Adjourned Meeting Tuesday, March 23, 1993

Council reconvened at 9:40 a.m.

The Speaker called the adjourned meeting to order.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: The Speaker Councillor Angus, Councillors Boychuk, Clement, Duguid, Eadie, Fraser, Golden, Hyman, Murray, O'Shaughnessy, Prystanski, Reese, Silva, Thomas and Her Worship Mayor Thompson.

Councillor Lazarenko entered the meeting after roll call.

In attendance: Mrs. D. Browton, City Clerk, Mr. R. Kachur, Deputy City Clerk and Mrs. R. Busilla, Committee Clerk.

Council proceeded to continue to consider Clause No. 5 of the Report of the Executive Policy Committee, dated March 17, 1993 and related amendments.

In amendment,

Moved by Councillor Reese,
Seconded by Councillor Boychuk,

THAT the amount of snow removal be decreased by $600,000.00 from 11.1 million to 10.5 million;

AND THAT the Committee on Works and Operations review the snow removal contract and consider any savings that could be obtained by changing the condition of the contracts.

With the concurrence of the seconder, Councillor Boychuk, and with the permission of Council, Councillor Reese withdrew the amendment.

In amendment,

Moved by Councillor Reese,
Seconded by Councillor Duguid,

THAT the Convention Centre 1992 shortfall of $900,000 and the $800,000 of the Fort Garry shortfall be financed through a loan and that the City authorize the Convention Centre to amortize this debt and further that the Convention Centre's Chairperson and the City's Executive Policy Committee approach the Province to pick up its fair share to support Winnipeg's Convention Centre.

With the concurrence of the seconder, Councillor Duguid, and with the permission of Council, Councillor Reese withdrew the amendment.

In amendment,

Moved by Councillor Reese,
Seconded by Councillor Boychuk,

THAT the snow removal amount be reduced by 900,000 from 12 million to 11,100,000 transferred to Transit in lieu of the additional increase in transit fare.

With the concurrence of the seconder, Councillor Boychuk, and with the permission of Council, Councillor Reese withdrew the amendment.

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In amendment,

Moved by Councillor Reese,
Seconded by Councillor Murray,

THAT the City tender the debt financing to all brokerage firms including medium-sized firms in and outside of Winnipeg to achieve a reduction in brokerage costs.

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

In amendment,

Moved by Councillor Angus,
Seconded by Councillor Clement,

WHEREAS each individual ward has population of approximately 40,000 people;

AND WHEREAS there are in excess of 15,000 dwelling units in each of these wards;

AND WHEREAS communication between elected representatives and those that elected them is of utmost importance;

AND WHEREAS Executive Policy Committee has included the sum of $300,000 under the Council Service Account 552000 to reflect services purchased of labour, material and/or other goods;

AND WHEREAS some Councillors have serious reservations about providing any monies to assist Councillors in communication with their electorate in this year of restraint;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the sum of $20,000.00 per ward designated for Councillors' assistance be allocated to those Councillors that on a recorded vote support the inclusion of this sum;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the sum of $20,000.00 per ward designated for Councillors' assistance be not allocated to those Councillors that on a recorded vote do not support the inclusion of this sum;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any Councillor who is not receiving the communication allowance and is desirous of receiving this allowance in the future bring a motion for extra appropriation proportional to the remaining months of the calendar year for the $20,000.00 to Council for approval;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Rules Committee or the Secretariat Committee bring back to Council for the April 28, 1993 Meeting of Council guidelines for expenditures from the communication allowance.

