CONSIDERATION OF REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

On motion of Mayor Norrie, Report "A" of the Executive Policy Committee, dated March 19th, 1992, was considered clause by clause.

West Committee Room,
Council Building, Winnipeg,
March 19th, 1992.

His Worship the Mayor and Councillors:-

Your Executive Policy Committee submits the following Report "A" and recommends:-

The Winnipeg Rivers and Streams Authority No. 1 Order - Unauthorized Deposition of Fill within 350 Feet of the Red River on Property located at 126 Alfred Avenue. File PR-4.5

683 1. The City's Authority Engineer on November 12th, 1991, observed the illegal deposit of clay fill on the riverbank of the subject property. At that time, the Authority Engineer directed those depositing such material to cease and desist from further deposition as no Rivers and Streams Permit had been issued in respect of such work.

The City's Authority Engineer by notice dated November 18th, 1991, directed to the registered owner of the subject property, namely 2168741 Manitoba Ltd., to cease and desist from further deposition of fill on the property located at 126 Alfred Avenue, Winnipeg. The Riverbank Management Committee on January 30th, 1992, heard representations on behalf of the registered owner in connection with such cease and desist notice.

At its meeting on January 30th, 1992, the Riverbank Management Committee directed that an Order be issued for removal of fill at 126 Alfred Avenue pursuant to written advice being received from a Geotechnical Engineer.

The City's Geotechnical Engineer has been unsuccessful in persuading the owners of the subject property to provide the Riverbank Management Committee with an appropriate geotechnical report concerning the removal of the subject fill. Pursuant to authority contained within The Rivers and Streams Act, the City of Winnipeg as the named authority or purposes of enforcing compliance under Section 3(1) and (2) and Section 5(1) of The Rivers and Streams Act may issue an order in the form attached.

Your Executive Policy Committee recommends that Council, acting as The Winnipeg Rivers and Streams Authority No. 1, authorize the issuance of an Order in the form attached as Appendix "A" hereto.

(Under the provisions of The City of Winnipeg Act and the Rivers and Streams Authority, Council cannot delegate its authority for the issuance of orders.)

Moved by Mayor Norrie,
Adoption of the clause.

Carried.

(Note: See Minute No. 703 for attachment.)

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Review of Financial Authority for Standing Committees, Community Committees, Appeal and Variance Committees and The Board of Commissioners. File GL-5.1

684 2. Council, on January 8th, 1992, granted your Executive Policy Committee an extension of time to deal with a motion referred by Council. The motion moved by Councillor Reese and seconded by Councillor Timmers, requests a review of the decision-making process and authority including financial authority, that has been given to all Standing Committees, Community Committees, Appeal and Variance Committees and The Board of Commissioners.

Your Executive Policy Committee requires additional time to review this motion and recommends that Council grant an extension of time of 60 days to deal with this matter.

Moved by Mayor Norrie,
Adoption of the clause.

Carried.

Downtown Winnipeg Business Improvement Zone - Proposed Program, Zone Levy and Budget Estimates. File FL-7.4

685 3. The Downtown Winnipeg Business Improvement Zone held its Annual General Meeting on October 23rd, 1991, at which time unanimous consent was given to the Zone's proposed budget and programs for 1992.

On November 27th, 1991, Council requested the City Centre-Fort Rouge 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 December 17th, 1991, the City Centre-Fort Rouge Community Committee passed the following motion:-

"Whereas a public meeting to review the proposed program, zone levies and budget estimates for Downtown Winnipeg Business Improvement Zone was duly advertised in the Winnipeg Free Press on Monday, December 2nd, 1991, in accordance with Section 17 of By-law No. 5080/89;

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

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that the City Centre-Fort Rouge Community Committee unanimously recommend to Executive Policy Committee that the proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates for the Downtown Winnipeg Business Improvement Zone, adjusted so that the lands at the south-west corner of Broadway and Osborne Street are not included, be ratified by Executive Policy Committee and City Council."

On January 22nd, 1992, your Executive Policy Committee recommendation that the proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates for the Downtown Winnipeg Business Improvement Zone, be adjusted so that the lands at the south-west corner of Broadway and Osborne Street are not included, and that the program, zone levy and budget estimates, as adjusted, be approved, 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 1990 business assessment roll's annual rental value for the Downtown Winnipeg Business Improvement Zone is $84,918,772.00. The proposed budget of the Downtown Winnipeg Business Improvement Zone is $586,312.00. The zone levy rate which will be applied to the annual rental value of individual properties in the Downtown Winnipeg Business Improvement Zone is .691%.

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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. 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 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."

Your Executive Policy Committee recommends:-

1. That By-law No. 5904/92 approving the Downtown Winnipeg Business Improvement Zone Management Board's program, zone levy and budget estimates, be passed.

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.

Moved by Mayor Norrie,
Adoption of the clause.

Carried.

Osborne Village Business Improvement Zone - Proposed Program, Zone Levy and Budget Estimates. File FL-7.3

686 4. On December 20th, 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 8th, 1991, in accordance with Section 16 of said By-law No. 5322/89. At the meeting, the proposed 1992 programs and budget estimates were approved.

On November 6th, 1991, Council requested the City Centre-Fort Rouge 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.

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On December 17th, 1991, the City Centre-Fort Rouge Community Committee passed the following motion:

> "Whereas a public meeting to review the proposed program, zone levies and budget estimates for the Osborne Village Business Improvement Zone was duly advertised in The Winnipeg Free Press on Monday, December 2nd, 1991, in accordance with Section 17 of By-law No. 5322/89;
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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-Fort Rouge 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 January 22nd, 1992, your Executive Policy Committee's recommendation that the proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates for the Osborne Village Business Improvement Zone, be approved, 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.

The 1992 business assessment roll's annual rental value for the Osborne Village Business Improvement Zone is $3,230,640. The proposed budget of the Osborne Village Business Improvement Zone is $48,700. The zone levy rate which will be applied to the annual rental value of individual properties in the Osborne Village Business Improvement Zone is 1.507%.

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

> Approval of estimates.
> 200(8) "Subject to subsection (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. 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."

Your Executive Policy Committee recommends:-

1. That By-law No. 5906/92 approving the Osborne Village Business Improvement Zone Management Board's program, zone levy and budget estimates be passed.

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2. That the City Treasurer be directed 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.

Moved by Mayor Norrie,
Adoption of the clause.

Carried.

Corydon Avenue Business Improvement Zone - Proposed Program, Zone Levy and Budget Estimates. File FL-7.2

687 5. On March 7th, 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 7th, 1991, at which time the 1992 program and budget estimates were approved in accordance with By-law No. 5378/90.

On November 6th, 1991, Council requested the City Centre-Fort Rouge 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 December 17th, 1991, the City Centre-Fort Rouge 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 on Monday, December 2nd, 1991, 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-Fort Rouge 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 January 22nd, 1991, your Executive Policy Committee's recommendation that the proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates for the Corydon Avenue Business Improvement Zone, be approved, 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 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 1992 business assessment roll's annual rental value for the Corydon Avenue Business Improvement Zone is $1,521,220. The proposed budget of the Corydon Avenue Business Improvement Zone is $20,000. The zone levy rate which will be applied to the annual rental value of individual properties in the Corydon Avenue Business Improvement Zone is 1.315%.

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

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"Approval of estimates.

200(8) "Subject to subsection (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 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."

Your Executive Policy Committee recommends:-

1. That By-law No. 5907/92 approving the Corydon Avenue Business Improvement Zone Management Board's program, zone levy and budget estimates be passed.

2. That the City Treasurer be directed 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.

Moved by Mayor Norrie,

Adoption of the clause.

Carried.

Norwood Grove Business Improvement Zone - Proposed Program, Zone Levy and Budget Estimates File FL-7.6

688 6. On March 6th, 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 29th, 1991, approved its Annual Program and Budget for 1992.

Council on November 27th, 1991, requested the St. Boniface-St. Vital Community Committee to conduct a Public Meeting to hear representations with respect to the proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates.

