendents of Regional Parks South and Regional Parks North had all landscape plantings of Lythrum removed.

On August 22, 1992, the Transcona Scout Troop with support from the Environmental Youth Corps, staged a "Purple Loosestrife pull" along the river by the Assiniboine Park footbridge. Regional Parks South disposed of the plants pulled by the Scouts.

In the fall of 1992, the Weed Control Branch distributed informational brochures to 1154 residences where Purple Loosestrife was observed growing.

What makes Purple Loosestrife a problem?

This invading exotic can take over entire wetlands within a few years, thus crowding out native wetland species. It has no natural controls and spreads aggressively; one plant can produce as many as one million seeds. It will also increase from vegetative cuttings and parts of rootstock.

Various physical control methods have been tried and tested on this plant including cutting, burning, flooding and mowing, however, all have proven to be ineffective. Physically digging out the plant with its root stalk is the only effective way to remove it but this method is also highly labour intensive. For populations of less than one hundred plants, digging is the recommended control method.

For large populations the recommended method is to cut the tops off the plants to prevent seed dispersal. The cuttings have to be disposed of properly to prevent spreading vegetatively.

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Chemically, there is no herbicide that is licensed to control Purple Loosestrife for use over water in Canada. In addition, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service found that when chemical control is used in a marsh, reinfestation of the wetland will occur over a several year period both from the seed bank in the soil and from any surviving plants.

Cultivars have been sold extensively by greenhouses and nurseries for home landscape use since their introduction. Purple Loosestrife is listed on the Manitoba Noxious Weed List. However, cultivars were claimed to be sterile and therefore were not affected by this legislation. Current research from the University of Winnipeg and the University of Minnesota indicates conclusively that all cultivars will cross pollinate with wild populations and produce viable seed. Therefore the domestic plantings have been contributing to the spread of this weed where they are planted close enough to wild populations to be pollinated.

To summarize the 1992 inventory compiled by the Manitoba Purple Loosestrife Committee, Purple Loosestrife is more widespread than indicated in 1985; possibly as much as 10 times. The largest wild populations within the City of Winnipeg are concentrated along the Assiniboine River in the vicinity of Assiniboine Park, with light density populations occurring west of Assiniboine Park, along Sturgeon and Truro Creeks and in a drainage ditch adjacent to Bishop Grandin Boulevard.

Removal of Purple Loosestrife from City-owned lands

Section A of the proposed policy on Purple Loosestrife (Appendix "A") recommends a ban on the planting of Purple Loosestrife or its cultivars on City maintained lands. The Parks and Recreation Department has already implemented this phase of the Policy.

Section B of the policy recommends removal of cultivars from landscape plantings on City maintained land. As previously mentioned, Lythrum landscape plantings have already been removed from parks in several districts. The removal will decrease the spread of this environmental problem by decreasing the seed source.

Physically digging out the wild stands is a labour intensive process when large numbers of plants are involved. In dense stands such as along the Assiniboine River, the cutting of the flower heads prior to mid summer should be considered as an alternative to digging.

Implementation of Section B of the Policy should be phased in over several years in order to ensure that it will not cause hardship to existing budgets. A volunteer or community manpower program would need to be utilized in the removal of wild populations along the rivers.

Manpower options to assist this removal:

1. Using free convict labour to remove the Lythrum. Convicts are supplied for the cost of transportation and a supervisor is provided. The Lord Selkirk-West Kildonan Community removed wild stands in 1992 using this labour source.

2. This could be a large scale project for the use of welfare recipients.

3. Use of community groups such as Scouts or Girl Guides to adopt a certain area and keep it clear of Lythrum.

4. The Fine Option Program through the Manitoba Traffic Act also provides free labour.

Support costs will be incurred in any of the above manpower options. The cost of utilizing City staff only to remove the heads from mature plants to prevent seed set, would be approximately $15,000.00 based on ten workers per Branch, working for two full days. The large crews are necessary due to the relatively short "window of opportunity" for removal prior to seed dispersal.

Options 1 and 2 are suitable for large scale removal of wild stands. Options 3 and 4 would only be suitable for small scale removal.

Manitoba Agriculture indicates that removal of plants listed on the Manitoba Noxious Weed List is not enforced. Withdrawal of these weed species is encouraged through information and public education. Should the City adopt this Purple Loosestrife Policy, each Civic Department would be responsible for the removal of Purple Loosestrife from open spaces that they maintain.

