No. 6

Council Chamber,
Winnipeg, January 22nd, 1992.

Council met this day at 1:30 p.m.

The Speaker called the meeting to order.

Opening Prayer read by Councillor Kaufmann.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: The Speaker Councillor Eadie, Councillors Wade, Boychuk, Brown, Clement, Demare, Diamant, Douglas, Duguid, Fleisher, Fraser, Gilroy, Golden, Hyman, Kaufmann, Lazarenko, Lorenc, Mendelson, Murray, O'Shaughnessy, Reese, Thomas, Timmers, Young, Yuen and His Worship Mayor Norrie.

Councillors Mitchelson, Prystanski and Selinger entered the meeting after roll call.

In Attendance: Mr. D.W. King, Acting City Clerk, Mrs. D. Browton, Acting Deputy City Clerk and Mrs. R. Busilla, Committee Clerk.

INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME OF GUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

350 - The Speaker introduced and welcomed students from the Creative Communications Class, Red River Community College in attendance and seated in the public gallery.

351 - Councillor Yuen advised Council that the Chinese community will be celebrating Chinese New Year on February 4th, 1992. He advised that 1992 is the Year of the Monkey and expressed the hope that it would be a more energetic and creative year than 1991.

352 - The Speaker welcomed Mr. Harold Taylor, former MLA for Wolseley and former City Councillor, seated in the public gallery.

353 - The Speaker welcomed Dr. P. Wichern, Associate Professor, Department of Political Studies, accompanied by students from the Urban and Local Politics class, University of Manitoba, in attendance and seated in the public gallery.

MINUTES

Councillor Yuen moved that the minutes of the meeting held on December 18th, 1991, be taken as read and confirmed, which motion was carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were received as information:

From the City Solicitor,

354 - Submitting, as instructed by Council on October 10th, 1990, draft by-law to close and open the westerly terminus of Riverton Avenue, west of Brazier Street, in the East Kildonan-Transcona Community, which by-law may receive first reading only. File No. DAOC 2/90. (By-law No. 5823/92)

Communications (continued)

From the City Solicitor,
355 - Submitting, as instructed by Council on May 25th, 1988, and November 6th, 1991, draft by-law to widen the northeast and southeast corners of Henderson Highway and Martin Avenue West, in the East Kildonan-Transcona Community, which by-law may receive all three readings. File Nos. DAO 12/88, DAO 13/88 and DAO 28/89. (By-law No. 5824/92)

From the City Solicitor,
356 - Submitting, as instructed by Council on November 6th, 1991, draft by-law to widen the northeast corner of Gateway Road and McLeod Avenue, in the East Kildonan-Transcona Community, which by-law may receive all three readings. File No. DAO 2/85. (By-law No. 5825/92)

From the City Solicitor,
357 - Submitting, as instructed by Council on November 6th, 1991, draft by-law to widen the street corner at the northeast corner of Victoria Grove and Belfast Street, in the St. Boniface-St. Vital Community, which by-law may receive all three readings. File No. DAO 17/91. (By-law No. 5826/92)

From the City Solicitor,
358 - Submitting, as instructed by Council on November 27th, 1991, draft by-law to amend By-law No. 1573/77, being The City of Winnipeg Traffic By-law, which by-law may receive all three readings. File No. ST-5.2. (By-law No. 5827/92)

From the City Solicitor,
359 - Submitting, as instructed by Council on December 18th, 1991, draft by-law to rezone the following lands:
Block 34, Brainerd Cove; Beaufort Crescent; Bairdmore Boulevard; Part Lot 2, Block 30 and 33, Branson Crescent; Wells Gray Place - Lot 3, Block 30 and Lot 1, Block 6, in the Assiniboine Park-Fort Garry Community, which by-law may receive all three readings. File No. DAZ 239/91. (By-law No. 5829/92)

From the City Solicitor,
360 - Submitting, as instructed by Council on December 18th, 1991, draft by-law to rezone the land on the south side of Aberdeen Avenue, east of Main Street, in the Lord Selkirk-West Kildonan Community, which by-law may receive all three readings. File No. DAZ 245/91. (By-law No. 5830/92)