The St. Boniface-St. Vital Community Committee on January 14th, 1992, held a public meeting to review the proposed program, zone levies and budget estimates for the Norwood Grove Business Improvement Zone as required by Council. The Community Committee recommended that the proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates be ratified.

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On February 12th, 1992, your Executive Policy Committee recommendation that the proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates for the Norwood Grove Business Improvement Zone, be approved, 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 1990 business assessment roll's annual rental value for the Norwood Grove Business Improvement Zone is $4,555,740.00. The proposed budget of the Norwood Grove Business Improvement Zone is $67,695.00. The zone levy rate which will be applied to the annual rental value of individual properties in the Norwood Grove Business Improvement Zone is 1.486%.

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. 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."

Your Executive Policy Committee recommends:-

1. That By-law No. 5908/92 approving the Norwood Grove Business Improvement Zone Management Board's program, zone levy and budget estimates, be passed.

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.

Moved by Mayor Norrie
Adoption of the clause.

Carried

Report "A" of the Executive Policy Committee, dated March 19th, 1992

Exchange District Business Improvement
Budget Estimates
File FL-7.1

689 7. On January 25th, 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 District 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 November 13th, 1991, held its Annual General Meeting and approved the Zone's proposed budget and programs for 1992. (Copy previously forwarded to all members of Council.) On December 18th, 1991, Council requested the City Centre-Fort Rouge Community Committee to conduct a public meeting to hear representations with respect to the proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates.

The City Centre-Fort Rouge Community Committee on January 21st, 1992, 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 on Monday, January 6th, 1992, in accordance with Section 17 of By-law No. 5081/89;
>
> AND WHEREAS no objections were received in respect to the Board's proposals;
>
> NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Centre-Fort Rouge Community Committee unanimously recommend 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 12th, 1992, your Executive Policy Committee recommendation that the proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates for the Exchange District Business Improvement Zone for 1992 be approved, was adopted by 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 Council to pass a by-law approving all or part of the Board's proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates.

The 1992 business assessment roll's annual rental value for the Exchange District Business Improvement Zone is $15,730,080.00. The proposed budget of the Exchange District Business Improvement Zone is $180,000.00. The zone levy rate which will be applied to the annual rental value of individual properties in the Exchange District Business Improvement Zone is 1.145%.

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."

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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 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."

Your Executive Policy Committee recommends:-

1. That By-law No. 5905/92 approving the Exchange District Business Improvement Zone Management Board's program, zone levy and budget estimates, be passed.

2. That the City Treasurer be directed 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.

Moved by Mayor Norrie
Adoption of the clause.

Pursuant to Section 5(1) of The Municipal Council Conflict of Interest Act, Councillor Mendelson advised that she would refrain from entering the discussion and from voting on any motion arising therefrom, due to a potential conflict of interest, in view of her personal relationship with an official of an arts group who will receive funding from the Exchange District Business Improvement Zone and left the Chamber.

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

Councillor Mendelson returned to the Chamber.

Ellice Avenue/Sargent Avenue Business Improvement Zone - Proposed Program, Zone Levy and Budget Estimates
File FL-7.7

690 8. On March 6th, 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 19th, 1991, the Zone held its Annual General Meeting at which time the proposed budget for the period January 1st, 1992 to December 31st, 1992, was approved.

On November 6th, 1991, Council requested the City Centre-Fort Rouge 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 December 17th, 1991, the City Centre-Fort Rouge 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 on Monday, December 2nd, 1991, in accordance with Section 17 of By-law No. 5650/91;

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AND WHEREAS no objections were received in respect to the Board's proposals;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Centre-Fort Rouge 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 January 22, 1992, your Executive Policy Committee recommendation that the proposed program, zone levy and budget estimates for the Ellice Avenue/Sargent Avenue Business Improvement Zone, be approved, 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 1992 business assessment roll's annual rental value for the Ellice Avenue/Sargent Avenue Business Improvement Zone is $2,130,360.00. The proposed budget of the Ellice Avenue/Sargent Avenue Business Improvement Zone is $38,500.00. 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 1.807%.

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 the 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):

(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."

Your Executive Policy Committee recommends:

1. That By-law No. 5909/92 approving the Ellice Avenue/Sargent Avenue Business Improvement Zone Management Board's program, zone levy and budget estimates be passed.

2. That the City Treasurer be directed 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.

Moved by Mayor Norrie,
Adoption of the clause.

Carried.

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Establishment of the West Broadway - South Sherbrook Business Improvement Zone File FL-7.8

691 9. The City of Winnipeg Act Section 197(1) reads as follows:

> "197(1) Subject to subsections (2), (3), and (4), the Council may, by by-law, establish a business improvement zone when a petition signed by 10% of businesses that represent 10% of the total business assessments in the proposed zone is received by the council requesting that an area defined by the petitioners be designated as a zone."

Sections 196 to 230 inclusive are the relevant sections of The City of Winnipeg Act relating to the establishment of Business Improvement Zones.

On July 9th, 1991, a petition was submitted by the West Broadway - South Sherbrook Business Association for the establishment of a Business Improvement Zone. The petitioners represent 13.11% of the business that represented 80.65% of the business assessment.

On September 9th, 1991, the City Treasurer certified that the petitions did constitute at least 10% of the business that represent 10% of the total business assessment in the proposed zone.

On September 11th, 1991, the Board of Commissioners directed the administration to:

> "Give notice by mail to each business located in the proposed zone of the petition received and thereby provide each business with the opportunity to return to the City a notice of objection if any affected business operator is so inclined."

On December 31, 1991, the City Treasurer certified that the objections to the zone did not constitute one-third of the business that represent one-third of the total business assessment in the proposed zone.

A tabulation of the notice of objections received prior to December 1st, 1991, is provided as follows:

	Number of Businesses	Business Assessment
Total businesses within the proposed zone	122	6,853,500
Businesses that submitted a notice of objection	11	203,280
Businesses that object to the zone represent	9.00%	2.96%
Required percentage for preventing the establishment of the zone	33.33%	33.33%

It should be noted that Great West Life has requested to be excluded from the Downtown Business Improvement Zone and would like to be included in the West Broadway - South Sherbrook Business Improvement Zone and is included as one of the 16 businesses petitioning for the proposed zone.

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As the West Broadway - South Sherbrook Business Association has now complied with all provisions of The City of Winnipeg Act, it is now left to City Council to determine whether to create the proposed business zone.

Your Executive Policy Committee recommends:

1. That the West Broadway - South Sherbrook Business Improvement Zone be established.

2. That By-law No. 5921/92 designating a Business Improvement Zone to be known as the "West Broadway - South Sherbrook Business Improvement Zone" and establishing a Management Board for same be approved. (All relative exhibits are on file in the office of the City Clerk.)

Moved by Mayor Norrie,
Adoption of the clause.

Carried.

Supplementary Program Budget Adjustments and Amendments to Program Authorizations in the Winnipeg Core Area Initiative Agreement
File FR-3(PA3, PA4 and PA5)

692 10. The Canada-Manitoba-Winnipeg Tripartite Agreement for the Development of the Winnipeg Core Area was signed on October 10th, 1986.

On November 27th, 1991, Council approved the report of your Executive Policy Committee dated November 20th, 1991, as concurred in by the Committee on Planning and Community Services on November 7th, 1991, regarding the Core Area Initiative Agreement Reallocation Package. This package included Program Budget Adjustments and Sub-Program 5.9: Land Expropriation Settlements (and related agreement amendment).

Sub-Program 5.9: Land Expropriation Settlements was executed by the three members of Policy Committee between December 3rd and 6th, 1991.

On November 2nd, 1991, Mayor Norrie informed Policy Committee of the City's intent to expropriate the easements necessary for completing the Assiniboine Riverwalk project. Negotiations, however, would continue in an attempt to settle with the property owner.

In order to provide sufficient funds to cover costs related to this expropriation it was agreed by the members of Policy Committee: "

> "That the Assiniboine Riverwalk project which requires a minimum additional $200,000 will have first priority against any slippage funds which become available and consideration will be given to a further reallocation of another $150,000 if required."