The Environmental Stewardship Chapter of "Plan Winnipeg...Towards 2010" indicates that environmentally responsible decision making is a priority for the City of Winnipeg. Adopting the policy on the removal of Purple Loosestrife and its cultivars would be consistent with both the new Plan Winnipeg and the mission statement of the

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Your Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture recommends:-

I. That the Policy on Purple Loosestrife, attached as Appendix "A", be approved for implementation.

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

Adopted by consent.

(Note: See Minute No. 548 for attachment.)

Correction of Building Envelope Problems in City of Winnipeg Indoor Swimming Pools.
File PR-2.2(Vol. 17)

542 - 2. The Parks and Recreation Department operates twelve City-owned indoor swimming pools. These pools are listed in Appendix "A" and have an estimated total replacement value of $39,000,000.00. Over the past two years, deterioration of the building envelope (exterior walls and roof) has become evident at all of these pools.

In particular, extensive deterioration of the building envelope has been observed at the Pan Am and Seven Oaks pools. On-site testing by a team of consultants has determined that this deterioration is a result of a progressive failure of the buildings' air barrier (prevents air and moisture migrating from the warm side to cold side of an exterior wall or roof).

Similar symptoms to those visible at Pan Am and Seven Oaks are present at other facilities. These conditions must be addressed at all City-owned indoor pools in order to protect the City's substantial investment. Failure to do so would ultimately result in increased costs for repairs and potentially the eventual closure of some of these facilities for safety reasons.

During recent years, deterioration of the building envelope has been noted at all indoor pools. This included the deterioration of mortar, concrete block, bricks, precast concrete members, roof systems, efflorescence (white powder on the building exterior in the spring) and blistering of exterior paint finishes. These conditions are symptoms of a failure of the building's air barrier resulting in moisture escaping into the walls or roof from the interior of the building.

In Winnipeg's harsh climate, it is vital that moisture does not become trapped and frozen in the building envelope during cold weather. An air barrier (a continuous surface that prevents air and moisture passing) is installed on the warm side of the exterior walls and roof to prevent moisture entering the wall or roof structure from the building interior.

Buildings without an intact air barrier, experience warm vapour laden interior air entering the exterior walls and roof. At the dew point within the wall or roof, the vapour liquifies. The presence of this condensation causes rapid deterioration of the building envelope. Ongoing freeze/thaw cycles of this condensation over a number of winters produces expansion and contraction of porous building materials, resulting in cracking and spalling of concrete/masonry materials. Similar problems occur with the expansion and contraction of roofing systems, resulting in wooden roof decks becoming saturated and deteriorating with time. Roof leaks may also result.

In the case of indoor swimming pools, the City consciously maintains a positive air pressure in the pool area forcing air from the building interior through openings in the walls (vents, cracks, doors etc.) and the mechanical system in order to minimize cold drafts entering the structure at deck level causing discomfort to the swimmers. This positive pressurization also results in the vapour laden air being forced through discontinuities in the air barrier and becoming trapped in the building envelope.

Compounding the effects of positive pressurization is a high humidity environment associated with a pool. The naturally high humidity levels result in more vapour being forced into the building envelope.

The net result of positive pressurization and high humidity levels is accelerated deterioration of the building envelope as vapour escapes through discontinuities which exist in the air barrier.

In the summer of 1990, the City of Winnipeg engaged a consultant to investigate visual deterioration of the Centennial Concert Hall exterior precast veneer. The subsequent investigation revealed that building's air barrier had failed, allowing moisture to escape into the exterior precast veneer where it experienced freeze/thaw cycles. Over time these cycles resulted in the deterioration of the precast necessitating their total replacement during 1991-1992 at considerable cost.

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Pan Am Pool

As a result of the Centennial Concert Hall experience, the precast parapet and wall panels of the Pan Am Pool were thoroughly inspected in 1990 and 1991. The parapet panels around the top of the building were found to have deteriorated to a point where their replacement was required. The lower wall panels were found to be in good condition, not requiring work. Safety precautions were put into place to protect the public until repairs can be undertaken.

Tenders for the parapet wall replacement closed in late January, 1993, with a second phase proceeding later in 1993. This project includes replacement of the failed air barrier, removal of deteriorated precast concrete and the installation of a new precast concrete parapet. The result will be an intact safe building envelope protected by an effective air barrier.

