CONSIDERATION OF REPORT OF THE

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

On motion of Mayor Norrie, the Report of the Executive Policy Committee, dated June 10th, 1992, was considered clause by clause.

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

His Worship the Mayor and Councillors:-

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

Local Improvement Deletions - Bonner Avenue and McIvor Avenue. File SL-1

1019 - 1. Council, at its meeting held on May 27th, 1992, ruled automatic referral of the following motion to your Committee, under Section 16.1 of the Procedure By-law No. 5400/90:-

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

"That the following listed local improvements, shown on page 28 of the Schedule to By-law No. 5880/92 be deleted:-

Sidewalks

1. 5 feet on the south side of Bonner Avenue, from Bunn's Grove to Rothesay Street - $14,000.00

2. 5 feet on the south side of McIvor Avenue from the east line of Mornefortune Crescent to Rothesay Street - $13,000.00

3. 5 feet on the south side of McIvor Avenue from the east line of Pentland Street to the west line of Mornefortune Crescent - $11,000.00"

Your Executive Policy Committee concurs in the above motion and recommends that the above noted sidewalk local improvements be deleted from page 28 of the Schedule to By-law No. 5880/92.

Your Committee therefore recommends that the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to effect the intent of the above recommendation.

Moved by Mayor Norrie,
Adoption of the clause.

Carried.

Cross-Border Shopping. File GG-1

1020 - 2. On May 27th, 1992, Council referred the following motion to your Executive Policy Committee, namely:-

Moved by Councillor Fraser,
Seconded by Councillor Fleisher,

"WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg continues to suffer significantly from 'cross border' shopping;

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AND WHEREAS the City and the Province spend millions of dollars on tourism development;

AND WHEREAS provincial legislation restricts many Winnipeg businesses from opening on Sundays and forces others to operate understaffed; AND WHEREAS tourists who are attracted to Winnipeg for a weekend want to shop in Winnipeg stores and are prevented from doing so by this Provincial legislation;

AND WHEREAS Winnipeg retailers who open on Sundays cannot provide the normal level of customer service that they do Monday through Friday, due to this restrictive legislation;

AND WHEREAS experts on 'cross border shopping' recommend that governments introduce Sunday shopping as one important ingredient to combat 'cross border shopping' by Canadians;

AND WHEREAS Winnipeg retailers need a 'level playing field' to compete with out-of-province markets such as Grand Forks and Fargo, particularly on Sundays;

AND WHEREAS other Provincial Governments either provide Sunday shopping opportunities unrestricted or are considering introducing such permissive legislation;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Mayor meet with the Premier and appropriate Provincial Ministers to urge them to initiate immediate legislative change to permit Sunday shopping in the Province of Manitoba which would permit retailers in particular to open fully staffed, thereby presenting an 'open for business' environment for visitors and citizens of our Province and the City of Winnipeg."

Your Executive Policy Committee recommends that no action be taken on the motion and that the matter be filed.

For the information of Council, the City's Official Delegation will inquire of the Province of Manitoba as to its intention concerning the "Sunday Shopping" issue and will advise the Province that the City is prepared to discuss the matter following a determination as to what the Province is intending to do.

Moved by Mayor Norrie,
Adoption of the clause.

Carried.

Financial Support to Capital Projects in the Winnipeg Area. File GG-1

1021 - 3. In a March 25th, 1992 letter to Mayor Norrie, the Prime Minister made reference to a number of Federal projects and Federally cost-shared capital projects in Winnipeg. In this letter, mention was made of Federal-Provincial negotiations on improvements to the national highway system as outlined in the February 25th, 1992 Budget Speech. In that speech, the Federal Finance Minister committed the Federal Government to developing a positive environment in which the private sector could create growth, wealth and jobs. In particular, the Minister stated that the Federal Government was prepared to work with the Provinces to explore ways in which the national highway system might be upgraded in a fiscally responsible manner. While reference was made to the "national highway system", there was no mention made of local streets and roads.