From the City Solicitor,
361 - Submitting, as instructed by Council on December 18th, 1991, draft by-law to amend By-law No. 504/73, being the Water Works By-law, which by-law may receive all three readings. File Nos. WW-2.3 and FE(1992). (By-law No. 5831/92)

From the City Solicitor,
362 - Submitting, as instructed by Council on December 18th, 1991, draft by-law to estimate and fix the surcharges as provided for in By-law No. 5058/88, being the Sewer Utility By-law, which by-law may receive all three readings. File Nos. WW-2.3 and FE(1992). (By-law No. 5832/92)

From the City Solicitor,
363 - Submitting, as instructed by Council on December 18th, 1991, draft by-law to amend By-law No. 5058/88, being the Sewer Utility By-law, which by-law may receive all three readings. File Nos. WW-2.3 and FE(1992). (By-law No. 5833/92)

From the City Solicitor,
364 - Submitting, as instructed by Council on October 31st, 1990, draft by-law to widen the northeast and northwest corners of Emily Street and Notre Dame Avenue, and street widening on the east and west sides of Emily Street, north of Notre Dame Avenue, in the City Centre-Fort Rouge Community, which by-law may receive all three readings. File No. DAO 4/90. (By-law No. 5834/92)

Communications (continued)

From the City Solicitor,
365 - Submitting, as instructed by Council on November 27th, 1991, draft by-law to widen the east side of Watt Street between Desalaberry and Nairn Avenues, in the East Kildonan-Transcona Community, which by-law may receive all three readings. File No. DAO 10/90. (By-law No. 5835/92)

From the City Solicitor,
366 - Submitting, as instructed by Council on November 27th, 1991, draft by-law to widen the public lane east of St. Mary's Road, north of Maralbo Avenue, in the St. Boniface-St. Vital Community, which by-law may receive all three readings. File No. DAO 24/91. (By-law No. 5836/92)

From the City Solicitor,
367 - Submitting, as instructed by Council on November 6, 1991, draft by-law to widen the southwest corner of Kenaston Boulevard and Tuxedo Avenue, in the Assiniboine Park-Fort Garry Community, which by-law may receive all three readings. File No. DAO 7/89. (By-law No. 5837/92)

From the City Solicitor,
368 - Submitting, as instructed by Council on October 16th, 1991, draft by-law to close the balance of public lane west of Lexington Street between Mission and Paris Streets, in the St. Boniface-St. Vital Community, which by-law may receive first reading only. File No. DAC 13/91. (By-law No. 5839/92)

Moved by Councillor Douglas,
That the rule be suspended and the following communications which were received too late to be placed on the regular agenda, be received as information.

Carried.

From the City Solicitor,
369 - Submitting, as instructed by Council on December 18th, 1991, draft by-law to rezone the land at 521, 523 and 525 Doreen Street, in the City Centre-Fort Rouge Community, which by-law may receive all three readings. File No. DAZ 238/91. (By-law No. 5840/92)

From the City Solicitor,
370 - Submitting, as instructed by Council on December 18th, 1991, draft by-law to rezone the land at 868 John Bruce Road, in the St. Boniface-St. Vital Community, which by-law may receive all three readings. File No. DAZ 242/91. (By-law No. 5841/92)

From the City Solicitor,
371 - Submitting, as instructed by Council on January 23rd, 1991, draft by-law to amend the Parking Meter By-law No. 820/74, which by-law may receive all three readings. File No. ST-2. (By-law No. 5842/92)

From the City Solicitor,
372 - Submitting, as instructed by Council on November 27th, 1991, draft by-law to widen the corner at the intersection of the first lane north of Kurt Avenue with the first lane west of King Edward Street, in the Lord Selkirk-West Kildonan Community, which by-law may receive all three readings. File No. DAO 3/87. (By-law No. 5843/92)