Total funds approved in the 1992 Capital Budget are $1,000,000.00 with an additional $250,000.00 requested in each of 1993 and 1994.

Sherbrook Pool

In 1991, a study was performed on the Sherbrook Pool to determine options for the provision of a new community centre. Included in this study was a review of the building's existing structural condition. This revealed that Sherbrook Pool's exterior structure had deteriorated over the years due to a number of reasons including lack/failure of an air barrier.

At the present time monitoring is taking place to ensure the safe continuation of this pool's operation.

North Centennial Pool

Another air barrier induced situation was encountered during the 1991 addition of a Seniors Centre to the North Centennial Pool. During construction, it was noted that the building's precast exterior was deteriorating in the area of the pool tank. The project consultant indicated that the probable cause of this damage was a failure of the air barrier.

Monitoring of this problem is ongoing.

Seven Oaks Pool

In 1990 investigations were undertaken to resolve a problem of cracking and loosened exterior bricks at Seven Oaks Pool. Funding in the amount of $110,000.00 for replacement of the deteriorating exterior brick was approved in the 1991 Capital Budget.

During 1992, as a result of the findings at Pan Am Pool, a consultant was engaged to perform a more thorough investigation of the building envelope condition at Seven Oaks. The subsequent report indicated that the building air barrier has failed and extensive remedial work is required to halt further deterioration of the building envelope.

This work involves basically stripping the exterior of the building, replacing the air barrier and then applying new brick, cladding, windows, and roofing. Estimated total cost for this work is $1,050,000.00.

Other Indoor Pools

To date extensive investigations have not been conducted on the other indoor pools. However, visible symptoms exist on building surfaces leading to the belief that these buildings, to varying degrees, have experienced air barrier failures. Minor repairs of these symptoms have been undertaken, however the fundamental underlying cause of the problem has not been addressed.

Deterioration of building envelopes at all of the City's indoor swimming pools will continue until air barrier problems are fully known and appropriate solutions are undertaken. It is pointless to simply perform cosmetic repairs to the symptoms of the problems.

If not resolved, these problems will intensify and eventually result in safety related concerns for the users of the facility. Delays in initiating a repair program will result in increased damage occurring and increased expense for solutions. Pan Am and Seven Oaks Pools are clear examples of the expense associated with this problem.

Due to the deterioration now evident on the exterior of the indoor pools and the increased knowledge of air barrier related problems, it is timely to conduct an investigation of the City's indoor pools to determine the scope of the potential building envelope problems facing the City of Winnipeg. Repairs of approximately $6,000,000.00 to $8,000,000.00 may be required to resolve these problems.

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This technical investigation, similar in nature to those conducted at the Pan Am and Seven Oaks Pools, would consist of a review of the original construction documentation, visual inspection of the building, investigative demolition (opening of walls and roof to reveal the state of building components), pressurization and relative humidity testing to reveal the state of the mechanical system, and finally the production of a report.

The report would prioritize pools in order of severity of the problem. It would include the scope of the required repairs, expected repair costs, and an estimate of the facility life expectancy if remedial work were not undertaken.

The results of the above investigation would be combined with Department utilization statistics to develop a planned program for the repair of the pools in order of priority. In so doing, capital requirements would be developed, allowing the Department to systematically resolve the building envelope problems.

Appendix "A" details the estimated cost to perform the required investigations on eight (8) of the twelve (12) indoor pools. Three pools have previously been studied. The other pool (Eldon Ross) is only used during the summer and as such does not require investigation. Note the list of buildings to be studied in Appendix "A" is ranked in order of priority reflecting the existing visible state of the building exterior.

It is proposed that funds in the amount of $159,080.00 be used to undertake a comprehensive investigation and prioritization of the condition of the City of Winnipeg's indoor pools' building envelope and air barriers. Funds are available in the following accounts for the capital programs which have been completed:

Sargent Park Pool Roof

Account #: 03 118xxx 5489420701 $26,074.00

J. Blumberg Roof

Account #: 03 118xxx 5489610701 $27,080.00

Elmwood Kildonan Pool

Account #: 03 118xxx 5491520401 $42,343.00

1984 Unallocated Borrowing Authority $63,583.00

TOTAL $159,080.00

Seven Oaks Pool

In addition to the requirement to investigate the state of the indoor pools, the City has to address very specific problems at the Seven Oaks Pool. The consultant's report of 1992, recommended that:

> "all surfaces of the above grade envelope be replaced or renovated. This would include new roofing from the deck out, new windows and new cladding (veneer brick and metal siding) on the concrete block.

