REPORT OF THE

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

DATED FEBRUARY 1, 1993

On motion of Councillor Eadie, the Report of the Committee on Finance and Administration, dated February 1, 1993, was considered clause by clause.

Her Worship the Mayor and Councillors:

Appointment of a Special Constable - Health Department File GF-2.3

354 - 1. Your Committee on Finance and Administration has been advised by the Law Department that the Chief Inspector, Food Protection Division, Health Department, has requested that the following employee who is employed as a Public Health Inspector and will be required to perform by-law enforcement duties, be sworn in as a Special Constable, namely:-

BRADLEY MICHAEL CARR

Your Committee on Finance and Administration recommends that the City Solicitor be authorized to make the necessary application to the Attorney-General's Department to have the above-named employee from the Health Department sworn in as a Special Constable.

Your Committee also recommends that the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to execute the required Forms of Indemnity of whatsoever kind or nature arising out of the acts and conduct of anything done, said or written by the said Special Constable when he functions as a Special Constable under the said appointment.

Moved by Councillor Eadie,
Adoption of the clause.

Carried.

1993 Taxicab License Fees File EL

355 - 2. On January 22, 1992, Council adopted a report from the Executive Policy Committee dated January 15, 1992 which recommended that all fees and charges for The City of Winnipeg be reviewed at least once every three years.

Subsection 9(3) of The Taxicab Act (Manitoba) states:

> **Payment of City of Winnipeg fee.**
> In addition to requiring an applicant for a license under this Act to pay to the board such fees that may be prescribed by the regulations, the board shall also require, and the applicant shall produce to the board, the receipt issued by The City of Winnipeg indicating that the applicant has paid such fee for the licence as may be prescribed by the relevant by-law of the city.

Prior to passage of By-Law No. 5165/89, the wording of subsection 9(3) of The Taxicab Act specifically noted the amount of the fee of $20 and had done so for a considerable number of years. The Act was amended to provide the City with the authority to set the amount of the fee. However, when By-Law No. 5165/89 was passed on March 29, 1989, the fee was left at $20. The fee has remained at $20 since that time. Due to the increased costs of administering this fee, an increase of $5 per year per taxicab or booking office is being recommended.

Under the provisions of The Taxicab Act and the corresponding City of Winnipeg By-Law No. 5165/89, the License Branch of the Finance Department collects fees for approximately 700 taxicabs and/or booking offices per annum generating approximately $14,000 in revenue. The fee increase recommended in this report should generate $3,500 additional revenue in 1993.

The Taxicab Board has been advised that the City would be examining the possibility of a fee increase to $25.

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Your Committee on Finance and Administration submits draft by-law and recommends:

I. That By-law No. 5165/89 be repealed;

II. That the taxicab license fees payable to The City of Winnipeg pursuant to subsection 9(3) of The Taxicab Act be increased from $20 to $25 for each taxicab or booking office operated for each license year beginning on or after March 1, 1993; and

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

Moved by Councillor Eadie,
Adoption of the clause.

Carried.

Councillors Golden asked to be recorded as having voted against the clause, in accordance with Section 50.7 of the Procedure By-law.

City Telephone Directory. File G-1.3

356 - 3. The current budget review exercise is forcing departments to examine all costs with the objective of either eliminating those deemed to be non-essential and/or recovering costs where appropriate.

The City Telephone Directory is provided to approximately 3,200 City employees as well as 300 non-City individuals. It is provided on a request basis. An update is normally provided on an annual basis.

The current direct cost of producing the directory is approximately $4,000.00. There are also indirect costs such as clerical support to maintain the directory as well as management support. These cost are estimated to be $5,000.00.

The directory will be enhanced in 1993 to make it available in electronic format (word perfect). It is hoped that at some future time, the electronic media will replace the paper media.

In order to offset/reduce current costs, your Committee is of the opinion that non-City personnel who request a copy of the directory pay a fee.

