CONSIDERATION OF REPORT OF THE
COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

The Executive Policy Committee has had before it the Report of the Committee on Finance and Administration, dated March 10th, 1992, has concurred in the recommendations contained therein, except as noted below, and submits same to Council for approval and adoption.

On motion of Councillor Selinger, the Report of the Committee on Finance and Administration, dated March 10th, 1992, was considered clause by clause.

West Committee Room,
Council Building, Winnipeg.
March 10th, 1992.

His Worship the Mayor and Councillors:

Your Committee on Finance and Administration submits the following Report and recommends:

Exemption under the Soldiers' Taxation Relief Act. File FL-2.3

721 1. The Soldiers' Taxation Relief Act provides for the granting of relief from taxation in certain cases in an amount not to exceed $50.00 in each case. The amount so rebated by a municipality is recoverable in full through the Province of Manitoba.

The City has received applications for relief from taxation for the year 1991 under provisions of this Act and the City Treasurer has satisfied himself as to the bona fide and merit of each application. The total amount of these grants is $750.00 and have been received from residents of the following area, namely:-

East Kildonan-Transcona Community	-	$ 50.00
St. Boniface-St. Vital Community	-	100.00
St. James-Assiniboia Community	-	300.00
Assiniboine Park-Fort Garry Community	-	50.00
Lord Selkirk-West Kildonan Community	-	100.00
City Centre-Fort Rouge Community	-	150.00

Your Committee on Finance and Administration recommends that Council authorize the partial exemptions from taxation, the cancellation of the unpaid taxes or penalties, or the refund of tax or penalties paid, as the case may be, in respect to the properties as set forth in the schedules on file in the Office of the City Clerk in the total amount of $750.00 recoverable from the Province of Manitoba.

Moved by Councillor Selinger,
Adoption of the clause.

Carried.

Citizen Appointment to the Civic Charities Endorsement Bureau for Balance of Term ending November 1992 Files GC-7 and GL-5.2

722 2. Your Committee on Finance and Administration has considered a recommendation from the St. James Assiniboia Community Committee regarding a replacement for Mr. George Carter on the Civic Charities Endorsement Bureau.

Your Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Community Committee and therefore recommends that the following person be appointed to the Civic Charities Endorsement Bureau as the St. James-Assiniboia Community representative, for the balance of the two-year term ending November 1992 or until as soon thereafter a successor is appointed, namely:-

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Mrs. Barbara Wilberforce,
49 Vavasour Avenue,
Winnipeg, Manitoba.
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Moved by Councillor Selinger,
Adoption of the clause.

Carried.

Request for an Extension of Time - Additional Revenue from Home Occupancy Licenses and Mobile Food Vendors - Business Tax Phasing.
Files FE(1991), AA-1 and EL-1

723 3. Council at its Special Meeting held on March 20th, 1991, referred the following resolution to your Committee, namely:-

"WHEREAS there will be increased revenue from home occupancy licenses and mobile food vendors;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that any increased revenue from these sources be used for additional phasing of business taxes."

On April 2nd, 1991, the above resolution was referred to the Ad Hoc Committee on Licensing and Animal Control.

On January 22nd, 1992, Council passed By-law No. 5849/92 amending By-law No. 201/72, the Home Occupations By-law, which amendment provided for an increase in the Home Occupation License Fees to $100.00 per annum and to $10.00 per annum for handicapped or disabled persons both effective January 1st, 1992.

The Ad Hoc Committee on Licensing and Animal Control, however, has not as yet addressed the issue of mobile food vendors, but held a Public Hearing on March 2nd, 1992, and received representations on the matter of all license fee increases proposed for 1992 under the provisions of the City's License By-law No. 4007/85, including Hawker Licenses (mobile food vendors).

The matter relating to mobile food vendor license fees is currently under consideration and therefore your Committee on Finance and Administration requests a 90-day extension of time in which to report on the above resolution.

Moved by Councillor Selinger,
Adoption of the clause.

In amendment,

Moved by Councillor Boychuk,
Seconded by Councillor Lorenc,
That the clause be amended by deleting the figure "90" where it appears in the last line of the recommendation and replacing it with the figure "30".

Carried.