The refurbishment would result in a weather proof envelope up to current standards in terms of air retardance, vapour retardance and thermal performance. The construction would be detailed to withstand the rigours of the swimming pool environment."

During Seven Oak's sixteen year life its building envelope has deteriorated to a point where the exterior from the air barrier out has to be replaced. Delays in this replacement will result in potentially further deterioration of the building structure, most notably in the wooden roof decking which is presently saturated with moisture. Delays will result in escalating costs and an expanding scope of work.

Consequently, the Parks and Recreation Department wishes to engage a consultant in 1993 to produce the necessary drawings and specifications for the repairs. Actual repairs would proceed during the spring of 1994 depending on the availability of Capital funds. The cost of engaging the Consultant can be funded through the present Capital program for Seven Oaks with a program change.

Your Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture recommends:

I. That $159,080.00 be approved for the undertaking of a comprehensive technical investigation and prioritization of the condition of the City of Winnipeg's indoor pools relative to building envelope and air barrier.

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These funds to be obtained from the following completed capital projects:

Sargent Park Pool Roof

Account #: 03 118xxx 5489420701 $26,074.00

John Blumberg Roof

Account #: 03 118xxx 5489610701 $27,080.00

Elmwood Kildonan Pool

Account #: 03 118xxx 5491520401 $42,343.00

1984 Unallocated Borrowing Authority $63,583.00

TOTAL $159,080.00

II. That the program for the Seven Oaks Pool - Brick Repairs Account No. 03 118xxx 5491520301 (1991 Capital), be revised in order to appoint a Consultant to design, in 1993, the necessary repairs to the building envelope/air barrier problems that exist at this building.

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

Adopted by consent.

Request for Program Change in the 1992 Capital Estimates - Sargent Park Arena. Files FC(1992) and PR-2.1(Vol 20)

543 - 3. Your Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture has been advised that the 1992 Capital Estimates provide for a Program for the renovation and addition to the Sargent Park Arena Service Building to accommodate a new mechanical room and equipment and handicap access, which when costed out, was well over double the budgeted amount.

When revising the program, it was determined that the arena's hockey boards had deteriorated and will become unsafe in the very near future, which Committee was advised is a priority over any renovations to the service building or equipment. The equipment by all indications appears to be operating satisfactorily and does not require replacement at this time. However, due to the demand for handicap access to washrooms, it is recommended that this original component proceed.

The proposed change in this program is estimated by the Civic Buildings Department to be within the approved capital budget of $235,000.00.

Your Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture recommends:

I. That the program provided in the 1992 Capital Program (Account 03-118xxx-5492560101) for "the renovations and addition to the Sargent Park Arena Service Building to accommodate a new mechanical room and equipment and handicap access" be changed to"construction of new hockey boards and handicap access."

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

Adopted by consent.

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Disposal of the Forty-five Acre North Perimeter Park Site as Surplus to City Parks and Recreation Needs Files PR-7(Vol. 5) & FI-2.4(Vol. 4)

544 - 4. The 1993 Current Estimates approved by Council on March 24, 1993, contain the following two provisions:

- $330,000.00 - an increased contribution to the Capital Estimates from the sale of park lands.

- $5,000,000.00 - sale of lands acquired by a variety of means, including tax sales, which are determined to being surplus to the City's needs.

During the early 1960's, the Province of Manitoba Highways Department acquired lands in the vicinity of the North Perimeter Park site for future transportation needs.

During the late 1960's the former Metropolitan Corporation of Winnipeg commenced negotiations with the Provincial Government to acquire land in the vicinity of the North Perimeter Park site in the event of the possible relocation of the Kildonan Golf Course.

By Council Order of June 24, 1971, a total of 57.59 acres of Provincially-owned land (north and south of the Perimeter Highway) was transferred to the City in exchange for 43.78 acres of City-owned land to the west of McPhillips Street at the Perimeter Highway.

During the 1980's the Rural Municipality of West St. Paul approached the City for the transfer of the 45-acre property north of the Perimeter Highway to the Municipality for the development of a local arena and the development of a residential subdivision.