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

With the concurrence of the seconder, Councillor Clement, and with the permission of Council, Councillor Angus amended the motion by deleting the first, second and third resolves to read as follows:

Moved by Councillor Angus,
Seconded by Councillor Clement,

WHEREAS each individual ward has population of approximately 40,000 people;

AND WHEREAS there are in excess of 15,000 dwelling units in each of these wards;

AND WHEREAS communication between elected representatives and those that elected them is of utmost importance;

AND WHEREAS Executive Policy Committee has included the sum of $300,000 under the Council Service Account 552000 to reflect services purchased of labour, material and/or other goods;

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AND WHEREAS some Councillors have serious reservations about providing any monies to assist Councillors in communication with their electorate in this year of restraint;

AND BE IT RESOLVED that the Rules Committee or the Secretariat Committee bring back to Council for the April 28, 1993 Meeting of Council guidelines for expenditures from the communication allowance.

The amendment was put and declared carried.

In amendment,

Moved by Councillor Murray,
Seconded by Councillor Duguid,

WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg is the child poverty capital of Canada and this must be regarded as the greatest threat to our future;

AND WHEREAS Winnipeg must ensure its most vulnerable citizens are not subjected to further impoverishment;

AND WHEREAS many welfare families will experience an 18% reduction in their income which is a hardship asked of no other group in our community;

BE IT RESOLVED that Council include $2,165,000.00 to maintain child welfare rates for clothing, food and personal allowance;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that matching funds from the federal government be accepted to maintain the balance of City social assistance rates.

With the concurrence of the seconder, Councillor Duguid, and with the permission of Council, Councillor Murray withdrew the amendment.

(For disposition of this matter, see page 361)

In amendment,

Moved by Councillor Hyman,
Seconded by Councillor Thomas,

WHEREAS the staffing level of the Public Health Nursing Division has remained constant for the past 10 years and is struggling to respond to the ever increasing number of public health challenges facing families and schools in inner-city neighbourhoods;

AND WHEREAS the loss of one public health nurse will mean that an inner-city neighbourhood would lose its public health services, as no other staff can take on extra duties;

BE IT RESOLVED that one Public Health Nurse at an expense of $36,933.00 be reinstated to the 1993 Current Estimates.

The amendment was put and declared carried.

In amendment,

Moved by Councillor Thomas,
Seconded by Councillor Boychuk,

THAT there be no fee for the use of athletic fields in the City of Winnipeg account number 4454XX-25XXXX Athletic Fields $200,000.00, 1993 Draft Current Estimates (Blue Book) Executive Policy Committee tabled February 10, 1993.

With the concurrence of the seconder, Councillor Boychuk, and with the permission of Council, Councillor Thomas withdrew the amendment.

In amendment,

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Moved by Councillor Thomas,
Seconded by Councillor Boychuk,

WHEREAS the Eldon Ross pool is in a community which would otherwise be isolated from access to pool use;

AND WHEREAS this pool is well used by the community and schools in this area;

AND WHEREAS the community is willing to develop a plan to promote use of the pools;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Eldon Ross pool be re-instated in the budget.

Budget impact increase $105,703.00

With the concurrence of the seconder, Councillor Boychuk, and with the permission of Council, Councillor Thomas withdrew the amendment.

In amendment,

Moved by Councillor Thomas,
Seconded by Councillor Boychuk,

WHEREAS the arts community is an effective employer of local citizens and contributes greatly to the business dollars being spent in this community by local people and tourists within the City of Winnipeg;

AND WHEREAS Winnipeg 2000 has not been an effective tool for either bringing in new businesses or generating new revenue for the city;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that $535,935.00 be subtracted from the funds allocated to Winnipeg 2000 and redirected to the Art's Advisory Council, global allocation account no. 558101-000934. This re-instatement would mean a 10% reduction over the 1992 global allocation received by the arts community. (Budget Impact Nil)

The amendment was put and declared lost.

Councillors Boychuk and Thomas asked to be recorded as having voted in support of the amendment, in accordance with Rule 50.7 of the Procedure By-law.

In amendment,

Moved by Councillor Thomas,
Seconded by Councillor Boychuk,

WHEREAS the fire department has a minimum staffing policy approved by council over 6 years ago;

AND WHEREAS with the delay of the new recruit class this would not only put us in contravention of our policy but would mean that many pieces of fire equipment would not be utilized due to insufficient staff;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the recruit be started when the numbers reach 24 below complement and that the fire department be required to make up the 300,000 through efficiencies. (Budget impact nil.)