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

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Appointment of Special Constables - Parks and Recreation Department
File GF-2.3

724 4. Your Committee on Finance and Administration has been informed by the Law Department that the Supervisor of Park Police, Regional Parks and Operations Division of the Parks and Recreation Department, has requested the following persons who will be employed by the Parks and Recreation Department, Park Security Branch, and who are eligible candidates for the Winnipeg Police Department and who will be required to perform by-law enforcement duties, be sworn in as Special Constables:

DARREN ROBERT BROWN
FREDERICK THEODORE HERMAN
RAYMOND ALLAN KOWALCHUK
HARRY JAMES MOORE
TREVOR ROBERT MOROZ

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

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

Moved by Councillor Selinger,
Adoption of the clause.

Carried.

Purchase of Bus Loop at the Southwest corner of Carpathia Road and Corydon Avenue - Assiniboine Park-Fort Garry Community
File FI-2.4.4.1

725 5. Your Committee on Finance and Administration has considered the attached Item 1 of Report No. 1A of the Technical Advisory Committee on City Properties, dated February 25th, 1992, (File T-Misc.-3), relative to the proposed purchase of a bus loop at the southwest corner of Carpathia Road and Corydon Avenue, in the Assiniboine Park-Fort Garry Community.

On March 5th, 1990, Public Works Canada advised the City the subject property was declared surplus and that they did not wish to continue the leasing of the land and asked if the City was interested in acquiring it, subject to a lease-back of the area identified as "Leased Area" on the attached Misc. Plan No. APFG 8167/2.

The City of Winnipeg has been leasing the subject property since 1954 for bus loop purposes. The bus loop is used as the terminus for the Route 18 Corydon service. If the subject property were to be sold to a third party, the current bus loop would become unavailable and the 18 Corydon service would have to be extended to the Assiniboine Park loop on Roblin Boulevard. The Transit Department advises that this would result in a significant increase in transit operating costs and therefore strongly supports the retention of the existing bus loop.

At its meeting held on May 30th, 1991, the Board of Commissioners considered a report from the Director of Transit, dated May 10th, 1991 and instructed the Director of the Land Surveys and Real Estate Department to negotiate for the acquisition of the subject property.

The Department of National Defense has indicated that it is prepared to sell the property to the City in accordance with the terms and conditions as identified on the attached Schedule "A".

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The Land Surveys and Real Estate Department is of the opinion that the proposed purchase price is acceptable. The terms and conditions of the lease are the standard clauses normally used when the City leases land to the Federal Government.

Adequate funding has been committed in the "Land Acquisition for Future Regional Transportation Purposes" Account to finance the acquisition of this property.

Public Works Canada has indicated that confirmation of City Council approval is required by April 14th, 1992 and that the full purchase price is to be sent to it in trust under the condition that DND request a Grant of Letters Patent from its head office to complete this transaction.

Your Committee recommends:-

1. That the purchase of the subject property at a price of $74,700.00 and a lease-back of the playground area in accordance with the terms and conditions attached hereto as Schedule "A", be approved.

2. That the Proper Officers of the City do all things necessary to implement the above recommendation including the execution of any documents related thereto.

Moved by Councillor Selinger,
Adoption of the clause.

Carried.

(Note: See Minute No. 734 for attachment.)

Land Exchange on the South side Blantyre Avenue, East of Gateway Road - East Kildonan- Transcona Community.
File FI-2.4.2(23)

726 6. Your Committee on Finance and Administration has considered the attached Item No. 2 of Report No. 1A of the Technical Advisory Committee on City Properties, dated February 25th, 1992, (File 4382/1), relative to the proposed Land Exchange on the south side of Blantyre Avenue, east of Gateway Road, in the East Kildonan-Transcona Community.

The subject City property, being Lots 13/15 and 18, S.P. Plan 21135 and shown outlined on Misc. Plan No. EKT 7154/2, are the residuals of strips of land which resulted when the City widened Blantyre Avenue.

The owner of Lots 16/17 and 19, S. P. Plan No. 21135, Village Green Development Corporation (Leo Kung, President) which intends to erect a senior citizens centre on the site, have requested to exchange the northerly 10 feet of Lot 17 (Parcel A on Misc. Plan No. EKT 7154/2) required by the City to properly align Blantyre Street, for the subject City property.