During 1989, the Rural Municipality successfully blocked attempts by the City to develop the site as a regional Softball Fourplex facility.

Within recent years, attempts by the Parks and Recreation Department to develop the subject 45-acre site for regional parks and recreation purposes have been frustrated by the opposition of the Rural Municipality of West St. Paul to development of the property for public open-space purposes of the City. As well, the Rural Municipality has attempted to acquire the property from the City for purposes deemed to be of benefit to the Municipality. Under such circumstances the potential value of the property for public open-space purposes to residents of the City has diminished substantially. Whereas there is a current need of similarly large-sized properties for specialized regional purposes, the 45 acre property situated within West St. Paul, for all intents and purposes, cannot be utilized for the benefit of the City within the foreseeable future; consequently the property could be readily identified as being surplus to the City's parks and recreational needs.

The Land Surveys and Real Estate Department, based upon preliminary evaluation, but not "appraised" value, has speculated that the subject site, rezoned and developed for residential use, has an estimated market value in the range of $315,000.00 to $405,000.00.

Advantageously, for potential expedient sale of the property during 1993, the City might consider pursuing direct sale with the adjacent landowner of 17 acres of property immediately to the north, Mulder Construction and Material Limited. This land developer has, in the recent past, expressed interest in the purchase of the subject property for residential development purposes. Failing a satisfactory-negotiated price for the property with the adjacent land owner, the City would opt for the sale of the property by public tender. The option of public tender would ensure the highest available price is obtained for the property, but may delay the revenue benefits derived by the sale as an early offset factor in the 1993 Budget of the Parks and Recreation Department.

Inasmuch as the Parks and Recreation Department has been unsuccessful in development efforts of the property for public open space purposes of the City for the past approximate twenty years and in view of current economic conditions, the Department is favourably disposed to the sale of the 45-acre site as a means of reducing its share of impact upon the 1993 civic budget. However, the Department would favour the registering of a caveat along the riverbank portion of the property as a means of protecting potential future right-of-way needs of public access.

Your Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture recommends:

I. That the 45-acre City-owned property, situated to the north-east of Main Street and the north Perimeter Highway, within the Rural Municipality of West St. Paul, be declared surplus to the City's needs.

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II. That all steps necessary be taken to dispose of this 45-acre parcel of land during 1993 with the proceeds from said sale of land being utilized to increase the contribution from Current to Capital.

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

Pursuant to Section 156(2) of The City of Winnipeg Act, the sale of property designated or acquired for park purposes requires the approval of at least two-thirds majority of Council.

Adopted by consent.

Impact of Free Tuesdays and Annual Passes on the "Down Under" Exhibit at the Assiniboine Park Zoo. File PR-7.1 (Vol. 7)

*Note: **This clause has been referred back by Executive Policy Committee to the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture.***

545 - 5. On February 24th, 1993, Council ruled automatic referral of the following motion to your Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture and on March 24, 1993, granted a further 30 day extension, namely:

> "Whereas Council has passed amendments to Clause 11 establishing annual pass fees for the Assiniboine Park Zoo and establishing a free admission program for Tuesdays during the Down Under exhibit;
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> And Whereas the original fee schedule was worked out in co-operation with the Manitoba Zoological Society in order to attempt to ensure the financial viability of the Down Under project;
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> And Whereas the fee schedule is to be put in operation on Monday of next week;
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> And Whereas there is not sufficient time to re-work the agreement with the Zoological Society prior to the fees being put in place on Monday;
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> Therefore Be It Resolved that Protection, Parks and Culture be directed to bring to the next regular meeting of Council a proposed course of action to avoid any negative financial impact of the aforementioned amendments on the Zoological Society."

The amendments approved by Council provided for the establishment of free Tuesdays, a day when no general admission fees would be charged at the Zoo. In addition, seasonal adult and family passes for the Zoo were established, potentially reducing the total revenues.

An agreement between the City of Winnipeg, the Assiniboine Park Zoo Development Corporation and the Zoological Society of Manitoba, regarding the Down Under Project was signed on July 29th, 1992. Included in that agreement was the Society's operating budget for the project that included admission revenues in the amount of $934,600.00. The Parks and Recreation Department requires gross admission revenues in the amount of $535,786.00 in order to meet the net revenue projections included in the 1993 Current Estimates. The report initially proposing admission fees for the Assiniboine Park Zoo, that was forwarded to the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture, projected that these financial requirements could be met with the proposed fee schedule.