The issue of improvements to the national highway system was under active consideration by a Federal-Provincial committee in preparation for the First Ministers Meeting on the Economy held during the third week in March. A leaked draft document for the Meeting, unanimously supported during a recent meeting of highways ministers, contained a proposal for a 10 year, $850 million Federal-Provincial program to pave 25,000 kilometers of highway throughout Canada, creating 146,000 person years of work.

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The document stated that $38 million of the $850 million would be spent on upgrading and improving three Manitoba Highways - No. 1, No. 75 and the Yellowhead. Funding would be provided on a 65%-35% basis between the Federal and Manitoba governments: $25 million to be spent by the Federal Government, $13 million by the Province. The Prime Minister said during the meeting that any new highways program would be funded within the existing fiscal framework. No new taxes would be levied.

The First Ministers' Meeting concluded with a commitment to upgrade the national highway system in a fiscally responsible manner. The details of such a program are still under negotiation. However, when recently contacted by Research Branch staff, Federal and Province of Manitoba officials claimed that no funds had been allocated. The respective governments may or may not be actively considering the program contained in the leaked document.

Subsequent to these events, at its meeting held on March 25th, 1992, Council passed a motion concerning a cost-shared street renewal program in Winnipeg. The motion resolved that the Official Delegation request the Province to participate in a joint City-Province road and street renewal program in Winnipeg. It proposed a ten year, $75 million program which could be funded on the same 65%-35% basis suggested for the Federal-Provincial program as contained in the leaked document.

The motion of Council seems to presuppose that the Federal Government and the Province of Manitoba alone had agreed to a cost-shared, 10 year, $850 million highway construction program. In fact, the $850 million represents the total program cost of which only some $38 million, earmarked for the three highways, would be spent in Manitoba. Clearly, no funding for the City's proposed $75 million program could come from a proposed Federal-Province of Manitoba cost-shared program with a total budget of $38 million.

All of this notwithstanding, the City could benefit from the program in that the three highways run through or terminate in Winnipeg. Any improvements proposed by the City for those streets that are designated as "Highway No. 1" and "Highway No. 75" (north of Rue des Trappistes) within The City of Winnipeg should be put forward for cost-sharing by the senior levels of government. (Manitoba and Winnipeg presently are cost-sharing the twinning of Highway No. 75 from the south city limits to Rue des Trappistes.)

However, it must be reiterated that the resolution presupposes an agreement in place. Nothing has been agreed to and no funds have been allocated.

Nonetheless The City of Winnipeg should ask the Province to participate in additional road construction and renewal programs within its boundaries. The Province's role in negotiating a joint highway construction program with the Federal Government illustrates Manitoba's eagerness to obtain senior level government cost-sharing for highway construction in Manitoba. The City of Winnipeg likewise should vigorously pursue additional Provincial cost-sharing for needed street reconstruction and renewal. Research indicates that of the $200 million in gasoline and motive (diesel) fuel taxes the Province expects to collect in this fiscal year, as much as $114 million will come from Winnipeg residents. For this reason alone, the City should press for a new and separate $75 million, 10 year regional street renewal program in Winnipeg cost-shared by the Province on a 65%/35% basis. The Province's share would amount to $48,750,000.00 over 10 years while the City would spend $26,250,000.00 over the same period.

Finally, the City administration will continue to monitor the progress of negotiations between the Federal and Provincial Governments on cost-shared highway construction programs. It would appear, however, that access to any such funds must be pursued vigorously at the political level.

Your Executive Policy Committee recommends:-

1. That any improvements proposed by The City of Winnipeg for those streets that are designated as "Highway No. 1" and "Highway No. 75" (north of Rue des Trappistes) within The City of Winnipeg should be put forward for cost-sharing by the senior levels of government.

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2. That the City request the Province to enter into a $75 million supplementary 10 year regional street renewal program in Winnipeg, funded 65% by the Province, 35% by Winnipeg.

Moved by Mayor Norrie,
Adoption of the clause.

Carried.