At the November 2nd, 1991 meeting of Policy Committee, it was also agreed-in-principle to have Management Board explore the mechanisms which can be put in place to utilize unexpended funds (e.g. Land account unexpended funds) for a future capital project at The Forks.

At the March 5th, 1992 meeting of Policy Committee, a number of decisions were made regarding a final supplementary reallocation of surplus funds by the March 31st, 1992 deadline. Decisions were made to fund $200,000 for the Assiniboine Riverwalk easement expropriations, to fund $54,000 for the Employment Training Program until a third tri-level agreement is negotiated, and to fund $931,000 to be used for a capital amenity project at The Forks.

March 31st, 1992 is the deadline by which final program and budget adjustments can be made to the Core Area Initiative Agreement. The attached package, therefore, represents the last adjustments to the Core Area Initiative prior to its expiration.

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Program Authorization: Supplementary Program Budget Adjustments, attached as Schedule "A" to this report, is intended to effect budget transfers from programs having surplus funds to those programs requiring additional funding to enable priority projects or program extensions.

In order to secure funding for the Assiniboine Riverwalk easement expropriation, it is proposed that $200,000 be transferred to PA4: Riverbank Enhancement to be placed in an interest bearing trust account by the City as implementing jurisdiction, sourced as follows:

$ 75,000	Entrepreneurial Support Program surplus
65,000	Industrial Development Program surplus
60,000	Central Administration Program surplus
$200,000	Total Funds available for Assiniboine Riverwalk easement expropriation

It should be noted that none of the $200,000 was committed to any specific project or program and these funds would have lapsed at the expiry of the Core Area Initiative Agreement.

The Employment and Training Program in the 1986-1991 Core Area Agreement has had a series of significant successes over its six-year existence. It is becoming increasingly apparent that this type of program will likely be a major cornerstone of any new tri-level agreement. The three levels of government wish to keep the program operational on an interim basis until long-term funding can be arranged in the next tri- level agreement. Therefore, it is proposed that $54,000 be transferred to Program 9: Training and Employment to enable a two-month program extension to the end of June to undertake developmental activities for a future agreement involving training initiatives. The amount of $54,000 would be transferred from Industrial Development Program 1.1 surplus.

Further at the same meeting, Policy Committee reviewed the requirements for Sub-Program Description 5.9 Land Expropriation Settlements and it was agreed that the existing level of funds would ultimately not be required in order to meet expected obligations. Therefore, it was agreed to transfer 1/3 or $931,000 of $2,793,000 currently set aside in Sub-Program Description 5.9 Land Expropriation Settlements to PA3: East Yard Redevelopment to be used expressly for a capital amenity project at The Forks. This decision was made in order to guarantee that these funds remain in Winnipeg rather than lapsing upon resolution of all land expropriation claims, and Canada's share returning to the Federal treasury.

The amendment to Program Authorization 3: East Yard Redevelopment, attached as Schedule "B", provides for the use of transferred funds specifically for a capital amenity project on F.R.C. lands.

The amendment to Program Authorization: Riverbank Enhancement, attached as Schedule "C", provides for the use of the transferred funds for costs associated with the easement expropriation settlements.

The Committee on Planning and Community Services, on March 9th, 1992, concurred in the following recommendations.

Your Executive Policy Committee recommends the following:-

1) That Program Authorization: Supplementary Program Budget Adjustments, attached as Schedule "A" to this report, be approved by Council.

2) That the Amendment to Program Authorization 3: East Yard Redevelopment attached as Schedule "B" to this report, be approved by Council.

3) That the Amendment to Program Authorization 4: Riverbank Enhancement, attached as Schedule "C" to this report, be approved by Council.

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

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Moved by Mayor Norrie
Adoption of the clause.

Carried.

(Note: See Minute No. 704 for attachment.)

Staff Establishment - Board of Adjustment - City Clerk's Department
Files GP-1.3 & GC-12

693 11 On July 25th, 1991, the Provincial Legislature passed Bill 35 amending Part XX of The City of Winnipeg Act. A Board of Adjustment is established under Sections 649 - 651(2). The proposed date of proclamation of Bill 35, as it relates to the Board of Adjustment, is March 18th, 1992. The Board of Adjustment may conduct its first public hearing as early as March 25th, 1992.

Under the Act, all variance applications not delegated to a City Administrator will be referred to the Board of Adjustment for a public hearing. All conditional use applications will be referred to the Board of Adjustment. Appeals from the decision of either the City Administrator or the Board of Adjustment will be referred to the Community Committee of jurisdiction for a public hearing. Appeals against decisions of Community Committees with regard to companion conditional use and variance applications considered in conjunction with rezoning and subdivision applications will be considered by the Committee on Planning and Community Services.

On January 22nd, 1992, Council adopted Clause 5 of the Report of the Committee on Planning and Community Services establishing a Board of Adjustment which reads in part as follows:-

"a) The Board of Adjustment shall constitute six (6) members, including a Chairman and Vice-Chairman, as appointed by Council;

b) The term of office of the Board shall be as follows:-

two (2) members for 3 years
two (2) members for 2 years;
two (2) members for 1 year;

thereafter upon expiry of each term of office, appointments to the Board shall be for a three year term, thus providing a rotation of one-third of the Board's membership on an annual basis as stipulated in The City of Winnipeg Act;

c) Payment of Board members shall be such fee as Council shall establish from time to time.

d) The Rules of Practice and Procedure for the Board shall be as set forth in Schedule "A", as previously adopted by Council on January 22nd, 1992.

e) The appointment of a Secretary to the Board shall be delegated to the City Clerk for the assigning of a Clerk and support staff to attend, record and process decisions of the Board and any other duties relating to management of this function.

f) The fees for Variance and Conditional Use applications subject to a Public Hearing before the Board shall be as set forth in the Development Fees By-law.

g) The Board shall conduct its hearings in the City Centre-Fort Rouge Community Office during the evening on a weekly basis or at such other locations and times as determined by the Chairman of the Board."

Revisions to the ward boundaries will eliminate one Community Committee office effective November 3rd, 1992. The staff complement in each of the Community Committee areas comprises a Community Clerk (W.A.P.S.O.-exempt, level 3), an Assistant Community Clerk (W.A.P.S.O.-exempt, level 2) and a Clerk "B".

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Your Executive Policy Committee is of the view that the most cost-effective and efficient way to proceed is to assign a Secretary and a Clerk "B" to co-ordinate the duties of the Board of Adjustment and that these positions be filled from within the existing establishment. Filling the Secretary position from the ranks of the Community or Assistant Clerks will necessitate a temporary (March through October, 1992) filling of any vacant Clerk or Assistant Clerk position.

The Board of Adjustment will meet on a regular weekly basis, during the evening hours in the Committee Chamber, City Centre-Fort Rouge Community Office, and at such other locations and times as necessary to consider variance and conditional use applications (approximately 15 - 20 applications per week.) Under Section 644 of The City of Winnipeg Act, Council may also refer a report of a Committee of Council respecting a Secondary Plan By-law or Zoning (Development) By-law, or an application for approval of a Plan of Subdivision to the Board of Adjustment to hold the public hearing and submit a recommendation to Council.

Your Executive Policy Committee recommends:-

1. That a position of "Secretary to the Board of Adjustment" be established within the City Clerk's Department.

2. That the position of Secretary to the Board of Adjustment report to the Deputy City Clerk.

3. That a Clerk "B" position ($994.00 - $1,163.00 1991/92 bi-weekly rates) be established to provide secretarial support to the Secretary to the Board of Adjustment.

4. That the total City Clerk's Department permanent establishment be not increased by the addition of the above positions and that the positions be filled from within the existing establishment of the City Clerk's Department.

Moved by Mayor Norrie
Adoption of the clause.

Carried.

Winnipeg Food Surplus Program.
File EH-1

694 12. The Health Sciences Centre, Dietetics Department, approached the Health Department in October, 1991, to discuss a safe method of redistributing excess food product that was prepared in their kitchens but never served. A meeting was convened with the Health Sciences Centre, Winnipeg Harvest Food Bank and the City Health Department. As a result, a pilot project involving the three agencies and the Union Gospel Mission as a feeding site was established.