Pursuant to the Policy on the sale of small unbuildable parcels of City land for consolidation with residential holdings, as adopted by Council on February 13th, 1991, the City lands would be sold at one half the assessed value which in this case is $455.00.

Any outstanding local improvements are not an issue as they accrue to the Village Green Development Corporation. The Village Green Development Corporation is agreeable to a straight land exchange as outlined in Schedule "A" attached.

Your Committee recommends:-

1. That the terms and conditions of the land exchange as outlined herein be approved.

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2. That the Proper Officers of the City be directed to do all things necessary to effect the said exchange including the execution of any documents related thereto.

Moved by Councillor Selinger,
Adoption of the clause.

Carried.

(Note: See Minute No. 735 for attachment.)

Acquisition of Property located on the South Side of Academy Road between Lindsay Street and Renfrew Street - Assiniboine Park-Fort Garry Community
File FI-2(21)

727 7. LAID OVER BY EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

(Note: Please check page 966 for Official Set of Minutes)

No. 75 Barber Street - Lord Selkirk-West Kildonan Community
File EC(BRC)

728 8. Your Committee on Finance and Administration has considered the attached Item 4 of Report No. 1A of the Technical Advisory Committee on City Properties, dated February 25th, 1992, (File 5620), relative to 75 Barber Street, which property is located on the north side of Barber Street between Rover and Euclid Avenues, in the Lord Selkirk-West Kildonan Community.

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Council on October 1st, 1975 approved the purchase of 75 Barber Street at the price of $6,000.00 under the Neighbourhood Improvement Program for the purpose of establishing a group home in the North Point Douglas area, in conjunction with the Argyle High School.

On April 21st, 1976, Council approved the conveyance of the property to Barber House Inc. for $1.00 subject to the condition that if the property is not used for the purpose of a group foster home or at any time ceases to be used for said purpose, the property would revert to the City - which condition was registered as a Caveat against the title.

On April 4th, 1990, Council authorized that the Caveat registered against the referenced property be transferred to an alternate property to be purchased by Naturas Inc. Naturas, however, decided not to proceed with the matter advising that it would continue to use 75 Barber Street in the meantime.

In letter dated January 6th, 1992, to the Land Surveys and Real Estate Department, Argyle High School which has moved back to the area, informed that Naturas has moved to a home on Dorchester Street and has ceased to operate 75 Barber Street as a home for boys. Argyle High School therefore, has expressed interest in the use of the property once again to serve Argyle School students in need of shelter.

Under the Agreement/Caveat, the City has the right to demand reconveyance of the property to the City, subject to the existing mortgage in favour of the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation. In the event the City does assume ownership, however, it will be acquiring an improved property instead of the original building the City conveyed to Barber House Inc. in 1976.

The Community Programs Division has no objections to the conveyance of the property by Naturas Inc. in favour of Kinew Housing for the purpose stated.

It is of course understood that the Caveat, if amended, would likewise provide for the reconveyance to the City of the property at such time as same ceased to be used for the purpose requested by Argyle High School.

The applicant has agreed to pay the City's $250.00 administrative fee plus applicable Goods and Service Tax.

Your Committee on Finance and Administration recommends:-

1. That Council's April 4th, 1990 decision authorizing the transfer of the caveat registered against title to No. 75 Barber Street to an alternate property then proposed to be purchased by Naturas Inc., be rescinded.

2. That Naturas Inc. be allowed to transfer or sell the property to Kinew Housing Corporation.

3. That the amendment to the caveat registered against the property be approved which provides:

   "That the house be used as a shelter for 18 to 22 year olds who are bona fide students of Argyle Alternative High School and who are identified as in need of shelter and support"

   Subject to a successful application for Conditional Use to permit the use of the property as above stated.

4. That the City Solicitor be instructed to conclude such referred documentation as is deemed necessary.

5. That the applicant be required to pay the City an administrative fee of $250.00 plus applicable Goods and Services Tax.

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

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Moved by Councillor Selinger,
Adoption of the clause.

Carried.

(Note: See Minute No. 736 for attachment.)