When Council adopted the establishment of admission fees for the Zoo, two amendments were made that may affect the ability of the Parks and Recreation Department and the Zoological Society to meet their initial financial projections. In a report to the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture dated March 16th, 1993, the Parks and Recreation Department projected that establishing free Tuesdays and the first Saturday of the months October through March as being free (an amendment considered by the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture) would result in a loss of $135,970.00 in revenue in 1993. The impact of the annual passes on the revenue is much more difficult to project at this time due to a lack of history by which to make such a projection.

In order to avoid any negative financial impact on the Zoological Society as a result of the establishment of the free Tuesdays and the annual passes it is recommended that the City allow the Zoological Society to retain all revenues up to $934,600.00 in order to meet their operating costs for the Winnipeg Down Under Project. Once their needs are met then the City would retain the next $535,786.00 to meet the revenue expectations of the Parks and Recreation Department and City Council. After that any additional revenues would be divided with 60% going to the Society and 40% to the City as initially proposed.

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This recommendation allows the Zoological Society to avoid any negative financial impact as a result of the free Tuesdays and the annual passes. These amendments may result in the City not being able to meet their targeted net income levels due to projected potential revenue losses of over $100,000.00 as indicated earlier. However, as the general admission fees to the Zoo were established after the City and the Zoological Society had reached an agreement regarding the Down Under Project, it would appear to be more reasonable that the City and not the Zoological Society should bear any negative financial impacts as a result of the application or administration of these fees.

Your Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture therefore recommends that the manner in which the 1993 revenues from admission fees at the Assiniboine Park Zoo are apportioned between the City and the Zoological Society of Manitoba be modified as follows:

I. The Zoological Society of Manitoba to receive the first $934,600.00 in revenues

II. The City to receive the next $535,786.00 in revenues

III. Any net revenues above these amounts to be divided with 60% going to the Zoological Society of Manitoba and 40% to the City.

REFERRED BACK BY EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE TO THE COMMITTEE ON PROTECTION, PARKS AND CULTURE

Change in Composition of the St. Boniface Museum Board. File PR-9.3 (Vol. 4)

Note: This clause has been referred back to the Riel Community for comment back to the Executive Policy Committee.

546 - 6. Your Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture has received a request from the Riel Community Committee that Section 4(a) of By-law No. 4824/88 governing the regulation, management and control of the St. Boniface Museum Board be amended to reduce the Councillor representation on the Board from two Councillors to one Councillor.

Your Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture was advised by the Riel Community Committee that inasmuch as the St. Boniface Museum is located within the Community of Old St. Boniface, that the St. Boniface Ward Councillor should be the Council representative on the Museum Board, as a Councillor from another jurisdiction or ward may hamper the Board's operations. Further, the Museum Board members have indicated their preference to operate and carry on meetings in the Official Language of French, and in this capacity Councillor Golden, who is currently appointed as the additional Council representative to the Board, feels that he would be imposing a burden upon the Museum Board to have a translator available at each meeting for his benefit.

Your Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture concurs in the request of the Riel Community Committee and recommends:-

I. That Section 4(a) of By-law No. 4824/88 being a by-law of the City of Winnipeg to continue the St. Boniface Museum Board, be amended to provide for a total of 8 members, of whom one (1) shall be a representative of Council.

II. That the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the necessary by-law to implement the intentions of Recommendation I. above.

REFERRED BACK TO THE RIEL COMMUNITY COMMITTEE FOR COMMENT BACK TO THE EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

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Community Incentive Grant Application
- Daniel McIntyre Parent's Association
- City Centre Community.
File PR-2.6(22)(Vol. 6)

547 - 7. Council on July 8, 1992, approved a Community Incentive Grant in the amount of $25,000.00 to the Daniel McIntyre Parent's Association for an underground track and recreation facility at 720 Alverstone Street in the City Centre Community, subject to the following conditions:

a) Confirmation of all funding sources;

b) Approval of final plans and specifications for the project by the General Manager of Parks and Recreation;

c) The applicant entering into a formal agreement with the City of Winnipeg.