The need for alternative safe and nutritious food sources for the indigent has expanded tremendously in the last few months. Winnipeg Harvest and a number of other groups and organizations have attempted to fill this demand. The distribution of excess or surplus foods from food service establishments has been considered in the past. Such an initiative was rejected by this Department as too complicated to administer, too time consuming to regulate and potentially hazardous. The possibility of a foodborne outbreak is considerably increased due to extended time lines, potential temperature abuse of foods (transporting) and increased handling. Additionally, it should be noted that those individuals being served through this Program are considered high risk physically and nutritionally. This associated lowered resistance and an increased susceptibility to serious foodborne disease requires heightened attention to standards and safety.

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The urgency of our current economic situation has obliged the Department to reassess our position. After a number of meetings with the three parties previously mentioned, a system of supply, delivery and dispensing was developed. The program is known as the "Winnipeg Surplus Food Program".

This co-ordinated effort to relieve hunger is designed to operate safely and effectively, to meet the needs of the disadvantaged in Winnipeg. Economic conditions and consequent restraint measures being undertaken to reduce operating costs have necessitated reductions in existing Health Department programs to a point where further declines in or diversion of resources could incur a public health risk in these programs. On the other hand, these same economic conditions have necessitated the development of programs such as the Surplus Food Program which require extensive involvement of Health Department staff to safely succeed. Consequently, without the proposed staffing increase, the Department would be compelled to limit expansion of the existing program. Response to initiatives related to the needs of the hungry would be only on a minimal and from a public health perspective, an inadequate level. This effectively restricts the size of the Surplus Food Program.

It is anticipated that the responsibilities of the Health Department in a fully operational and responsive Surplus Food Program will include:-

- encouraging appropriate establishments to sign on; advocating on behalf of the initiative and program;
- advising participants through registration, guidelines and discussion how they could best participate;
- assessing establishment layout and equipment to ascertain compatibility with requirements;
- recommendations and assistance in meeting design specifications for facilities and equipment requirements;
- provision of training to food handlers and volunteers i.e. waiving the regular $40.00 fee to attend the Health Department's "Food Safe Program" (a one day certificate granting session) to participating charitable organizations;
- providing an ongoing surveillance function for food suppliers, distributor and feeding premises to ensure food safety requirements are being adhered to;
- providing on-site training program to staff and volunteers participating in the program on "How to Salvage Food Products Safely". Of particular importance is the questionable safety of defective canned products being passed on through the "drop-off box" system;
- assisting food distribution agencies to prevent waste and be more effective in distribution of high quality food to hungry people by providing guidelines on quantities of food needed to feed designated numbers of people in various states of health;
- where resources are limited, evaluating food donations for provision of basic nutrients and recommending foods that would better meet nutrient needs and dietary guidelines;
- providing easy access to understandable, accurate information about food and nutrition/promoting reliable sources of nutrition information;
- assisting those served by the program to develop skills on budget management related to food buymanship;
- provide on-site advice for those in the "food server" category on designing request pamphlets that reflect best nutritional value for the cost.

It is the desire of all involved in the development of the Surplus Food Program to expand the system as soon as possible to make available surplus food for the burgeoning need. It is the responsibility of the City Health Department to ensure that the Surplus Food Program provides safe, nutritious foods to those in need. To this end, it is requested that one additional PHI and one nutritionist be added to the Health Department staff.

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A copy of the guidelines and application forms for participation is on file in the office of the City Clerk.

Alternate

No increase in staffing would put expansion of this program beyond the pilot stage at risk. Inadequate inspections, education support and consultative services could pose a potential hazard to those being fed by the program who may already be high risk individuals. The Surplus Food Program has the ability to tap a potentially unlimited source of high
quality foods for those who need it most. Failure of the program to succeed will eliminate this abundant, no cost food source, and may necessitate a much larger monetary input to shore up the existing system.

The Committee on Planning and Community Services on March 9th, 1992, recommended as follows:-

"1. That surplus food programs which supply food products to those in need be supported by The City of Winnipeg.

2. That in order to ensure the food products provided are safe and nutritious from a public health perspective, The City of Winnipeg Health Department be authorized to hire one Public Health Inspector and one Nutritionist, within the existing budget.

3. That the Health Department provide a status report prior to the end of 1992 regarding past experience with surplus food programs and future departmental requirements related to same.

Committee did not concur in recommendation No. 4 in the attached report, namely, that funds be provided in the amount of $64,547.00 for nine months salary and associated expenses for this purpose for 1992, with provision for continued funding based on results of a status report, and stipulated that the program be carried out within the existing budget of the Health Department as indicated in recommendation 2. above."

Your Executive Policy Committee recommends:-

1. That surplus food programs which supply food products to those in need be supported by The City of Winnipeg.

2. That in order to ensure the food products provided are safe and nutritious from a public health perspective, The City of Winnipeg Health Department be authorized to hire one Public Health Inspector and one Nutritionist.

3. That the Health Department provide a status report prior to the end of 1992 regarding past experience with surplus food programs and future departmental requirements related to same.

4. That funds in the amount of $64,547.00 for nine months salary and associated expenses, be provided for this purpose for 1992, with provision for continued funding based on results of a status report. (An amount of $64,547.00 has been included in the 1992 Current Estimates.)

Moved by Mayor Norrie
Adoption of the clause.

Carried

Councillor Golden asked to be recorded as voting against the clause in accordance with Section 50.7 of the Procedure By-law.

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Bill 20 - The Municipal Assessment Amendment Act. File AA

695 13. In a Press Release of September 18th, 1991, the Honourable James Downey, then Minister of Rural Development, announced a planned phase-in of changes to the portioning percentages of the three residential property classes. In addition, "to further ease the implementation of these changes, the government will be moving to delay the next reassessment from 1993 to 1994."

The delay, although initiated by the Province, is also in the City's best interest in that it allows an opportunity for outstanding appeals to be cleaned up before the next reassessment and also allows the Assessment Department additional time to implement changes that will impact positively on the quality of that next assessment.

Your Executive Policy Committee recommends that the attached City of Winnipeg brief (Appendix "A") be approved for presentation to the Standing Committee on Municipal Affairs in support of Bill 20 - The Municipal Assessment Amendment Act.

Moved by Mayor Norrie,
Adoption of the clause.

Moved by Councillor Golden,
Seconded by Councillor Fraser,
That the clause be referred back with instructions to consider the financial ramifications to the City of Winnipeg.

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

Carried.

The motion to refer with instructions was put and declared carried.

Social Assistance Interim Rate Adjustment. File EH-2

696 14. On December 16th, 1981, Council directed that the Social Services Department conduct an annual, comprehensive, review of social assistance rates, and an additional annual interim review of food prices.

On July 29th, 1987, Council adopted the recommendation that the Social Services Department's food allowance for infants under one year of age be delineated as a separate category.

On October 26th, 1987, the Committee on Planning and Community Services instructed that future revisions to social allowance rates for food be based upon the higher gender nutrient intake figure, and the resultant dollar value be expressed by rounding-off to the higher dollar.

A survey of local food prices, conducted by Agriculture Canada in January, 1992, demonstrates that an increase in the department's food allowance for people in the age categories ranging from one year to adult is not required. However, the infant food allowance, which is priced by the Social Services Department (and is not surveyed in Agriculture Canada's document), requires an increase.

Agriculture Canada's Nutritious Food Basket relies upon sixty- four discreet foods. The January Agriculture Canada Food Survey for Winnipeg indicates that an increase in the department's food allowance is not required for people in the age categories ranging from one year to adult. The special nutritional needs of babies is not part of Agriculture Canada's Nutritious Food Basket survey: the department's survey demonstrates that there has been an increase in the cost of infant formula, therefore, an increase in this age category is required. The Winnipeg Consumer Price Index for food for the twelve month period ending January 31st, 1992, decreased 1.1%.