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

1022 - 4. Council on March 25th, 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, Appeal and Variance Committees and The Board of Commissioners.

Your Executive Policy Committee has requested a report from the administration on this matter. The report will be completed and ready for consideration within the next month or so.

Your Committee therefore requests that Council grant an extension of time of 60 days to deal with this matter.

Moved by Mayor Norrie,
Adoption of the clause.

Carried.

Public and Police Scale - 1051 Arlington Street. File S-2

1023 - 5. The City, from 1963 to 1985, provided a public scale function at the corner of Logan and McPhillips under the direction of the Finance Department. Prior to that a public scale was provided in the Old Market Square area. In 1984 an assessment was made of the economical viability of the public scale service and it was determined that the public scale operation was not economical to run because of the low volume of public weigh-ins resulting in a loss of $18,000.00 per year and the facility was closed. After a month, because of public concern with respect to the availability of alternative scaling facilities, the scale was reopened. Council agreed in 1985 that when the Operations Department decided to replace the Ross and Tecumseh Yard scale that the public scale service would be combined with the Operations Department Ross and Tecumseh Yard scale which was to be built at 1051 Arlington Street. The new Ross and Tecumseh yard scale was built off Arlington with sufficient truck queue storage area, a deck scale, an axle scale (which is used primarily for Police enforcement of the Highway Traffic Act weight regulations) and a storage area for overloaded vehicles.

The new Pacific Avenue site for the combined District No. 1, District No. 2 and Ross and Tecumseh Yard facilities does not leave any room for the provision of a public and/or police scale operation at that location. The Operations Department functions do not require the full facility that now exists at 1051 Arlington Street and may not require any scale facility depending upon the continuation of the operation of the asphalt and concrete plants.

A deck scale requiring no queuing truck storage area, no load storage area, and a sharper turning radius than a public scale would be required for deliveries to asphalt and concrete plants in the new Pacific Yard. This yard scale with minimal space requirement would be built inside the yard area away from Pacific Avenue and would not interfere with the public works facilities.

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The use of the present public scale is approximately 8,000 trucks per year and the service can be provided by a number of private scales located around the City. The use of the axle scale by the Police Department is nominal (approximately 250 trucks per year) and could be replaced by portable scales or the axle scale could be relocated.

The rate for weighing a truck at the City and private scales throughout the City is between $5 to $6. At 8,000 trucks this would generate $48,000.00 which is not sufficient to cover the cost of operation and amortization of a scale. The use of the axle scale is limited (mostly by the Police Department). Using portable scales the Police would not be able to ticket, however trucks whose weight approached or exceeded the legal allowable weight would be escorted to a certified scale such as one of the Highway Department scales located at the junction of Highway 2 and 3, Perimeter Highway and Highway No. 59, or at Headingley on P.T.H. No. 1 West. The Police Department has indicated that it would be much more preferable to have an axle scale in the downtown area because of the concern of sending overweight trucks to a Highways Scale located on the perimeter of the City.

A list of other scales available in the City is attached.

It is proposed that the relocation of the Police scale be the subject of another report. The Police Department is reviewing its requirements and options at the present time.

Your Executive Policy Committee recommends:-

1. That The City of Winnipeg not provide a public scale service once the operation at 1051 Arlington Street is discontinued due to the location of the Federal Government Virology Lab on the site.

2. That The City of Winnipeg not provide a Police Scale, once the operation at 1051 Arlington Street is discontinued, until such time as an alternative location is found.

3. That the Director of Operations, in consultation with the Acting Chief of Police and the City Solicitor, negotiate with the private sector the use of its scale(s) for police purposes once the operation is discontinued at 1051 Arlington Street.

For the information of Council, notice of the discontinuance of the public scale would be given to users of the Arlington Street scale should this clause be adopted.

Moved by Mayor Norrie
Adoption of the clause.

Moved by Councillor Thomas,
That the clause be referred to the Committee on Works and Operations and the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture.