Your Committee on Finance and Administration recommends:-

I. That a fee of $12.00 be established for a hard copy of the "City Telephone Directory" to non-City personnel.

II. That a fee of $7.00 be established for an electronic copy (diskette) of the "City Telephone Directory" to non-City personnel.

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

Moved by Councillor Eadie,
Adoption of the clause.

Carried.

Councillors Golden asked to be recorded as having voted against the clause, in accordance with Section 50.7 of the Procedure By-law.

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Transfer of Jurisdiction – McGregor Street Widening – Fire and Parks and Recreation Departments to the Streets and Transportation Department

File FI-2(24)

357 - 4. Your Committee on Finance and Administration has considered the attached Item 1 of Report 1A of the Technical Advisory Committee on City Properties dated January 19, 1993, with respect to the proposed transfer of jurisdiction of the McGregor Street widening from the Fire Department and Parks and Recreation Department to the Streets and Transportation Department in the Lord Selkirk - West Kildonan Community (File Nos. 7686/6, 7686/7).

The subject City owned properties, as illustrated on the attached Misc. Plan No. LSWK 8679/2 are required by the Streets and Transportation Department for construction of the McGregor Street widening and extension. Construction of the widening and extension is proposed in the 1993 Capital Program. Negotiations for the acquisition of the required properties are presently underway.

On November 12, 1992, the Winnipeg Fire Department indicated its concurrence to the transfer of jurisdiction of Part of Property Number 1 to the Streets and Transportation Department. On December 7, 1992, the Parks and Recreation Department indicated its concurrence to the transfer of jurisdiction of Part of Property Number 6 to the Streets and Transportation Department.

The Lord Selkirk-West Kildonan Community Committee at its meeting held on January 19, 1993 concurred in the recommendation to transfer jurisdiction of parts of these properties to the Streets and Transportation Department.

Transfer of Jurisdiction for property No. 6 will require approval of at **least two-thirds of the members of Council pursuant to Section 156(2) of The City of Winnipeg Act**
(S.M. 1989-90,C.10).

Your Committee on Finance and Administration recommends:

I. That the transfer of jurisdiction of the City owned lands from the Fire and the Parks and Recreation Departments to the Streets and Transportation Department be approved;

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

Moved by Councillor Eadie,

Adoption of the clause.

Carried.

(Note: Attachments referred to in the above clause are on file in the office of the City Clerk.)

Acquisition Northwest Corner Panet Road and Dugald Road.

File DAO 5/93

358 - 5. Your Committee on Finance and Administration has considered the attached Item No. 2 of Report 1A of the Technical Advisory Committee on City Properties dated January 19, 1993, with respect to the proposed acquisition of the northwest corner of Panet Road and Dugald Road in the Riel Community (File No. 7577).

The lands shown as "Proposed Acquisition" on attached Misc. Plan No. Riel 8332 are required to permit radius modifications and resurfacing of the Dugald/Panet Road intersection. The Board of Commissioners at its meeting of August 8, 1991 considered a June 4, 1991 report from the Director of Operations and subsequently instructed the Director of Land Surveys and Real Estate to commence negotiations for the required property.

Negotiations, ongoing since November 6, 1991, have recently resulted in J. M. Schneider advising the City that it is prepared to accept a proposed settlement in accordance with the terms and conditions outlined on the attached Schedule "A".

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The Land Surveys and Real Estate Department considers the price, terms and conditions to be reasonable and in the City's best interest.

Adequate funding for the proposed acquisition is available in account 03-118117-5190040503.

Your Committee on Finance and Administration recommends:

I. That the proposed acquisition at a price of $1,100.00 and in accordance with the terms and conditions as set out on Schedule "A" be approved;

II. That the Committee on Works and Operations, approve the proposed street opening and instruct the City Solicitor to prepare the necessary street opening By-law in accordance with Misc. Plan No. Riel 8332 and that the estimated $200.00 cost of the By-law be charged to Account 03-118117-5190040503;

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

Moved by Councillor Eadie,
Adoption of the clause.