The City of Winnipeg License By-law No. 4007/85 - Non-Electric Automatic Vending Slot Machines - License Fees
File EL-1

729 9. Your Committee on Finance and Administration has been advised that on March 2nd, 1992, its Ad Hoc Committee on Licensing and Animal Control held a public hearing to receive representations on the matter of license fee increases under the provisions of the City of Winnipeg License By-law No. 4007/85, as advertised in the Winnipeg Free Press on February 8th, 1992. At that time, the Ad Hoc Committee on Licensing and Animal Control requested a separate report on four license categories, Non- Electric Automatic Vending Slot Machines, Transient Traders, Food Handling Establishments and Hawkers, as these were areas where delegations raised issues. This report deals with the Non-Electric Automatic Vending Machines and the issues voiced at the hearing which include: excessive license fees, inequities in the fee structure between electric and non-electric automatic vending slot machines, cumbersome licensing process and lack of effective enforcement.

In 1991, under the provisions of the City of Winnipeg License By-law No. 4007/85, 5,892 licenses were issued for electric and non- electric automatic vending machines with $126,008.00 realized in revenue. Unfortunately, due to the manner in which these manual records are retained, it is difficult to know what percentage of licenses and revenue relate to non-electric automatic vending slot machines versus the electric variety.

The current method used to calculate license fees for non- electric automatic vending slot machines has been the target of complaints from vending machine operators, and, in fact, several delegations were heard at the public hearing on March 2nd, 1992 with respect to this matter. The current license fees, according to the representations heard, are forcing these operators out of business. The current license fee schedule is attached as Exhibit 1.

A survey completed by one of the delegations produced the following information with respect to license fees for automatic vending machines: Saskatoon - $23.00 per machine; Edmonton - from $2.00 to $50.00 depending on the type of machine; Calgary - $5.00; Metropolitan Toronto -$10.00, Mississauga - $10.00; no license is required in Windsor or Hamilton.

While individual license fees for this category would be reduced, it is difficult to estimate the effect on revenue as many operators of non-electric automatic vending slot machines have refused to take out licenses due to the present fee structure. It is hoped that once the fees are more reasonable, the volume of licensed machines would increase and mitigate any revenue loss anticipated from the reduced fee. Also, inspection and enforcement will be heightened once the new fee schedule is in place.

The issue of equity in the rate structure between electric and non-electric machines should be alleviated with the proposed fee structure in this report.

The issue of having the license fees pro-ratable was also raised at the hearing. Currently license fees are pro-ratable if they exceed $25.00, as anything less than that is not administratively feasible. No change to this section of the by-law is recommended at this time.

The licensing process for these machines was also at issue. Presently each machine requires an individual license, and machines are licensed according to premises. Therefore, if an operator moves a machine, he or she must transfer the license. If operators own many machines, they must deal with a corresponding number of licenses. The proposal is to issue one license to the operator for the number of machines operated, with annual colour-coded license "stickers" to be placed on the machine for identification and enforcement purposes. The stickers would include the following information: City of Winnipeg identification, license year, a sequential number for inventory control purposes, and the type of machine (number of slots).

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The requirement for the identification of the operator under Section 15 of the by-law would remain in order that the public can contact the operator of the machine should problems arise. It is proposed that the by-law contain a clause requiring operators to notify the License Branch if non-electric automatic vending slot machines are sold to another person or corporation in order that the invoice can be sent to the appropriate person at license renewal time.

The licensing process for electric automatic vending slot machines is also cumbersome and a similar "sticker" system should be implemented for this group of vending machines as well. This is not recommended for the 1992 license year, however, due to the fact that proposed license fees have already been advertised through the newspaper and the public hearing process, and the fee structure would change if the City moved away from licensing on a premises basis. Currently the electric machines are subject to a reduced fee for additional machines in one premise. Adverse public reaction would be anticipated if this advantage was removed without warning. A proposal to implement a similar system for the electric vending machines will be made for subsequent license years, provided the system works well for the non-electric variety.

A reduction in fees should be viewed positively by operators. Notice of future increases will be provided on an annual basis by way of a pamphlet to be distributed at the time of license renewal. The pamphlet would provide information on the following year's license fees as well as the change in the application and licensing process.