From the City Solicitor,
373 - Submitting, as instructed by Council on November 27th, 1991, draft by-law to authorize the undertaking of certain local improvements during the year 1991, which by-law may receive all three readings. File Nos. FC(1991) and SL. (By-law No. 5844/92)

Communications (continued)

From the City Solicitor,
374 - Submitting, as instructed by Council on November 6th, 1991, draft by-law to amend By-law No. 4007/85, being the City of Winnipeg License By-law, for increase to transient traders' licenses, which by-law may receive all three readings. File No. EL. (By-law No. 5845/92)

From the City Solicitor,
375 - Submitting, as instructed by Council on August 1st, 1990, draft by-law to close part of the public lane on the north side of Slater Avenue, west of Henderson Highway, in the East Kildonan-Transcona Community, which by-law may receive first reading only. File No. DAC 23/89. (By-law No. 5846/92)

From the City Solicitor,
376 - Submitting, as instructed by Council on October 31st, 1990, draft by-law to change the role of the Winnipeg Public Library Board and for the adoption of new directions for Library Services, which by-law may receive all three readings. File Nos. L-11 and L-12. (By-law No. 5847/92)

From the City Solicitor,
377 - Submitting, as instructed by Council on December 12, 1990, draft by-law for zoning text amendments to Zoning By-law No. 1558 with regard to parking regulations and building materials, sales, enclosed within a structure in the St. James-Assiniboia Community. (File No. DAZ 234/90)

Also advising that, as instructed by Council on October 16th, 1991, the by-law also contains the following zoning text amendments to Zoning By-law No. 1558 and may receive all three readings:-

- To establish regulations for non-conforming single and two- family dwellings - all zoning by-laws and Town Planning Schemes except By-law No. 4800; (File No. DAZ 216/91)

- To standardize the regulations for political campaign signs - all zoning by-laws and Town Planning Schemes except By-law No. 4800; (File No. DAZ 217/91)

- To the regulations governing restaurants, clubs, banquet halls, cabarets, cocktail lounges, dance halls and parking requirements for said uses - all zoning by-laws and Town Planning Schemes except By-law No. 4800. (File No. DAZ 224/91) (By-law No. 5848/92)

DELEGATIONS

378 - Dr. Richard Stanwick, Medical Health Officer, introduced Mr. Joey Gregorash, Honorary Chairperson, National Non-Smoking Week, in association with the Manitoba Lung Association, 629 McDermot Avenue.

Mr. Gregorash appeared before Council, along with two Grade 4 students from Collicut School, Justin Vandal and Cheryl Johnson, on behalf of the National Non-Smoking Week Committee, to present buttons to all members of Council in connection with National Non-Smoking Week. File EH-1.2.

In his introduction, Dr. Stanwick stated that Winnipeg is the first government body, municipal or provincial, within this province, that has passed clean air regulations. Dr. Stanwick filed a list of the students in attendance this afternoon.

379 - Ms Terry Sinclair, Chairperson, Urban Transportation Committee, and Mr. David Martin, Manitoba League of the Physically Handicapped, 200 - 294 Portage Avenue, appeared before Council in support of Clause 12 of the Report of the Committee on Works and Operations, dated January 9th, 1992, in connection with the proposed expansion of Handi-Transit eligibility to legally blind persons.

Delegations (continued)

The delegation outlined concerns with respect to the City's current level of transit service to citizens with physical disabilities. Ms Sinclair cited incidents whereby requests for transit service are being turned down, and, as well, constantly busy telephone lines and scheduling problems. The delegation stated concern that the recommendation contained within Clause 12 for funding in the amount of $500,000.00 would be inadequate to meet the service demands within the community. File No. TT-1.3.

Mr. Ross Eadie appeared before Council in opposition to certain aspects of the above clause, particularly with respect to possible abuse of the program. He suggested that a "use criteria" or priority system be developed whereby visually impaired passengers would have to qualify to use the Handi-Transit. He expressed concern that visually impaired residents may become too reliant on the service and sacrifice their mobility skills.