Carried.

(Note: Attachments referred to in the above clause are on file in the office of the City Clerk.)

Acquisition - S.P. Lot 1, Plan 19640 - East side Pembina Highway, South of rue Des Trappistes. File FI-2(25)

359 - 6. Your Committee on Finance and Administration has considered the attached Item No. 3 of Report 1A of the Technical Advisory Committee on City Properties dated January 19, 1993, (copy of which is on file in the office of the City Clerk), with respect to the proposed acquisition of S.P. Lot 1, Plan 19640 on the east side of Pembina Highway south of rue des Trappistes in the Riel Community (File No. 7729).

The lands shown as "Subject Property" on attached Misc. Plan No. Riel 8597 were offered for sale to the City. The Board of Commissioners at its meeting of December 11, 1992 considered a November 20, 1992 report from the Director of Streets and Transportation and instructed the Director of Land Surveys and Real Estate to negotiate acquisition of the subject property.

Negotiations have recently resulted in the owners advising that they are prepared to sell the property in accordance with the terms and conditions outlined on the attached Schedule "A".

The Land Surveys and Real Estate Department considers the price, and terms and conditions to be reasonable and in the City's best interests.

Funds for the proposed property acquisition are included in the proposed 1993 Capital Program. Adequate interim funding is allocated against the Land Acquisition for Future Transportation Purposes Account (Budget Bureau Certificate FT 92-08).

Your Committee on Finance and Administration recommends:

I. That the proposed acquisition at a price of $25,000.00 and in accordance with the terms and conditions set out on the attached Schedule "A" be approved;

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

Moved by Councillor Eadie,
Adoption of the clause.

Carried.

(Note: Attachments referred to in the above clause are on file in the office of the City Clerk.)

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Transfer of Jurisdiction, south side Portage Avenue between Riverbend Crescent and Route 90 from the Parks and Recreation Department to the Streets and Transportation Department
File DAO 3/93

360 - 7. Your Committee on Finance and Administration has considered the attached Item No. 4 of Report 1A of the Technical Advisory Committee on City Properties dated January 19, 1993, with respect to the proposed transfer of jurisdiction, south side Portage Avenue between Riverbend Crescent and Route 90 from the Parks and Recreation Department to the Streets and Transportation Department, in the Assiniboia Community (File No. 7594).

Council, on March 6, 1991, approved the 1991 Capital Program which included the Route 90 overpass reconstruction at Portage Avenue including access improvements.

The Streets and Transportation Department, as part of these works, widened the south side of Portage Avenue from Riverbend Crescent to Route 90 and relocated the public sidewalk to the subject property. The subject property identified as "Proposed Street Opening" on Misc. Plan No. ASBA 8509 attached, is under the jurisdiction of the Parks and Recreation Department.

This proposed transfer of jurisdiction **requires the approval of at least two-thirds of the members of Council pursuant to Section 156(2) of the City of Winnipeg Act** (S.M. 1989-90, C.10).

Costs associated with this proposed transfer of jurisdiction may be charged to Account No. 03-118117-5191050701.

Your Committee on Finance and Administration recommends:

I. That the transfer of jurisdiction from the Parks and Recreation Department to the Streets and Transportation Department for the property identified as "Proposed Street Opening" on Misc. Plan No. ASBA 8509 be approved;

II. That the Committee on Works and Operations approve the proposal and instruct the City Solicitor to prepare the necessary street opening By-law in accordance with Misc. Plan No. ASBA 8509 for submission to Council and that the cost of the By-law estimated to be $200.00 be charged to Account Number 03-118117-5191050701;

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

Moved by Councillor Eadie,
Adoption of the clause.

Carried.

(Note: Attachments referred to in the above clause are on file in the office of the City Clerk.)