Approval of the fees over a 6-year period avoids the time- consuming approval process on an annual basis.

Your Committee on Finance and Administration submits for favourable consideration draft by-law to amend the City of Winnipeg License By-law No. 4007/85 to reflect the following changes relating to non-electric automatic vending slot machines:

1. That Item 8 (f) of "Schedule A" to the said by-law be amended to provide the following new license fees for 1992:

   Other automatic vending slot machines, non-electric

i)	for each coin slot	$ 5.00
	but not to exceed	35.00

   charged on the basis that a number of heads or dispensing devices mounted on a single stand or support will be licensed as one machine;

2. That license fees for this category be approved as follows from 1993 to 1997:

	For Each Coin Slot	But Not to Exceed
1993	$ 5.00	$ 35.00
1994	5.00	35.00
1995	6.00	42.00
1996	6.00	42.00
1997	6.00	42.00

3. That licenses in this category not be premise specific, to allow licensees to move machines without the requirement for transfer of license;

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4. That licensees in this category be required to notify the Chief License Inspector if non-electric automatic vending machines are sold to another person or corporation to facilitate the license renewal process; and

5. That a system of license "stickers" be adopted to facilitate both the licensing process and enforcement.

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

Moved by Councillor Selinger,
Adoption of the clause.

Carried.

Application for Exemption from the City of Winnipeg License By-law No. 4007/85 - Winnipeg Press Club. File EL-1.4

730 10. Your Committee on Finance and Administration has been advised that The Winnipeg Press Club has applied for an exemption from the licensing of a billiard parlour and two amusement devices within its premises. It has provided evidence that it operates on a non-profit basis for social and charitable purposes.

The License Branch has inspected the premises and reports that it has not received any complaints regarding the operation and therefore proposes that the exemption from licensing be granted.

The City of Winnipeg has the power to exempt non-profit clubs from licensing under Section 524(1) (t) of The City of Winnipeg Act and can accomplish this by amending the License By-law.

Your Committee on Finance and Administration recommends that the Winnipeg Press Club be exempted from the licensing of a billiard parlour and two amusement devices within its premises.

Your Committee on Finance and Administration therefore submits draft by-law to exempt the Winnipeg Press Club from the licensing of a billiard parlour and certain amusements kept at its premises located at 331 Smith Street pursuant to the provisions of License By-law No. 4007/85.

Your Committee also recommends that the Proper Officers of the City do all things necessary to implement the above recommendations including the execution of any documents related thereto.

Moved by Councillor Selinger,
Adoption of the clause.

Carried.

The City of Winnipeg License By-law No. 4007/85 - License Fees. File EL-1

731 11. Your Committee on Finance and Administration has been advised that on March 2nd, 1992, its Ad Hoc Committee on Licensing and Animal Control held a public hearing to receive representations on the matter of license fee increases under the provisions of the City of Winnipeg License By-law No. 4007/85, as advertised in the Winnipeg Free Press on February 8th, 1992. At that meeting, the Ad Hoc Committee on Licensing and Animal Control approved the proposed license fees and recommended that the matter proceed to the Committee on Finance and Administration and to Council for approval and adoption.

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In 1991, under the provisions of the City of Winnipeg License By-law No. 4007/85 which regulates and controls approximately 82 trades, 18,640 licenses were issued with $958,469.00 realized in revenue. The license fees charged under this by-law for the most part have not been increased since 1983.

A report prepared by the Finance Department, License Branch, was reviewed by the Ad Hoc Committee on Licensing and Animal Control, estimating the cost of licensing these trades to exceed the revenue generated. Costs of the various civic departments involved in enforcing this by-law were included such as the License Branch of the Finance Department, the Police Department, the Fire Department, the Health Department, the Law Department, etc. While the City is not recovering its full costs through the license fee schedule, one hundred per cent cost recovery is not recommended in the short term due to current economic pressures as well as the imprecision of the cost estimates available. If fees had been increased with inflation since 1983, the percentage increase required would be in the neighbourhood of 45%. Exhibit 2 provides a history of the number of licenses issued and revenues earned since 1983 as well as inflationary increases over those years.