With the concurrence of the seconder, Councillor Boychuk, and with the permission of Council, Councillor Thomas revised the amendment to read as follows:

Moved by Councillor Thomas,
Seconded by Councillor Boychuk,

WHEREAS the fire department has a minimum staffing policy approved by council over 6 years ago;

AND WHEREAS with the delay of the new recruit class this would not only put us in contravention of our policy but would mean that many pieces of fire equipment would not be utilized due to insufficient staffing;

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the recruit class be started when the numbers reach 24 below complement. (Budget impact: $300,000)

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

The amendment was put and declared carried.

In amendment,

Moved by Councillor Thomas
Seconded by Councillor Boychuk

WHEREAS Sherbrook pool users had been given a two year mandate in which to develop a plan for their pool.

AND WHEREAS there is one year left in that mandate and the users are working hard on their plan;

AND WHEREAS the closure of Sherbrook pool would be pre-emptive of that plan;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the funds to Sherbrook pool be re-instated and that the pool remain open this year. (Budget impact increase $236,467.00.)

With the concurrence of the seconder, Councillor Boychuk, and with the permission of Council, Councillor Thomas withdrew the amendment.

In amendment,

Moved by Councillor Angus,
Seconded by Councillor Golden,

WHEREAS the Executive Policy Committee in their review of the 1993 Current Estimates has evaluated savings in the form of 6 levels of reductions;

AND WHEREAS not all Council members have had the opportunity to evaluate and debate the items contained in each of the 6 levels of reductions;

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED that Council consider each item contained within the Level I, Level 2, Level 3, Level 4, Level 5 and Level 6 Reduction pages as forwarded by Her Worship the Mayor on March 19, 1993 to all members of Council.

In view of the absence of the mover from the Council Chamber, this amendment was tabled at this time.

In amendment,

Moved by Councillor Silva,
Seconded by Councillor Thomas,

WHEREAS the Sherbrook Pool is an important community facility and this is borne out by the fact that 63,000 users a year swim there;

AND WHEREAS 15,000 of these users are low income people who have been issued free passes;

AND WHEREAS the Sherbrook Pool's user numbers have increased 23% over the last 6 years;

AND WHEREAS the community is committed to working with the City to ensure the future

existence of the pool;

BE IT RESOLVED that funding in the amount of $236,467.00 be restored to the 1993 Estimates to ensure the continued use of Sherbrook Pool as a needed community pool.

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With the concurrence of the seconder, Councillor Thomas, and with the permission of Council, Councillor Silva withdrew the amendment.

In amendment,

Moved by Councillor Murray,
Seconded by Councillor Prystanski,

BE IT RESOLVED that $500,000.00 be removed from the budget for windrow snow removal;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the remaining $100,000.00 in that account be used to assist persons unable to remove their (snow/ice) windrows.

The Speaker returned to the Chamber and resumed the Chair.

Moved by Councillor Eadie,

That Rule 6.1 of the Procedure By-law be suspended to allow Council to complete consideration of the above amendment prior to recessing for lunch.

Carried.

The amendment proposed by Councillors Murray and Prystanski was put.

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

Yea: Councillors Murray and Prystanski. 2

Nay: Councillors Reese, Boychuk, Duguid, Eadie, Fraser, Golden, Hyman, Lazarenko, O'Shaughnessy, Clement, Her Worship Mayor Thompson and Councillor Angus. 12

and amendment was declared lost.

Council recessed at 12:05 p.m. and reconvened at 1:35 p.m., same members present.

In amendment,

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.

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

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

THAT the snow removal account be reduced by $1.7 million.

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.