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The current and proposed food schedules are as follows:

Age Group	Current Schedule	Proposed Schedule
Under 1 year	$152.00	$160.00
1 Year	80.00	80.00
2 - 3 years	81.00	81.00
4 - 6 years	111.00	111.00
7 - 9 years	119.00	119.00
10 - 12 years	137.00	137.00
13 - 15 years	146.00	146.00
16 - 17 years	171.00	171.00
Adult	134.00	134.00

NOTE: October 1991 rates are based on May 1991 pricings. April 1992 rates are based on January 1992 pricings.

On the basis of the current caseload level, the additional costs for the increase will be $1,376.00 per month, of which an estimated $606.00 per month would be a direct cost to the City - the remainder being borne by the senior levels of government. An interim increase for food allowances was anticipated, and has been incorporated in the Department's 1992 Current Estimates.

The Committee on Planning and Community Services on March 9th, 1992 approved the following recommendations.

Your Executive Policy Committee recommends that an increase of 0.05% in the Social Services Department's current infant food allowance category, which became effective October 1st, 1991, be approved.

Your Executive Policy Committee submits for favourable consideration By-law No. 5922/92 to implement the above recommendation, effective April 1st, 1992.

Moved by Mayor Norrie
Adoption of the clause.

Carried.

Amendment to Reactivation By-law of Deferred Local Improvements in respect to Certain Lands on River Road.
File SL-1

697 15. Council at its meeting of July 6th, 1988 granted a deferment of local improvements, subject to renewal, to five property owners fronting on River Road from the west line of Arden Avenue to the west line of Falconer Bay (east leg) expiring March 25th, 1992. The properties and deferments granted were:

Property	Local Improvements
Lot 409, Plan 1052 (100 River Road)	Wastewater sewer - Land drainage sewer
Lot 408, Plan 1052	Wastewater sewer - Land drainage sewer
Lot 407, Plan 1052	Land drainage sewer
Lot 406, Plan 1052	Land drainage sewer
Lot 410, Plan 1052	Wastewater sewer - Land drainage sewer

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Patricia Elin Boyko, owner of 100 River Road one of the five properties described above as Lot 409, Plan 1052 by Service Permit Number 3821, connected her residence to the wastewater sewer system with inspection having been completed on November 10th, 1987 and as a result a reactivation by-law was prepared, submitted and passed reactivating both the wastewater sewer and land drainage sewer levies.

It was not the intention of Mrs. Boyko to request reactivation of the land drainage sewer levy and the reactivation by-law was in error in that regard.

The attached draft by-law will correct the error in the reactivation by-laws in respect to her property. Your Executive Policy Committee submits for favourable consideration By-law No. 5923/92 to correct Reactivation By-law No. 5469/90.

Moved by Mayor Norrie
Adoption of the clause.

Carried.

Regulate Land Uses in Proximity to the Winnipeg International Airport
Files EP-1.1(PW 1/92), GG-1 & GG-2

698 16. Your Executive Policy Committee submits the following resolution for approval and adoption, namely:-

"WHEREAS the Minister of Urban Affairs has requested that the City adopt comprehensive airport protection policies;

AND WHEREAS Transport Canada has recommended that the City of Winnipeg establish compatible land uses with airport operations in proximity to the Winnipeg International Airport;

AND WHEREAS Council, in adopting the Economic Development Strategy for Winnipeg, identified Airport operations as critical to Winnipeg's economic future, and its twenty-four hour operation as an attractive advantage, that both require protection;

AND WHEREAS Draft Plan Winnipeg - Toward 2010 supports and promotes the unrestricted twenty-four hour operation of Winnipeg International Airport;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT City Council:

1. authorize for approval the preparation of a by-law to control and regulate land uses in proximity to the Winnipeg International Airport to ensure the maximum degree of compatibility and protection in flight approach zones with existing or proposed developments in proximity to the Airport."

Your Executive Policy Committee further recommends that the Province of Manitoba be requested to proceed with the development of the appropriate legislation required to give effect to the above intent.

Moved by Mayor Norrie
Adoption of the clause.

Carried.

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Plan Winnipeg Review '92.
File EP-1.1(PW 1/92)

699 17. On May 8th, 1991, Council approved in principle the "Plan Winnipeg Review '92 Working Document" as a review process of Plan Winnipeg.

On March 4th, 1992, Council adopted Clause 1 of the Report of your Executive Policy Committee dated March 2nd, 1992. The clause recommended the following:-

1. That "Plan Winnipeg - Toward 2010" be formally received by Council.

2. That the City of Winnipeg Law Department be instructed to prepare a draft Plan Winnipeg By-law for formal review through the legislated public meeting process.

3. That the draft Plan Winnipeg By-law and "Plan Winnipeg - Toward 2010" be forwarded to the Minister of Urban Affairs for the Province of Manitoba.

4. That the Executive Policy Committee be instructed to consult with all City of Winnipeg Standing Committees, Greater Winnipeg School Divisions and Rural Municipalities within the Winnipeg region for report back to Council not later than March 25th, 1992.

5. That the Executive Policy Committee hold a series of public open houses to allow the general public an opportunity to be made aware of the provisions and recommendations contained in "Plan Winnipeg - Toward 2010".

6. That the Clerk of the Executive Policy Committee be instructed to initiate the required consultation process immediately for response back to the Clerk not later than March 18th, 1992.

Copies of the draft Plan Winnipeg By-law, and "Plan Winnipeg - Toward 2010" have been forwarded to the Minister of Urban Affairs, the Standing Committees, Greater Winnipeg School Divisions and Rural Municipalities within the Winnipeg Region. Replies have been received from some of the organizations. The replies are being tabulated by the Planning Department and will be presented to your Committee at the Public Meetings. In addition, Public Open Houses are being held.

In order to meet the requirements of the City of Winnipeg Act and to further proceed in the approval process for Plan Winnipeg, your Executive Policy Committee recommends:-

1. That Council give first reading to By-law 5915/92, being a By-law of The City of Winnipeg setting out long-term plans, policies and proposals of the City respecting land use, development, transportation and measures to improve the physical, social and economic and environmental conditions in the City.

2. That the Executive Policy Committee be directed to hold public hearings on Plan Winnipeg in accordance with the provisions set out in The City of Winnipeg Act.

3. That the Minister of Urban Affairs be served a notice of the public hearing for Plan Winnipeg in accordance with the provisions of The City of Winnipeg Act.

Moved by Mayor Norrie
Adoption of the clause.

Carried.

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Appointment of Returning Officer
Files GL-5.1 & GK-2

700 18. Your Executive Policy Committee submits with a recommendation for favourable consideration, By-law No. 5920/92, a By-law of The City of Winnipeg to appoint Dorothy Elva Browton Returning Officer for The City of Winnipeg and to fix and provide the remuneration for such position.

Moved by Mayor Norrie,
Adoption of the clause.

Carried.

Rebate of Gas Tax through a Broker.
File FT-2

701 19. On September 3rd, 1991, the Public Utilities Board passed Order No. 119/19 which allowed brokers under Section 114 of the Manitoba Public Utilities Board Act to sell gas in Manitoba. Due to the Utility Tax being assessed on the purchase price of the commodity, any gas purchaser who uses the services of a broker will be entitled to both a Provincial and City tax rebate.

Currently, officials of the Province of Manitoba are also considering the gas tax rebate.

On January 23rd, 1992, Mr. P. L. Goyette, Director, Management and Research at the Province of Manitoba, met with representatives from the Gas Brokerage Firms, Centra Gas and the City of Winnipeg. The topic discussed was the brokers acting as agents for the Province and the City in order to refund the gas tax back to consumers.

Under the present legislation, all consumers who purchase gas through a broker will be eligible for a tax rebate when they apply to the City and the Province. In order to minimize the workload impact and cost on the City and the Province, the Province wanted to see the Brokers act as agents for the government. The broker will process the rebate and refund the consumer and in turn claim the tax from the City and the Province.

Unless "all" the brokers were willing to act as agents, the Province was contemplating legislation whereby the tax is assessed on Centra's cost and the consumer would no longer be eligible for rebate.