Carried.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

MOTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Moved by Councillor Reese,
Seconded by Councillor Mendelson,
1024 - WHEREAS Saint Boniface was founded in 1818 by Joseph Norbert Provencher on a land grant given to the Catholic Church by Thomas Douglas, the fifth Earl of Selkirk;

AND WHEREAS the land grant which forms the major part of the former City of Saint Boniface is the largest tract of land granted by Lord Selkirk at Red River Colony (see Hudson Bay Company Land Tenures by Martin Archer);

AND WHEREAS the Selkirk land grant is recorded in two indentures dated May 18th and May 19th at Montreal, notarized, signed by Lord Selkirk and witnessed by Bishop Plessis, Joseph Norbert Provencher and others, (see H.B.C. Land Tenures by Martin Archer for copies of indentures given to the Catholic Church);

AND WHEREAS the founding of the Mission of Saint Boniface brought peace and harmony to Red River Colony with the amalgamation of the two rival fur trading companies, (The Northwest Company and the Hudson Bay Company) in 1821;

AND WHEREAS Saint Boniface is the See of the first Bishopric in Western Canada;

AND WHEREAS Louis Riel, the founder of Manitoba, was born at Saint Boniface on the Jean Baptiste Lagimodiere and Marie-Anne Gaboury homestead, (Louis Riel's grandparents) situated on lot 684, listed in Register B of The Hudson Bay Company land tenures;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Canada and the Government of Manitoba recognize Louis Riel's contribution to the founding of Manitoba;

AND WHEREAS the recognition of Louis Riel by both governments give national status to the founder of Manitoba and to the rights of the Metis peoples;

AND WHEREAS lot 684 (the Lagimodiere homestead) was a land grant by Lord Selkirk in 1817 to Jean Baptiste Lagimodiere during his visit to Red River Colony for services rendered to the Colony and to His Lordship;

AND WHEREAS Louis Riel is a son of Saint Boniface;

AND WHEREAS Louis Riel was born, educated and is buried in the cathedral cemetery in Saint Boniface;

AND WHEREAS the communities of Saint Vital and Saint Norbert are outgrowths of the Diocese of Saint Boniface (the Mission of Saint Norbert was founded by Bishop Tache in 1857 and the Mission of Saint Vital was also founded by Bishop Tache in 1860);

AND WHEREAS Saint Boniface, Assiniboia and Kildonan were the first three communities to be established as municipalities by the Government of Manitoba in 1880;

AND WHEREAS the name Saint Boniface is recognized nationally and internationally as a French/English speaking population established in Western Canada since Manitoba's early beginnings;

AND WHEREAS the obliteration of Saint Boniface as a community committee of the City of Winnipeg can only be interpreted as a denial of Manitoba's early beginnings and discredits the contribution to our Province, to Western Canada and to the development of the City of Winnipeg;

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BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Winnipeg impress on the Government of Manitoba the importance of preserving the historical name of Saint Boniface as the name of the new community committee in the restructuring of the wards and communities committees for the City of Winnipeg.

With the concurrence of her seconder, and with the permission of Council, Councillor Reese withdrew her motion.

Moved by Councillor Boychuk,
Seconded by Councillor Reese,
1025 - WHEREAS on April 15th, 1992, several motions on the question of the Councillors' pension plan were referred to Executive Policy Committee;

AND WHEREAS this is a matter that cannot be delayed any further;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Section 5(3) of By-law No. 3689/84 be repealed and the former provision be reinstated;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 1984 pension plan be terminated as of November 3rd, 1992, and that it be limited to current members and contribution and compensation levels be restricted to the levels described in By-law No. 3553/83 and as amended by By-law No. 3689/84.

The Speaker ruled that the motion be tabled at this time in view of Executive Policy Committee's consideration of this matter and recommendation contained in its report of today's date.