An average fee increase of 3 1/3% per annum is recommended for those license categories where the proposed license fee approximates the costs of licensing (Exhibit 1 - Category 1). Over the 6-year period this translates to approximately a 20% increase. Seventy-two percent (72%) of the trades fall into Category 1 which represents approximately 58% of license revenue. The recommended fees have been rounded to the nearest $5.00 in most cases. These calculations result in percentage increases up to 25% in this category over the 6-year period.

The proposed fees for the trades in category 2 have been increased in relation to the cost of licensing (Exhibit 1 - Category 2). An attempt has been made to increase the fees to better reflect costs, but 100% cost recovery is not recommended at this time as noted above. This group of trades represents 28% of the trades and 42% of license revenue. The percentage increases in this category range up to 50% for 1992 and up to 300% over the 6-year period.

Based on 1991 activity, the proposed fees would generate approximately $50,400.00 in incremental revenues in 1992, provided the fee schedule was approved in time for 1992 license renewals. Although the license year commences June 1st, 1992, approval is required as soon as possible to allow for administrative work to be completed.

The proposed fees for 1992 were advertised in the Winnipeg Free Press and the public was invited to a public hearing held on March 2nd, 1992 if they wished to comment on the proposed fee increases. Delegations were heard with respect to the following trades: Non-electric Automatic Vending Machines, Food Handling Establishments, Transient Traders, and Hawkers. Changes to the current license fees have not been recommended for three of these license categories: Non-electric Automatic Vending Slot Machines, Food Handling Establishments, and Transient Traders pending a further report from the Finance Department. The issue raised with the Hawker license category was that the fees should be higher than that proposed, hence an interim license fee increase is being recommended for this category until a subsequent report is submitted by the Finance Department. The issues raised with respect to these trades did not only relate to fees; for example, one request to the Committee was to consider an exemption for transient traders selling only local hand-crafted items.

While a public hearing was held on March 2nd, 1992 to allow the public to make representations with respect to proposed 1992 fee increases, the public will be advised of future increases on an annual basis by way of a pamphlet to be distributed at the time of license renewal. The pamphlet would provide information on the following year's license fees.

Approval of the fees over a 6-year period avoids the time- consuming approval process on an annual basis, particularly as the fee increases are relatively small and the categories are numerous.

Your Committee on Finance and Administration recommends:-

1. That the License Fees for 1992 to 1997 inclusive, outlined in Exhibit I, be approved.

2. That the fees in draft by-law, Schedule "A" to the City of Winnipeg License By-law No. 4007/85 be adopted.

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

Moved by Councillor Selinger,
Adoption of the clause.

Carried.

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Sale of City Lands in the Block bounded by Dufferin and Jarvis Avenues, Derby and Robinson Streets.

File FI-2.4(24)

732 12. Your Committee on Finance and Administration has considered the attached report dated March 5th, 1992, regarding the sale of City lands in the block bounded by Dufferin and Jarvis Avenues, Derby and Robinson Streets, in the Lord Selkirk-West Kildonan Community. The subject City-owned property shown outlined on Misc. Plan No. LSWK 5171/D, was acquired from the Urban Renewal Partnership for the purpose of erecting a fire station. Subsequently, the Fire Department advised that its plans had been revised and the site was no longer required for its purposes. The Civic Properties Department was also unaware of any City need for this site.

The property was withheld from sale with the approval of the Committee on Finance and Administration (January 21st, 1986) for the Indian and Metis Friendship Centre of Winnipeg Inc.

On October 1st, 1991, your Committee on Finance and Administration heard representation advising that the Indian and Metis Friendship Centre no longer requires the City to withhold the subject lands from sale, as it was experiencing difficulty in obtaining the necessary development funds. The Committee instructed that reservation of the property not be extended and instead that consideration be given to the sale of this property to the Winnipeg Habitat for Humanity.

The City then received a letter from Habitat which states that they would be interested in acquiring the subject property for a possible location of a "Jimmy Carter Work Camp".

Habitat has requested to acquire the property for $1.00 under the City's Non-profit Policy except that Habitat, who provides equity interest in properties to the working poor, will be unable to comply with Clause 3 of the eligibility criteria which calls for the property to be returned to the City at the conclusion of the economic life of the project.