On February 26th, 1992, a meeting was called by the brokers who met with the Province and the City. At the meeting, the brokers could not reach a unanimous decision regarding handling the gas tax rebate. Mr. P. L. Goyette, therefore, indicated he would propose legislative change which would be forwarded to the Minister whereby the definition of the cost of gas would change to mean the cost charged by Centra Gas. If this change is implemented, consumers who purchase gas through a broker would no longer be eligible for a tax rebate.

Your Executive Policy Committee recommends that the Province of Manitoba be requested to change the definition of the purchase price of natural gas contained in The City of Winnipeg Act to conform with the definition change being suggested for The Revenue Act.

Moved by Mayor Norrie,
Adoption of the clause.

Carried.

Proposed Reduction of Travel Budgets
for the Year 1992 File FE(1992)

702 20. On November 27th, 1991, Council referred the following motion to your Executive Policy Committee, namely:-

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"WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg will be facing tough economic times over the next fiscal year;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that all travel budgets for the City of Winnipeg, all departments and all Councillors including the Mayor's office, be cut by 50% for the year 1992."

Your Executive Policy Committee recommends that the referenced motion be filed at this time inasmuch as the issue concerning "travel budgets" has been dealt within the 1992 Current Budget consideration.

Moved by Mayor Norrie,
Adoption of the clause.

Carried.

703 - Attachment referred to in Clause 1 of Report "A" of the Executive Policy Committee, dated March 19th, 1992.

(SEE PAGES 923 – 925 FOR OFFICIAL SET OF MINUTES ATTACHMENT)

704 - Attachment referred to in Clause 10 of Report “A” of the Executive Policy Committee, dated March 19th, 1992.

(SEE PAGES 926 – 940 FOR OFFICIAL SET OF MINUTES ATTACHMENT)

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

705 On motion of Mayor Norrie, By-law No. 5879/92, a By-law of The City of Winnipeg being an initial borrowing by-law to authorize the borrowing of money by the issue and sale of debentures of the City in the principal amount of Seventy-Eight Million, Eight Hundred and Fifty-One Thousand Dollars ($78,851,000.00), was read a second and third time, and was passed and ordered to be signed and sealed. File Nos. FC(1992) and FC-1 (1993-97)

Pursuant to Section 5(1) of The Municipal Council Conflict of Interest Act, Councillor Mendelson advised that she would refrain from entering the discussion and from voting on any motion arising therefrom when Council considers By-law No. 5905/92, due to a potential conflict of interest, in view of her personal relationship with an official of an arts group who will receive funding from the Exchange District Business Improvement Zone and left the Chamber.

On motion of Mayor Norrie, 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. 5904/92, a By-law of the City of Winnipeg to levy the 1992 Business Improvement Zone levy for the Downtown Winnipeg Business Improvement Zone. File FL-7.4.

By-law No. 5905/92, a By-law of the City of Winnipeg to levy the 1992 Business Improvement Zone levy for the Exchange District Business Improvement Zone. File FL-7.1.

By-law No. 5906/92, a By-law of the City of Winnipeg to levy the 1992 Business Improvement Zone levy for the Osborne Village Business Improvement Zone. File FL-7.3.

By-law No. 5907/92, a By-law of the City of Winnipeg to levy the 1992 Business Improvement Zone levy for the Corydon Avenue Business Improvement Zone. File FL-7.

By-law No. 5908/92, a By-law of the City of Winnipeg to levy the 1992 Business Improvement Zone levy for the Norwood Grove Business Improvement Zone. File FL-7.6.

By-law No. 5909/92, a By-law of the City of Winnipeg to levy the 1992 Business Improvement Zone levy for the Ellice Avenue/Sargent Avenue Business Improvement Zone. File FL-7.7.

By-law No. 5920/92, a By-law of the City of Winnipeg to appoint Dorothy Elva Browton Returning Officer for the City of Winnipeg and to fix and provide the remuneration for such position. Files GL-5.1 & GK-2.

By-law No. 5921/92, 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 establish a Management Board for the Zone. File FL-7.8.

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By-law No. 5922/92, a By-law of the City of Winnipeg to amend its By-law No. 2466/79, being the Social Services By-law. File No. EH-2.

By-law No. 5923/92, a By-law of the City of Winnipeg to amend By-law No. 5469/90 reactivating certain local improvements on River Road. File No. SL-1.

Councillor Mendelson returned to the Chamber.

On motion of Mayor Norrie, the rule was suspended and By-law No. 5915/92, a By-law of The City of Winnipeg setting out long-term plans, policies and proposals of the City respecting land use, development, transportation and measures to improve the physical, social, economic and environment conditions in the City, was read a first time. File No. EP-1.1 (PW 1/92).

Mayor Norrie moved that this constitute the first reading of By-law No. 5915/92, which motion was carried.

On motion of Mayor Norrie, the rule was suspended and 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. 5851/92, a By-law of the City of Winnipeg to provide for the assessment by special rate of the cost of installing watermains in the said City of Winnipeg. File No. SL-1.

By-law No. 5852/92, a By-law of the City of Winnipeg to provide for the assessment by special rate of the cost of installing wastewater sewers in the said City of Winnipeg. File No. SL-1.

By-law No. 5853/92, a By-law of the City of Winnipeg to provide for the assessment by special rate of the cost of installing land drainage sewers in the said City of Winnipeg. File No. SL-1.

By-law No. 5854/92, a By-law of the City of Winnipeg to provide for the assessment by special rate of the cost of installing land drainage sewers in an area of the said City set forth in Agreement No. 41 (Deferred Levy). File No. SL-1.

By-law No. 5855/92, a By-law of the City of Winnipeg to provide for the assessment by special rate of the cost of installing land drainage sewers in an area of the said City set forth in Agreement No. 42 (Deferred Levy). File No. SL-1.

By-law No. 5856/92, a By-law of the City of Winnipeg to provide for the assessment by special rate of the cost of lane pavements in the said City of Winnipeg. File No. SL-1.

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By-law No. 5857/92, a By-law of the City of Winnipeg to provide for the assessment by special rate of the cost of asphalt pavement in the said City of Winnipeg. File No. SL-1.

By-law No. 5858/92, a By-law of the City of Winnipeg to provide for the assessment by special rate of the cost of installing sidewalks in the said City of Winnipeg. File No. SL-1.

By-law No. 5859/92, a By-law of the City of Winnipeg to provide for the assessment by special rate of the cost of oiling surface lanes in the said City of Winnipeg. File No. SL-1.

By-law No. 5860/92, a By-law of the City of Winnipeg to provide for the assessment by special rate of the cost of installing ornamental street lights in the said City of Winnipeg. File No. SL-1.

By-law No. 5861/92, a By-law of the City of Winnipeg to provide for the assessment by special rate of the cost of installing ornamental lane lights in the said City of Winnipeg. File No. SL-1.

By-law No. 5862/92, a By-law of the City of Winnipeg to provide for the assessment by special rate of the cost of installing lane lights in the said City of Winnipeg. File No. SL-1.

706 The Speaker drew Council's attention to the point of privilege introduced earlier by Councillor Fraser under Section 40.1 of the Procedure By-law.

(Note: See also Minute No. 682.)

Moved by Councillor Fraser,
Seconded by Councillor Kaufmann,

WHEREAS Council on March 25th, 1992, did recess to consider a personnel matter "In Camera" at Executive Policy Committee;

AND WHEREAS Councillors who are not members of Executive Policy Committee were given voting privileges, by way of personalized ballots, and allowed to vote on said personnel matter, which is contrary to The City of Winnipeg Act;

AND WHEREAS the subsequent recorded vote was utilized by Executive Policy Committee to reach a decision contrary to the rules and procedures of Council;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council seek a legal opinion on the correctness of the vote prior to the recommendation of Executive Policy Committee to Council on said personnel matter being considered by Council.

Moved by Councillor Reese,
That the motion be referred to the Executive Policy Committee.

The motion to refer was put.

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

Yea: Councillor Reese. 1

Nay: Councillors Boychuk, Brown, Clement, Demare, Diamant, Douglas, Duguid, Fleisher, Fraser, Gilroy, Golden, Hyman, Kaufmann, Lazarenko, Lorenc, Mendelson, Mitchelson, O'Shaughnessy, Selinger, Thomas, Timmers, Young, Yuen, Mayor Norrie and Councillor Eadie. 25

and the motion to refer was declared lost.