Transfer of Jurisdiction, Northeast corner of Portage Avenue and Sturgeon Road from the Parks and Recreation Department to the Streets and Transportation Department.
File DAO 4/93

361 - 8. Your Committee on Finance and Administration has considered the attached Item No. 5 of Report 1A of the Technical Advisory Committee on City Properties dated January 19, 1993, with respect to the proposed transfer of jurisdiction, northeast corner of Portage Avenue and Sturgeon Road from the Parks and Recreation Department to the Streets and Transportation Department in the Assiniboia Community (File No. 4492).

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Council, on March 6, 1991, approved the 1991 Capital Program which included the resurfacing of Portage Avenue from Moorgate Street to Sturgeon Road.

The Streets and Transportation Department, as part of these works, widened the northeast corner of Portage Avenue and Sturgeon Road to accommodate turning vehicles. The subject property shown as "Proposed Street Opening" on Misc. Plan ASBA 8508 attached, is under the jurisdiction of the Parks and Recreation Department.

This proposed transfer of jurisdiction **requires the approval of at least two-thirds of the members of Council pursuant to Section 156(2) of the City of Winnipeg Act** (S.M. 1989-90, C.10).

Costs associated with this proposed transfer of jurisdiction may be charged to Account No. 03-118117-5191040702.

Your Committee on Finance and Administration recommends:

I. That the transfer of jurisdiction from the Parks and Recreation Department to the Streets and Transportation Department for the property identified as "Proposed Street Opening" on Misc. Plan No. ASBA 8508 be approved;

II. That the Committee on Works and Operations approve the proposal and instruct the City Solicitor to prepare the necessary street opening By-law in accordance with Misc. Plan No. ASBA 8508 for submission to Council and that the cost of the By-law estimated to be $200.00 be charged to Account Number 03-118117-5191040702;

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

Moved by Councillor Eadie,
Adoption of the clause.

Carried.

(Note: Attachments referred to in the above clause are on file in the office of the City Clerk.)

Request for an Extension of Time -
Amusement Tax Exemption Review
File FL-2.5

362 - 9. Council, at its meeting held on May 27, 1992, referred the following motion to your Committee, namely:-

Moved by Councillor Reese,
Seconded by Councillor Mendelson,

"WHEREAS in view of the concerns expressed towards the tax exemption obtained by the owners of the Walker Theatre to put on Phantom of the Opera;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 3107/81 be reviewed by the Committee on Finance and Administration;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Committee on Finance and Administration consider abolishing the amusement tax exemption and replace it with a system of grants."

Your Committee on Finance and Administration, at its meeting held on February 1, 1993, considered a report dated January 20, 1993, from the Commissioner of Finance and Administration, relating to an Amusement Tax By-law review and referred this report to its Ad Hoc Committee on Licensing and Animal Control.

Your Committee on Finance and Administration therefore requests Council grant it an extension of time of 90 days in which to consider this matter and report to Council.

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Moved by Councillor Eadie,
Adoption of the clause.

With the consent of Council, the clause was amended by deleting the words "90 days" and substituting therefor the words "30 days".

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

Councillors Reese asked to be recorded as having voted against the clause, in accordance with Section 50.7 of the Procedure By-law.

Extension of Time - Guidelines and Delegated Authority File GC-11

363 - 10. Council, at its May 27, 1992 meeting, adopted Clause 5 of your Committee's report dated May 12, 1992 regarding the delegated authority to the Committee on Finance and Administration as it relates to the leasing of private properties.

At the same meeting, Council also ruled automatic referral of the following motion to your Committee, under Section 16.1 of the Procedure By-law No. 5400/90:-

Moved by Councillor Reese,
Seconded by Councillor Thomas,

> "WHEREAS there are no guidelines for the delegated authority of the Committee on Finance and Administration as it relates to leasing arrangements for private properties;
>
> THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the July 18, 1979 authority delegated to the Committee on Finance and Administration as it relates to leasing of private properties by the City for City purposes be amended by providing for guidelines and **further** guidelines for the $1 million ceiling, or for less than $1 million."