The total project is estimated to cost $209,000.00. Funding in the amount of $50,000.00 was to be received from the Community Places Program, with the Daniel McIntyre Parent's Association contributing $10,000.00.

On April 8, 1993, your Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture was advised by Messrs. L. Fleisher, Superintendent of Resource Development, and Frank Brian, Principal, Daniel McIntyre Collegiate, that the Community Places Program funding for the project was cancelled by the Province of Manitoba, and the delegation requested that the condition attached to the receipt of funding from the Community Incentive Grant Program regarding confirmation of all funding sources, be waived in this instance.

Your Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture therefore recommends:

I. That the criteria for the Community Incentive Grant program be waived in this instance.

II. That the amount of $25,000.00 be approved for payment to the Daniel McIntyre Parent's Association subject to:

a) Approval of final plans and specifications for the project by the General Manager of Parks and Recreation;

b) The applicant entering into a formal agreement with the City of Winnipeg.

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

Adopted by consent.

548 - Appendix "A" referred to in Clause 1 of the Report of the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture, dated April 8, 1993.

POLICY NO.

SUBJECT: PURPLE LOOSESTRIFE OR LYTHRUM

POLICY:

PREAMBLE:

The Parks and Recreation Department is committed to protecting the natural environment by preserving and enhancing the natural landscape of the City of Winnipeg.

Purple Loosestrife (Lythrum salicaria) or Lythrum is invading Manitoba's wetlands and riverine habitat displacing native plant species and the animals who live on them.

Purple Loosestrife cultivars have been shown to contribute to the spread of Purple Loosestrife into the natural environment.

POLICY STATEMENT:

A. That no form of Purple Loosestrife or any of its domestic cultivars be planted on lands maintained by the City of Winnipeg.

B. That Purple Loosestrife currently planted in open spaces maintained by the City of Winnipeg be removed and correctly disposed of.

C. That the City of Winnipeg "Weed Line" provide information on the process for removal of Purple Loosestrife in cooperation with the Manitoba Purple Loosestrife Provincial Committee.

D. That planting of Purple Loosestrife on non-city owned property be discouraged through various public communication vehicles.

REPORT OF THE

COMMITTEE ON PROTECTION, PARKS AND CULTURE

DATED APRIL 26, 1993

On motion of Councillor O'Shaughnessy, the rule was suspended and the Report of the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture, dated April 26, 1993, was considered.

Request for Cultural Grant for the Operation of Rainbow Stage in 1993. File FG-1.1(R) (Vol. 8)

549 - 1. The Committee on Finance and Administration at its meeting on January 14, 1993, directed the administration to prepare a call for proposals for the operation and use of Rainbow Stage in 1993.

Your Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture on April 26, 1993, considered two proposals for the operation of Rainbow Stage resulting from the proposal call issued and approved an award of contract to Rainbow Presidents Committee for the operation of Rainbow Stage in 1993 and 1994.

Rainbow Presidents Committee submitted an operating budget and requested a grant in the amount of $65,000.00 for the operation of Rainbow Stage in 1993.

Funding to organizations which exceeds $50,000.00 must be approved by Council.

Your Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture therefore recommends:

I. That a cultural grant in the amount of $65,000.00 be approved to Rainbow Presidents Committee.

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

Moved by Councillor O'Shaughnessy,
Adoption of the clause.

Carried.

COMMITTEE ON PROTECTION, PARKS AND CULTURE

MOTIONS

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

550 - WHEREAS an agreement between The City of Winnipeg, the Assiniboine Park Zoo Development Corporation and the Zoological Society of Manitoba, regarding the "Down Under" Project was signed on July 29, 1992;

AND WHEREAS when Council adopted the establishment of admission fees for the Zoo, two amendments were made that may affect the ability of the Parks and Recreation Department and the Zoological Society of Manitoba to meet their financial projections;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve that the manner in which the 1993 revenues from admission fees at the Assiniboine Park Zoo are apportioned between the City and the Zoological Society of Manitoba be modified as follows:

1. The Zoological Society of Manitoba to receive the first $934,600.00 in revenues.

2. The City to receive the next $535,786.00 in revenues.

The Speaker ruled automatic referral of the motion to the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture in accordance with Rule 16.1 of the Procedure By-law.

Moved by Councillor O'Shaughnessy,
That the rule be suspended to allow consideration of the motion at this time.

Carried.

The motion was put and declared carried.