The original motion was put.

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

Yea: Councillors Boychuk, Duguid, Fleisher, Fraser, Golden, Hyman, Kaufmann, Lazarenko, Mitchelson, Murray, Reese and Selinger. 12

Nay: Councillors Brown, Clement, Demare, Diamant, Douglas, Gilroy, Lorenc, Mendelson, O'Shaughnessy, Thomas, Timmers, Young, Yuen, Mayor Norrie and Councillor Eadie. 15

and the motion was declared lost.

Council reverted to consideration of the order of business "Consideration of Report of the Executive Policy Committee".

CONSIDERATION OF REPORT OF THE
EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

On motion of Mayor Norrie, the rule was suspended and the Report of the Executive Policy Committee, dated March 25th, 1992, was considered.

West Committee Room,
Council Building, Winnipeg,
March 25th, 1992.

His Worship the Mayor and Councillors:-

Your Executive Policy Committee submits the following Report and recommends:-

1999 Pan American Games.
File GC-8.9

707 21. Council on May 29th, 1991, adopted Clause 1 of the Report of your Executive Policy Committee, dated May 29th, 1992. The clause indicated that the cost to prepare a Canadian Olympic Association Bid is estimated to be $150,000.00 and recommended as follows:-

"1. That Council approve the submission of a bid to host the 1999 Pan American Games.

2. That the Mayor appoint a Chairperson of the Bid Committee which would be responsible for the preparation and promotion of a Winnipeg bid for the 1999 Pan American Games.

3. That Council authorize the expenditure of $50,000.00 (Account Number 01-552102-001101) for the preparation of the bid, and request a similar contribution of $50,000.00 each from the Federal and Provincial Governments."

A Bid Committee has now been established and both the City of Winnipeg and the Province of Manitoba have forwarded their $50,000.00 contribution to the Committee. However, the Federal Government has recently advised through the Minister of Energy, Mines and Resources that as a number of Canadian cities are submitting bids, Federal policy does not enable the Federal Government to provide funding to any city during this bidding stage. The Minister has advised that he will be willing to sponsor Federal involvement should the City of Winnipeg be chosen as the host city.

While the cost of submitting a bid was originally estimated to be $150,000.00 to be shared equally amongst the three levels of government, the Bid Committee has now had an opportunity to more thoroughly review the bidding requirements and has determined that a comprehensive and thorough bid will cost $250,000.00. The Bid Committee has therefore secured additional financing - $50,000.00 from private sector donations and a contribution of $50,000.00 from the Manitoba Sports Federation.

This still leaves a shortfall of $50,000.00 as a result of the Federal decision not to participate. Immediately upon receipt of Mr. Epp's letter, His Worship the Mayor approached the Provincial Minister of Sports to ascertain whether the Provincial Government would consider increasing their share from $50,000.00 to $75,000.00. Mr. Stefanson indicated that his government is very supportive of the City's bid and that he would recommend to his colleagues that an additional amount of $25,000.00 be allocated subject to a matching contribution from the City.

Your Executive Policy Committee recommends that the City of Winnipeg also increase its share from $50,000.00 to $75,000.00 and that Council authorize an additional expenditure of $25,000.00 (Account No. 01-552102-001101) for the preparation of the bid, subject to confirmation of a matching contribution from the Provincial Government.

Report of the Executive Policy Committee, dated March 25th, 1992

Moved by Mayor Norrie,
Adoption of the clause.

Carried.

Council proceeded to the order of business, "Executive Policy Committee - Motions".

Report of the Executive Policy Committee, dated March 25th, 1992

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
MOTIONS

Moved by Councillor Kaufmann,
Seconded by Councillor Mitchelson,

708 WHEREAS the Province of Manitoba has successfully spearheaded a movement to lobby the Federal Government to spend $850 million over the next ten (10) years on the basis that the Federal Government gets the bulk of fuel taxes;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Official Delegation put forward to the Province that on the basis of this decision that $75 million extra be spent on Winnipeg roads over the next ten (10) years with the same 65% - 35% funding as the Federal - Provincial Plan.

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

Moved by Councillor Kaufmann,
Seconded by Councillor Fraser,

709 WHEREAS there are significant savings to be had by tendering the City's travel budget;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the balance of the years travel be estimated and tendered to Winnipeg travel agents.

In amendment,

Moved by Councillor Boychuk,
Seconded by Councillor Kaufmann,

THAT the above motion be amended by adding the following words:-

"THAT all Bonus Travel points be pooled in the name of 'The City of Winnipeg' and be utilized for city business."

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

Moved by Mayor Norrie,
Seconded by Councillor Douglas,

710 WHEREAS Policy Committee of the Core Area Initiative, at its March 5th, 1992 meeting, decided to reallocate one-third of the Land Expropriation Settlements Sub-Program Authorization ($931,000) to The Forks for a capital public amenity project;

WHEREAS the wording of Subsection 7.10 of the Core Area Initiative Agreement is explicit as to how parties to the Core Agreement make contributions to projects:

"The parties shall not make any contributions under this Tripartite Agreement in respect of the delivery of goods, the performance of work, or the rendering of services unless the goods have been delivered and work has been performed, or the services have been rendered, on or before September 30th, 1992."

WHEREAS the Forks Renewal Corporation (FRC) advises that it would be very difficult to meet the Core Area Initiative Agreement's September 30th, 1992 project completion deadline since the planning stage for a significant public amenity capital project can take up to one and one-half years;

WHEREAS it is in order to provide these funds to The Forks, and to ensure that FRC will be provided with the opportunity to fully assess its public amenity requirements and properly plan for the project to be undertaken with the additional Core dollars;

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE – MOTIONS (continued)

AND WHEREAS certain shareable costs of the final audit of the Core Area Initiative Agreement by an independent auditor, and the winding-up of the Core Area Initiative Corporation are to be incurred after September 20th, 1992;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that an Amending Agreement stipulating a completion date of September 30th, 1993 and costs claimed by March 31st, 1994 relating to an FRC capital public amenity project be executed at the same time the Amendments to the Program Authorizations are finalized;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Amending Agreement make provision for the payment of the external auditors for the Core Area Initiative Agreement for the completion of the 1991/92 and 1992/93 audit, as well as for payment of activities required to complete the wind-up of the Winnipeg Core Area Initiative Corporation after September 30th, 1992;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of this resolution including the execution of any documents related thereto.

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

Carried.

The motion was put and declared carried.

Moved by Mayor Norrie,
Seconded by Councillor Douglas,

711
1. That the following persons be appointed to the Board of Adjustment for the terms as indicated:-

Name	Term of Office
W. J. (Bill) Lyons 193 Allenby Crescent Winnipeg	2 years
Arlene Ratuski 118 Saul Miller Drive Winnipeg	3 years
Sharon Markesteyn 758 Crescent Drive Winnipeg	2 years
David G. Henderson 9 - 230 Hugo Street North Winnipeg	3 years
William David Evans 639 Kylemore Avenue Winnipeg	1 year
Frederick Zeggil 411 Booth Drive Winnipeg	1 year

2. That Mr. W. J. Lyons be appointed as Chairman of the Board of Adjustment.

3. That Mr. David G. Henderson be appointed as Vice-Chairman of the Board of Adjustment.

Moved by Councillor Timm-Rudolph,
That the question be now put.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE – MOTIONS (continued)

The motion was put.

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

Yea: Councillors Boychuk, Clement, Demare, Diamant, Douglas, Gilroy, Lorenc, Prystanski, Selinger, Thomas, Timmers, Timm-Rudolph, Young, Yuen, Mayor Norrie and Councillor Eadie. 16

Nay: Councillors Brown, Fleisher, Fraser, Golden, Hyman, Mendelson, Mitchelson, Murray and O'Shaughnessy. 9

and the motion was declared carried.

The original motion was put.