At its meeting held January 9th, 1992, your Committee on Finance and Administration, after hearing a delegation from Habitat for Humanity, instructed that Habitat be offered the subject property in accordance with either of the following two alternatives:

1. The sale at the City's cost of acquisition of $39,500.00; or

2. The sale of the subject property for $1.00 in accordance with the City Council approved Policy on the Sale/Lease of City Lands to Non-Profit Organizations.

Further discussions with Habitat have resulted in their willingness to purchase the subject property in accordance with a combination of the foregoing two alternatives:

Habitat has offered as follows:

1. The City to provide a lease to Habitat for $1.00 in accordance with the City's policy on the sale of City Lands to Non-Profit Organizations;

2. That Habitat have the option, at any time during the first 20 years of the lease term, to purchase the property for $39,500.00 adjusted at the rate of 7.5% compounded annually.

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In the meantime, the Indian and Metis Friendship Centre of Winnipeg Inc. in a letter dated February 5th, 1992 advised that they have optioned the private property to the west of the subject property and has requested that "if all the conditions of the offer are met, and the deal goes through, we would be interested in acquiring (all of the subject property west of the extension of Schultz Street) for additional parking, playground and sports field".

This latest Indian and Metis Friendship Centre proposal has not been dealt with by the Administration due to the impending sale to Habitat, however, your Committee on Finance and Administration has instructed the Administration to offer the Centre an alternate parcel of land to meet their parking and recreation needs.

Your Committee on Finance and Administration recommends:-

1. That the sale of the subject property to Winnipeg Habitat for Humanity in accordance with the Offer to Purchase outlined herein and such changes as deemed necessary by the City Solicitor to satisfy the intent of Council, be approved.

2. That the Proper Officers of the City do all things necessary to implement the above recommendation including the execution of any documents relative thereto.

Moved by Councillor Selinger,
Adoption of the clause.

Carried.

(Note: See Minute No. 737 for attachment.)

Amendment to By-law No. 350/73 relating to Appointments to the Civic Charities Endorsement Bureau.
Files GL-5.2 and GC-7

733 13. Your Committee on Finance and Administration at its November 12th, 1991 meeting instructed the Administration to recommend the appropriate amendments to By-law No. 350/73 to ensure continuity on the Bureau by providing for the terms of office to expire on alternate years.

Your Committee is of the opinion that it is desirable to have approximately one-third of the citizen membership of the Bureau retire on an annual basis. The terms of office must then be changed from two years to three years.

Your Committee submits for favourable consideration draft by- law to amend By-law No. 350/73, and recommends:-

1. That the terms of office for members of the Civic Charities Endorsement Bureau be changed from two years to three years.

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

Moved by Councillor Selinger,
Adoption of the clause.

Carried.

734 - Attachments referred to in Clause 5 of the Report of the Committee on Finance and Administration, dated March 10th, 1992.

(NOTE: SEE PAGES 974 TO 977 FOR OFFICIAL SET OF MINUTES FOR ATTACHMENT)

735 - Attachments referred to in Clause 6 of the Report of the Committee on Finance and Administration, dated March 10th, 1992.

(NOTE: SEE PAGES 978 TO 980 FOR OFFICIAL SET OF MINUTES FOR ATTACHMENT.)

736 - Attachments referred to in Clause 8 of the Report of the Committee on Finance and Administration, dated March 10th, 1992.

(NOTE: SEE PAGES 981 TO 984 FOR OFFICIAL SET OF MINUTES FOR ATTACHMENT)

737 - Attachments referred to in Clause 12 of the Report of the Committee on Finance and Administration, dated March 10th, 1992.

(NOTE: SEE PAGES 985 TO 987 FOR OFFICIAL SET OF MINUTES FOR ATTACHMENT)

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION
MOTIONS

Moved by Councillor Boychuk,
Seconded by Councillor Golden,

738 THAT the decision of Council at its meeting held on February 12th, 1992, regarding pension increases for Councillors and remuneration be reconsidered.