On June 2, 1992, your Committee on Finance and Administration referred the above motion to the Administration for report, which report has yet to be received.

Your Committee on Finance and Administration requests Council grant your Committee an extension of time of 90 days in which to consider this matter and report to Council.

Moved by Councillor Eadie,
Adoption of the clause.

Carried.

Extension of Time - Southglen Properties File FI-2.4(25)

364 - 11. Council, at its meeting held on September 23, 1992, ruled automatic referral of the following motion to your Committee, under Section 16.1 of the Procedure By-law No. 5400/90:-

Moved by Councillor Kaufmann,
Seconded by Councillor Demare,

> "BE IT RESOLVED that Southglen Properties be sold back for $1.00; the same piece of property which they sold to the City for $1.00 in order to extend Compark Road inasmuch as Compark Road is not to be extended and this property is now surplus to the City's needs."

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Your Committee on Finance and Administration requests Council grant your Committee an extension of time of 90 days in which to consider this matter and report to Council.

Moved by Councillor Eadie,

Adoption of the clause.

With the consent of Council, the clause was amended by deleting the words "90 days" and substituting therefor the words "30 days".

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

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MOTIONS

Moved by Councillor Eadie,
Seconded by Councillor Reese,

365 - WHEREAS the Riel Community has recommended a second citizen member appointment to the Civic Charities Endorsement Bureau for a 3-year term;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Louise M. Trudel, 393 Westmount Drive, be appointed to the Civic Charities Endorsement Bureau for a 3-year term to expire December 31, 1995.

Carried.

Moved by Councillor Angus,
Seconded by Councillor Silva,

366 - WHEREAS the world is undergoing a technological change, and computerization is being utilized effectively in the home and business;

AND WHEREAS it is in the City's best interest that the staff become more computer literate;

AND WHEREAS it is common practice for corporations to provide for an employee "computer-purchase plan" to facilitate ownership and encourage the development of a working knowledge of computer applications;

AND WHEREAS the Federal Government and many Provincially-funded organizations and Crown Corporations presently provide various related plans for its employees;

AND WHEREAS an employee purchase program may stimulate and provide increased business activity for local distributors;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Winnipeg develop and instate a "Personal Computer Employee Home Purchase Program" at no cost to the City of Winnipeg.

Automatic Referral to the Committee on Finance and Administration in accordance with Section 16.1 of the Procedure By-law

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CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

367 - On motion of Councillor Eadie, By-law No. 6123/93, a By-law of The City of Winnipeg to prescribe the fee payable to The City of Winnipeg by taxicab license applicants, was read a first, second and third time, the rule being suspended for the third reading and was passed and ordered to be signed and sealed.
File EL.

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QUESTION PERIOD

368 - Councillor Golden noted that the Civic Charities Endorsement Bureau had scheduled its meetings on the fourth Wednesday of each month, the same day on which Council meets, and asked what can be done to prevent such conflicts.

Councillor Eadie noted that Council does not direct the Civic Charities Endorsement Bureau in the scheduling of their meetings and suggested that Councillor Golden make his concerns known to the members of the Civic Charities Endorsement Bureau who were responsible for scheduling.

Councillor Golden suggested that if the Civic Charities Endorsement Bureau persisted in scheduling meetings on days in which Council was meeting, that Councillors' involvement in the committee would be precluded.

Councillor Hyman referred to representation by specific arts groups on the amusement tax issues and noted concerns as to whether the groups represented the arts community as a whole or merely their own interests.

Councillor Golden reported that the four major arts groups were represented and also that presentation had been made on behalf of the arts organizations in general. He further noted that the Ad Hoc Committee on Amusement Tax Review was actively soliciting continued input from the Arts Community.

Councillor Hyman recommended that the Winnipeg Arts Advisory Council administrator be made aware of scheduled meetings so that interested arts groups could be advised of such.

Councillor Golden advised that he believed this procedure was presently in place.