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

Yea: Councillors Boychuk, Brown, Clement, Demare, Diamant, Douglas, Fleisher, Gilroy, Lorenc, O'Shaughnessy, Prystanski, Thomas, Timm-Rudolph, Young, Yuen, Mayor Norrie and Councillor Eadie. 17

Nay: Councillors Duguid, Golden, Hyman, Mendelson, Mitchelson, Murray, Selinger and Timmers. 8

and the motion was declared carried.

Moved by Councillor Timmers,
Seconded by Councillor Thomas,

712 - WHEREAS the Province of Manitoba is facilitating the secession of Headingley from Winnipeg;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Manitoba is about to enact Bill 45 to facilitate the secession of Headingley from Winnipeg;

AND WHEREAS Bill 45 allows the secession from Winnipeg of inhabitants of "...a locality..." by referendum, as stated in Section 4.2(1) (referendum of electors) when the Lieutenant Governor in Council is "...of the opinion..." that it may be advisable to alter municipal boundaries; as stated in Section 4.1 (alteration of boundaries referred to Municipal Board);

AND WHEREAS Bill 45 goes well beyond the need of facilitating the secession of Headingley by allowing the secession of any locality in isolation of any Winnipeg regional plan;

AND WHEREAS Winnipeg City Council has had no opportunity to respond to Bill 45 to consider its implication on regional planning and development;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Winnipeg City Council request that the Province of Manitoba make Bill 45 specific to Headingley secession and no other "...locality.." until the Winnipeg Region Committee adopts a regional development plan.

The Speaker called the Acting Speaker, Councillor Demare, to the Chair and left the Chamber.

The Speaker returned to the Chamber and resumed the Chair.

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

The motion was put.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE – MOTIONS (continued)

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

Yea: Councillors Boychuk, Clement, Demare, Diamant, Douglas, Duguid, Golden, Hyman, Lazarenko, Mendelson, Murray, Reese, Selinger, Timmers, Yuen, Mayor Norrie and Councillor Eadie. 17

Nay: Councillors Brown, Fraser, Mitchelson, O'Shaughnessy, Prystanski and Timm-Rudolph 6

and the motion was declared carried.

The original motion was put.

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

Yea: Councillors Boychuk, Diamant, Douglas, Duguid, Fleisher, Fraser, Gilroy, Golden, Hyman, Lorenc, Mendelson, Murray, O'Shaughnessy, Prystanski, Reese, Selinger, Thomas, Timmers, Timm-Rudolph, Yuen, Mayor Norrie and Councillor Eadie. 22

Nay: Councillors Brown, Clement, Demare and Mitchelson. 4

and the motion was declared carried.

QUESTION PERIOD

713 - Councillor Fraser inquired as to the status of the payment of legal costs for the recent appeals from several businesses regarding business tax assessments.

Mayor Norrie replied that the matter will be considered by the Executive Policy Committee at its next meeting, and all members of Council are invited to attend.

Councillor Fraser asked if he would be allowed the opportunity of asking for a "straw vote" on the matter, and Mayor Norrie replied that any request of this nature will be considered by Executive Policy Committee at the time.

Councillor Fraser asked if such a "straw vote" could be in the form of a "recorded vote", to which Mayor Norrie replied that "straw votes" are not recorded.

Councillor Selinger inquired if the City will be proceeding with the Core Area Initiative.

Mayor Norrie replied that discussions are currently underway, mainly involving two outstanding matters. He expressed the hope that current discussions will be completed within the next three weeks.

Councillor Selinger asked if it is anticipated that the agreement will be signed this spring, to which the Mayor replied that he hoped it would.

Councillor Selinger asked if it is reasonable to assume that the agreement will be implemented before summer.

Mayor Norrie replied that the implementation of the agreement is dependent upon Council's response to the recommendation brought forward. He explained that the process is approached differently by the three levels of government. Both the federal and provincial governments have approvals in advance, whereas the City seeks approval after presentation.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE – QUESTION PERIOD (continued)

Councillor Hyman advised of her support for the recent public works program supported jointly by the Province and the City, and asked if further programs to deal with economic and employment needs are being considered.

Mayor Norrie replied that a number of programs relating to job creation have been discussed, but nothing specific. However, he is aware of a new program, being a federal proposal for a multi-million dollar highway program which has just been announced. Councillor Golden asked the status of negotiations with Mr. Pollock towards settlement of the matter and if an action is outstanding or if the matter has been resolved.

Mayor Norrie replied that discussions have been held between Mr. Pollock and the Law Department, and agreed to pursue the status of the matter further.

Councillor Golden asked if the Mayor could inform Council of the status, and suggested that this take place at Executive Policy Committee "In Camera". He referred to an item on the agenda for an upcoming Executive Policy Committee meeting and noted that the City has spent $357,000.00 for the City's share of the legal cost of the Hughes Inquiry. He asked if there are any other charges to be added, or just the matter of the settlement of this other outstanding matter.

Mayor Norrie replied that he is not aware of any.

Councillor Mitchelson asked for clarification on the automatic referral of motions placed before Council, and moving suspension of the rules to consider a motion. He expressed the hope that the rules will be enforced fairly and equitably.

Mayor Norrie replied that if a member of Council is unhappy with a ruling from the Presiding Officer, that a challenge can be issued.

Councillor Reese asked when it is expected that the Province will announce the new community and ward boundaries, and the Mayor replied that he expected an announcement would be made soon.

Councillor Reese inquired as to the length of time required to prepare the voters' list, and the Mayor replied that it would be started when the new boundaries are announced. However, he expected that the process is already underway.

Councillor Timmers asked for a report on the Winnipeg Region Committee and the Mayor replied that formulative discussions have taken place. He expected that it will take some time for the Committee to organize.

Councillor Timmers referred to recommendations adopted by Council on March 3rd that the Province prepare comprehensive policies and guidelines designed to manage development with the Winnipeg Region and to consult with the City and surrounding municipalities in the preparation process. Another of the recommendations involved a review or rationalization of all City boundaries and neighbouring municipalities. He asked if these recommendations are being brought to the Winnipeg Region Committee.

Mayor Norrie replied that the recommendations have been brought forward in a general way and it is expected will certainly be discussed at some length.

Councillor Timmers asked if during meetings of the Winnipeg Region Committee, the Province mentioned Bill 45, and the Province's plan for municipal boundaries vis-a-vis Bill 45, and the Mayor replied that no discussions have been held.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE – QUESTION PERIOD (continued)

Councillor Kaufmann inquired as to when it is expected that the Province will release the new electoral boundaries.

The Speaker drew attention to the earlier response which indicated that it is not known at this time.

Councillor Kaufmann asked if the administration is investigating a realignment of district boundaries.

Mayor Norrie replied that the process has begun and has been given a high priority by the Board of Commissioners. He drew attention to a change in support on Council for a realignment of boundaries whereas previously Council had supported coterminous political and administrative boundaries.

Councillor Diamant asked what direction is being provided to the administration for downsizing the districts.

Mayor Norrie replied that he viewed the message as having been clearly given, the objective being to reduce the number of districts. It is expected that any proposal or recommendation will be presented to Standing Committee and Executive Policy Committee.

Councillor Diamant asked if Councillors will be able to make presentations to the administration, and Mayor Norrie replied that while he had not precisely discussed the possibility with the Board, he expected there would be no objection. He agreed to discuss this with the Board and advise Councillor Diamant.

Councillor Reese advised that she has been informed that Council has not directed the Board to reduce the number of districts, and that until such direction is given, the administration will not act. She asked when such a recommendation will be made.

Mayor Norrie replied that while he did not think it necessary, it could be done anytime. He expressed concern about specifying any particular number of districts to operate, as, for example, five may not be enough of a reduction. He suggested that if a Councillor feels more comfortable in having a motion from Council, then this should be done quickly through Executive Policy Committee.

Councillor Fraser asked if the Mayor was aware that today is the one year anniversary for the freeze on the management level positions in the City, and drew attention to the fact that of eighty-three recommendations made, eighty-one have been approved.

Mayor Norrie replied that he was not aware.

Moved by Councillor Timm-Rudolph,
That Council recess for one hour

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