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

Yea: Councillors Duguid, Eadie, Fraser, Golden, Lazarenko, O'Shaughnessy, Prystanski, Silva, Clement, Her Worship Mayor Thompson and Councillor Angus. 11

Nay: Councillors Reese, Boychuk, Hyman, Murray and Thomas. 5

and the amendment was declared carried.

In amendment,

Moved by Councillor O'Shaughnessy,
Seconded by Councillor Clement,
THAT the non-C.U.P.E. wage allocation be revised from $5,000,000.00 to $3,000,000.00.

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.

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

Yea: Councillors Duguid, Eadie, Hyman, Lazarenko, Murray, O'Shaughnessy, Prystanski, Silva, Thomas, Clement and Her Worship Mayor Thompson. 11

Nay: Councillors Boychuk, Fraser, Golden and Angus. 4

and the amendment was declared carried.

In amendment,

Moved by Councillor O'Shaughnessy,
Seconded by Councillor Clement,
THAT the motor vehicle entrance fee for regional parks be rescinded. ($1 million)

Moved by Councillor Clement,
That the question be now put.

Carried.

The amendment was put and declared carried.

In amendment,

Moved by Councillor Duguid,
Seconded by Councillor Lazarenko,
BE IT RESOLVED that the 1993 Current Estimates be amended by providing for a revenue from the sale of City of Winnipeg lands, which are determined to be surplus to the City's needs at an amount of $4,7000,000.00 and be transferred to the Land Operating Reserve or transferred from "Current" to "Capital".

Moved by Councillor Duguid,
That the rule be suspended to allow consideration of the amendment.

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

Yea: Councillors Reese, Boychuk, Duguid, Hyman, Lazarenko, Murray, Thomas, Her Worship Mayor Thompson and Councillor Angus. 9

Nay: Councillors Eadie, Fraser, Golden, O'Shaughnessy, Prystanski, Silva and Clement. 7

and the motion to suspend the rule was declared lost, not having received the necessary two-thirds majority vote as required by Rule 3 of the Procedure By-law.

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Councillor Duguid challenged the ruling of the Chair.

The question, "Shall the ruling of the Chair be sustained?" was put.

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

Yea: Councillors Eadie, Fraser, Golden, O'Shaughnessy, Prystanski, Silva, Clement and Angus. 8

Nay: Councillors Reese, Boychuk, Duguid, Hyman, Lazarenko, Murray, Thomas and Her Worship Mayor Thompson. 8

and the ruling of the Chair was not sustained.

The Speaker called the Deputy Speaker, Councillor Reese, to the Chair in order to participate in the debate.

The amendment proposed by Councillors Duguid and Lazarenko was put.

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

Yea: Councillors Boychuk, Duguid, Hyman, Lazarenko, Murray, Thomas, Her Worship Mayor Thompson and Reese. 8

Nay: Councillors Eadie, Fraser, Golden, O'Shaughnessy, Prystanski, Silva, Clement and Angus. 8

and the amendment was declared lost in accordance with Rule 58 of the Procedure By-law.

The Speaker resumed the Chair.

In amendment,

Moved by Councillor Hyman,
Seconded by Councillor Silva,

WHEREAS the arts community is an effective employer of local citizens and contributes greatly to the business dollars being spent in this community by local people and tourists within the City of Winnipeg;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that $100,000.00 be reinstated to the Arts Advisory Council, Global Allocation Account No. 558101-000934. This reinstatement would mean a 25% reduction over the 1992 global allocation received by the arts community. (Budget impact: $100,000.00)

The amendment was put.

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

Yea: Councillors Boychuk, Hyman, Silva and Thomas. 4

Nay: Councillors Eadie, Fraser, Golden, O'Shaughnessy, Prystanski and Angus. 6

and the amendment was declared lost.

In amendment,

Moved by Councillor Eadie,
Seconded by Her Worship Mayor Thompson,

THAT the amount of $500,000.00 be added to the budget for the Winnipeg Convention Centre as a payment towards the $1.5 million shortfall experienced by the Convention Centre Corporation in 1992.