(For disposition of the motion, see Minute No. 1045)

Moved by Councillor Selinger,
Seconded by Councillor Thomas,
1026 - WHEREAS personal, sexual, and racial harassment (hereinafter termed harassment) offends the dignity of all human beings, thus constituting a violation of our human rights;

AND WHEREAS these and all forms of harassment undermine and impair the ability of councillors to conduct and deliberate upon civic concerns;

AND WHEREAS harassment clauses are becoming standard in collective agreements;

AND WHEREAS the City Council's Procedure By-law contains no harassment clauses which prohibit harassment;

AND WHEREAS it is important that Council set an example for the public in the conduct of public matters before Council;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that City Council include clauses in the Procedure By-law to prohibit harassment;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a warning be issued and in the case of a second violation the violator be required to leave the Chamber for the remainder of the meeting;

AND BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that these clauses be presented to Council for a vote no later than the September, 1992 meeting.

Automatic referral to the
Sub-Committee on Rules in
accordance with Section 16.1
of the Procedure By-law.

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MOTIONS

Moved by Councillor Timmers,
Seconded by Councillor Yuen,

1027 - WHEREAS Council on March 25th, 1992, passed 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;

AND WHEREAS an election for the zone board members of the first board was held in accordance with the terms of said by-law;

AND WHEREAS Section 6 of the by-law provides that the membership shall consist of seven (7) members from the zone who each shall be from a business which is located in the zone, and who shall be appointed in accordance with the process provided in Sections 8 to 11 inclusive, of By-law No. 5921/92;

AND WHEREAS the initial term of office of the seven zone board members shall be as follows:-

1. Four (4) zone board members shall hold office from the date of appointment to the first meeting of Council in January, 1994;

2. Three (3) zone board members shall hold office from the date of appointment to the first meeting of Council in January, 1993;

AND WHEREAS the said by-law provides that the City Clerk's certification as to the tabulation of ballots and the placement of the nominees in their respective category shall be final and not subject to appeal;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council appoint the four (4) nominees with the highest number of votes to hold office from the date of appointment to the first meeting of Council in January, 1994, namely:-

BAILLEY, Terry
LEROUX, Larry
McLEOD, Wayne
CHALLONER, Paul

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the next three (3) zone board members be appointed, to hold office from the date of appointment to the first meeting of Council in January, 1993, namely:-

KRESZ, Veronica
HOEKSTRA, Fokke, P.
GUERRA, Manuel

Councillor Mitchelson called for the motion to Stand as Notice.

Moved by Councillor Diamant,
That the rule be suspended to allow consideration of the motion at this time.

The motion to suspend the rule was put.

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

Yea: Councillors Boychuk, Clement, Demare, Diamant, Duguid, Gilroy, Golden, Lazarenko, Lorenc, Mendelson, Murray, O'Shaughnessy, Prystanski, Reese, Selinger, Thomas, Timmers, Timm-Rudolph, Yuen, Mayor Norrie and Councillor Eadie.

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Nay: Councillors Brown, Douglas, Fleisher, Fraser and Mitchelson. 5

and the motion to suspend the rule was declared carried.

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

Carried.

The motion was put and declared carried.

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QUESTION PERIOD

1028 - Councillor Lazarenko advised that he had received many complaints with respect to Council's decision not to mow certain boulevards throughout the City, and asked the Mayor whether he had any intention to order that boulevards be mowed, as was done in 1984.

Mayor Norrie replied that he expects the issue to be debated before the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture, and if not before that Committee, then likely before the Executive Policy Committee.

Councillor Murray indicated there is some urgency to obtain a commitment from the other levels of government with respect to programs to replace the Core Area Initiative projects, and asked what the status is in this matter.

Mayor Norrie replied that discussion arose at the Official Delegation meeting last Monday, and the Federal Government is waiting to be heard from and the Minister of Urban Affairs and himself will endeavour to be in touch with the Honourable Mr. Epp again to underline the urgency. If no response is received by the end of the month, Mayor Norrie indicated that the Province and the City will be discussing the possibility of going ahead independently in this matter, although this is not the preference.

Councillor Murray asked whether there is any strategy which might be put in place - i.e. public hearings, or whatever to raise the public's awareness in this regard.