Required to Stand as Notice
of Motion

CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

739 On motion of Councillor Selinger, 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. 5910/92, a By-law of the City of Winnipeg to amend By-law No. 1322/76 being the Winnipeg Fire Prevention By-law. File No. EB-1.7.

By-law No. 5911/92, a By-law of the City of Winnipeg to amend By-law No. 4007/85, being the City of Winnipeg License By-law. File No. EL-1.4.

By-law No. 5912/92, a By-law of the City of Winnipeg to amend By-law No. 350/73, being a by-law to regulate and control the Civic Charities Endorsement Bureau. File Nos. GC-7 & GL-5.2.

On motion of Councillor Selinger, 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. 5924/92, a By-law of the City of Winnipeg to amend By-law No. 4007/85 being The City of Winnipeg License By-law. File No. EL-1.

By-law No. 5925/92, a By-law of the City of Winnipeg to amend By-law No. 4007/85, being the City of Winnipeg License By-law. File No. EL-1.

QUESTION PERIOD

740 Councillor Kaufmann drew attention to City contributions to the employee pension plan since 1988, which have been in excess of employee contributions, and also to the fact that these contributions have resulted in a $135 million surplus in the plan. However, under collective agreements, the City is only entitled to receive one-third of the money back. He asked if the Chairman would ask the Board of Commissioners to meet with the respective unions to open the agreements to negotiate a settlement which will return some of the monies to the citizens of Winnipeg.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION – QUESTION PERIOD (continued)

Councillor Selinger replied that no member of the Committee on Finance and Administration sits on the Pension Board, but that Councillors Kaufmann and Douglas are the City's representatives. As representatives of the Board, a meeting with the Board of Commissioners could be requested, and suggested a canvass of the other members of the Board to determine any change to the by-law. He offered to raise the matter with the Board of Commissioners if Councillor Kaufmann wished him to do so.

Councillor Fraser referred to an earlier question he posed to Mayor Norrie concerning the number of positions which have been approved under the freeze on "M" series, and asked if the Chairman finds it alarming that under a freeze situation for a full year, that of the 83 recommended positions in management coming forward, only two would have any questions attached before going to the Executive Policy Committee for approval. Noting that fact, and the fact that there is room to consolidate management within the City of Winnipeg, he asked for a response.

Councillor Selinger replied that positions that are approved through the W.A.P.S.O. freeze are approved by each respective Standing Committee and not Committee on Finance and Administration. Each Standing Committee is responsible for positions in departments reporting to that Standing Committee and then recommendations go forward to Executive Policy Committee. There is no consolidated jurisdiction that allows review by the Committee on Finance and Administration. The personnel functions of the City now report to the Chief Commissioner and not the Committee on Finance and Administration. He proceeded to elaborate on his personal view that each Standing Committee has the authority to review the filling of positions, and he hoped that decisions were made in the best interests of the departments functioning effectively to serve the public.

Councillor Fraser expressed the view that the Committee has a very significant responsibility for the finances of the City, and while this process has been going on for the past year, it is at a heavy cost to the City because it has not been addressed.

Councillor Selinger drew attention to the Organizational By- law and the delegation of authority outlined therein. He advised that as a person who is concerned about using the resources of the City, he agrees that both Standing Committees and Executive Policy Committee should scrutinize the situation. He advised that to place the matter in perspective, in the beginning of 1992, there were 930 administrative and management employees on staff in the City including the "M" series, the non-W.A.P.S.O. people. Of these 434, or 47%, were supervisory or management positions, and the remaining positions were professional or technical positions. He stated that there is a common misconception that all people in W.A.P.S.O. series are managers, and this is not the case. The 930 figure is 20 below the City's establishment of 950 positions, and well below the 1200 total often used.

Councillor Fraser referred to the decreasing changes to realty taxes this year under various proposals, and the fact that under present methods, the administration approaches a new year in anticipation of a level of expenditure approval. He asked the status of expenditures as the City nears the end of the first quarter of this year.

Councillor Selinger drew attention to the fact that a quarterly report was received with respect to expenditure controls at the meeting just before the budget meeting, and another would be forthcoming within a few months. If it is suggested that the Committee on Finance and Administration should have responsibility for this matter, he pointed out that the responsibility for centralized control is not assigned to the Committee.