The amendment was put.

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

Yea: Councillors Reese, Boychuk, Duguid, Eadie, Hyman, Lazarenko, Murray, Thomas and Her Worship Mayor Thompson. 9

Nay: Councillors Fraser, Golden, O'Shaughnessy, Prystanski, Silva, Clement and Angus. 7

and the amendment was declared carried.

Council here proceeded to consider the amendment proposed by Councillors Angus and Golden which had been tabled earlier.

With the concurrence of the seconder, Councillor Golden, and with the permission of Council, Councillor Angus withdrew the amendment.

Moved by Councillor Thomas,
That the rule be suspended to allow consideration of a further amendment to the clause.

Carried.

In amendment,

Moved by Her Worship Mayor Thompson,
Seconded by Councillor Duguid,
THAT a $4.5 million Contingency Fund be established in the 1993 Current Budget and that any withdrawals from the said fund be subject to approval of City Council.

The amendment was put.

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

Yea: Councillors Reese, Boychuk, Duguid, Eadie, Hyman, Lazarenko, Murray, Silva, Thomas, Clement and Her Worship Mayor Thompson. 11

Nay: Councillors Fraser, Golden, Prystanski and Angus. 4

and the amendment was declared carried.

The motion for the adoption of Clause No. 5 was put.

The Speaker advised that each recommendation in the clause would be considered separately.

Recommendation No. 1 to transfer funds from the 1992 Hydro surplus to General Revenues was put and declared carried.

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

Recommendation No. 2 to transfer funds from the 1993 Hydro surplus to General Revenues was put and declared carried.

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

Recommendation No. 3 to transfer funds from the Equipment and material Services to General Revenues was put and declared carried.

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

Recommendation No. 4 regarding transit fares was put.

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

Yea: Councillors Eadie, Fraser, O'Shaughnessy, Prystanski, Clement, Her Worship Mayor Thompson and Councillor Angus. 7

Nay: Councillors Reese, Boychuk, Duguid, Golden, Hyman, Lazarenko, Murray, Silva and Thomas. 9

and the recommendation was declared lost.

The Speaker ruled that recommendations Nos. 5 and 6 would not be considered as they had been dealt with in previous motions.

Recommendation No. 7 regarding fees for alarm permits was put and declared carried.

Recommendation No. 8 regarding fees for counselling for travel advice was put and declared carried.

Recommendation No. 9 regarding fees for food handling establishments was put and declared carried.

Recommendation No. 10 regarding fees for residential building fire safety program was put and declared carried.

Recommendation No. 11 regarding development fees was put and declared carried.

Recommendation No. 12 regarding fees at golf courses was put and declared carried.

Recommendation No. 13 regarding tipping fees at the City's landfill sites was put and declared carried.

Recommendation No. 14 regarding the City's land inventory was put and declared carried.

Recommendation No. 15 regarding developing an infrastructure renewal program for social assistance was put and declared carried.

Recommendation No. 16 regarding implementing a plan for solid waste utility was put.

Moved by Councillor Prystanski,
That Recommendation No. 16 be referred to the Committee on Works and Operations.

Carried.

Recommendation No. 17 authorizing by-law preparation was put and declared carried.

Recommendation No. 18 regarding implementation of the recommendation was put and declared carried.

Recommendation No. 19 regarding sharing of video lottery terminals was put and declared carried.

(Note: See Minute No. 402 for attachments)

On motion, Council proceeded to consider the other clauses in the Report of the Executive Policy Committee, dated March 17, 1993, to allow for the compilation of the 1993 Current Estimates Totals.

402 - Appendix “A” referred to in Clause 5 of the Report of the Executive Policy Committee, dated March 17, 1993. (See pages 400 - 402)

Appendix “B” referred to in Clause 5 of the Report of the Executive Policy Committee, dated March 17, 1993. (See pages 402 – 534)