Mayor Norrie replied that a definitive answer as to the Federal Government's final position is needed in the first place.

Councillor Murray asked Mayor Norrie to take up with the Minister the matter of housing legislation proposed under Bill 13, which has been promised by the Provincial Government for the past two years.

Mayor Norrie undertook to discuss this matter with the Minister within the next few days.

Councillor Fraser enquired as to when the Pan Am Games Bid Committee is going to report to Executive Policy Committee, and specifically, whether or not the City will be sending an official delegation to Barcelona, how many will comprise that delegation, whether or not there are any politicians involved in the delegation, and who will pay for it.

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Mayor Norrie responded that the dates for the presentation by the Pan Am Committee have been discussed but not finalized as yet; the City of Winnipeg will not be sending an official delegation to Barcelona - the Pan Am Bid Committee will be. The Mayor advised he believes it will be composed of four people - one of the Co-Chairs of the Committee, the President of the Sports Federation, the Minister of Sport, if available, and the Mayor of the City of Winnipeg if he is able to go. The itinerary is being worked out by the Pan Am Committee.

Councillor Fraser estimated the cost of that trip might be between $10,000 to $15,000 and asked who would be paying that. The Mayor advised he expected the Committee would be paying the expenses, although he understands that there is a very substantial contribution being made by Air Canada.

Councillor Yuen questioned the necessity of continuing to receive the Minutes of Council now that the proceedings are recorded in Hansard. Mayor Norrie responded that there is a legal requirement to produce the Minutes, as a documentation of the actions and decisions of Council.

In response to Councillor Yuen's subsequent question as to whether the monies for the production of Hansard might be better utilized, Mayor Norrie replied that was a Council decision.

Councillor Mitchelson questioned whether Council might have some time to read the report currently under preparation from today's Executive Policy Committee with respect to Councillors' pensions, before having to consider it.

Mayor Norrie responded that presentations have been made to the Executive Policy Committee at which all members of Council were invited to attend but if Councillor Mitchelson wants ten minutes to read the report, this can be accommodated.

Councillor Hyman enquired as to when the North Main Revitalization Ad Hoc Committee, established in February, will be meeting.

Mayor Norrie responded that he would have to take that as notice and find out the intention of Committee members in this regard.

Councillor Prystanski asked whether the above Ad Hoc Committee might meet within the next four weeks, and Mayor Norrie responded that he hoped that could be arranged.

Councillor Fraser asked the Mayor when he might expect to bring to Committee a recommendation for payment of business tax refunds owing to those businesses who successfully took the City to court last year.

Mayor Norrie responded that he had submitted a report to the Executive Policy Committee some time ago in this connection. Councillor Fraser asked whether Council members has been informed. Mayor Norrie replied that he would have thought so but would have to check the record. Councillor Fraser requested that a copy of that report be made available.

Councillor Golden asked Mayor Norrie how he intends to reply to letters received from persons who are concerned about land owners being charged for NSF cheques for water bill payments, issued by others than themselves.

Mayor Norrie replied that he had referred the one letter he had received to the administration for review. However, it is his understanding that the policy appears to be that the non-payment of water bills is the responsibility of the land owner. Presumably the administrative report would be submitted to the Standing Committee, and possibly Council, depending upon the determination made.

Councillor Golden asked the Mayor whether any action would be taken on the NSF charges which the land owner is also being asked to pay, when the tenant has written the NSF cheque.

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The Mayor replied that he would undertake to have the matter of the NSF charges included in the review of City policy.

Councillor Golden asked Mayor Norrie to consider adding to the number of members on the North Main Revitalization Committee, inasmuch as there seems to be a problem in arranging a meeting.

Mayor Norrie replied that, as indicated earlier to Councillor Prystanski, he would discuss with the Chairman the matter of meeting, and Councillors' suggestions could be part of that discussion.

Councillor Demare asked whether the Mayor is aware that at the St. Boniface-St. Vital Community Committee meeting last evening, a motion was passed concerning NSF cheques and regarding other issues with respect to water billings.