CONSIDERATION OF REPORT OF THE

COMMITTEE ON PROTECTION, PARKS AND CULTURE

The Executive Policy Committee has had before it the Report of the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture, dated June 1st, 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 Gilroy, the Report of the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture, dated June 1st, 1992, was considered clause by clause.

North Committee Room,
Council Building, Winnipeg.
June 1st, 1992.

His Worship the Mayor and Councillors:

Your Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture submits the following Report and recommends:

Special Grants to Cultural Organizations - File FG-1.1

1098 - 1. On November 7th, 1984, Council established the Winnipeg Arts Advisory Council and delegated it with the responsibility for screening of applications, definition of criteria and recommendations as to appropriate grant levels for cultural organizations. The Winnipeg Arts Advisory Council transmits its recommendations to your Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture.

The Political and Administrative By-law No. 4444/86 delegates authority to the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture under Section (4)(e) of Schedule "A" which reads in part as follows:-

"(e) The making of grants to cultural and artistic groups, in accordance with existing Council policy within a global sum approved each year by Council."

The Council policy relative to cultural grants reads in part as follows:-

"(9) The Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture shall adjudicate all applications within the global allocation and shall have final authority to approve grants which qualify under this policy, to an amount of $50,000.00 per individual grant. It shall submit to Council with its recommendation for approval, all requests for grants in excess of this amount."

On March 25th, 1992, Council approved a global allocation for operating grant contributions to Arts and Cultural organizations for the financial year 1992 in the amount of $1,974,545.00. The annual global allocation is divided into four separate accounts - Individual Artists Account; Project Grants Account; Administrative Account and Primary Operating Grants Account. The primary operating grant allocation for 1992 is $1,821,545.00.

On January 6th, 1992, your Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture considered a request from the Winnipeg Arts Advisory Council for interim operating grant funding in recognition of the pressing cash flow needs of cultural organizations.

Pursuant to delegated authority, Committee approved the interim operating grants as outlined on Appendix "A" and Council approved the interim grant allocations exceeding $50,000.00. The total interim funding approved amounted to $790,054.00.

Pursuant to delegated authority, your Committee on Protection, Parks

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and Culture on June 1st, 1992, approved a schedule of final recommendations as outlined on Appendix "A", consistent with the recommendations of the Winnipeg Arts Advisory Council. Your Committee has referred back to the Winnipeg Arts Advisory Council for reconsideration, grants under the Theatre Category, with the exception of Rainbow Stage.

Your Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture submits for favourable consideration final grant allocations to organizations whose funding exceeds $50,000.00 in the financial year 1992 and therefore recommends:-

1. That final grant installments be approved for payment to the following cultural organizations:-

Organization	Category	Interim Grant Approved	Total 1992 Grant Recommended	Balance
Festival du Voyageur	Festivals	$ 42,500.00	$ 87,500.00	$ 45,000.00
Folklorama	Festivals	58,000.00	119,500.00	61,500.00
Rainbow Stage Theatre		45,000.00	92,000.00	47,000.00
Royal Winnipeg Ballet	Dance	122,985.00	259,709.00	136,724.00
Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra	Music	75,000.00	158,765.00	83,765.00
Winnipeg Art Gallery	Museums & Art Galleries	160,000.00	386,808.00	226,808.00

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

Moved by Councillor Gilroy,
Adoption of the clause.

Carried.

(Note: See Minute No. 1109 for attachment.)

1992 Riverlife Inc./Player's Ltd. Powerboat Championship - File PR-4

1099 - 2. On March 4th, 1992, Council adopted Clause 4 of the Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated March 2nd, 1992, as follows:-

"4. On January 24th, 1990, Council approved in principle, and at no cost to the City, the hosting of an International Outboard Grand Prix (I.O.G.P.) Event during July of 1990 at the Alexander Dock site, subject to Riverlife Inc., fulfilling a number of conditions.

On May 29th, 1991, Council approved the following motion recommended by the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture at its meeting held on May 13th, 1991:-

'1. That the City provide services to Riverlife Inc., for the 1992 Powerboat Championships, including installation and removal of docks and snowfence, and site repairs, as necessary, estimated to cost $5,000.00.

2. That the City provide fine grading and top soil, at an estimated cost of $6,500.00 on a one-time only basis, to contribute to the development of the 4,900 square meter riverbank area, north of the Alexander Dock, subject to such development satisfying all City requirements.

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3. That the following Council-approved programs contained in the 1991 Current Estimates of the Parks and Recreation Department be deferred to 1992, and that the funds obtained from such deferral be utilized to pay for the above services:-

   - Kildonan Park walkway asphalting
   - St. Vital Park washroom renovations

4. That Riverlife Inc., be advised that there is no financial commitment by the City of Winnipeg beyond 1991 to provide site preparation and support services for future events.'

Riverlife Inc., in a letter dated February 5th, 1992, requested permission from the Secretary to The Board of Commissioners to utilize the Alexander Dock site for a period of seven (7) days, from July 24th to July 26th, 1992, to permit the set-up and hosting of the 1992 Player's Ltd., Powerboat Championships.

In view of the unqualified success of the two previous annual Player's Powerboat Championships, your Executive Policy Committee recommends that formal approval be granted to Riverlife Inc., to host the 1992 Player's Ltd., Powerboat Championships at the Alexander Dock site from July 24th to July 26th, 1992, subject to terms and conditions to be contained within a subsequent report to be considered by Executive Policy Committee no later than July 1st, 1992."

On April 21st, 1992, the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture considered a communication dated March 23rd, 1992, from Riverlife Inc./Player's Ltd., Powerboat Championships identifying a number of requests with respect to the event being held from July 24th to July 26th, 1992.

The Parks and Recreation Department has identified the following costs to stage the event as follows:

July 23 to 26 -	Player's Ltd., PowerBoat Championships	
	Supply, install and take down docks	3,850
	Supply, install and take down bleachers	700
	Total Costs	$4,550

The Parks and Recreation administration have advised that there are no special projects specifically identified in the Regional Parks budgets which might be deferred to cover the costs of this event. The cost will be accommodated by taking funds from the basic budget and reducing items such as walkway and roadway asphalt repairs and by delaying or eliminating some aspect of grounds maintenance which may cause concern to park patrons - i.e. litter pickup and grass mowing may not be done the days that labour is required to stage the events. It should be pointed out that all budgets have had to absorb maintenance costs of new projects in 1992 such as Leo Mol Sculpture Garden, etc. and it is becoming increasingly difficult to provide services to such an event as this. As well, a very serious question could be raised as to why this group is receiving services beyond the Department's normal maintenance program for free and other groups such as Teddy Bears Picnic, are being charged for like services.

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Riverlife Inc./Player's Ltd., Powerboat Championship have also advised of an additional requirement for Emergency Ambulance Service in accordance with the International Outboard Grand Prix regulations.

The Ambulance Department has advised that the need for on-site Emergency Medical Services does not change from one year to the next. There is an absolute requirement by the speedboat operators to have advanced trained pre-hospital medical staff in the pit area at all times, as well as a regular ambulance standby for the large number of spectators who normally attend this event. The Department has had a strong commitment for standby services at this event in previous years.

The need for an advanced trained pre-hospital emergency medical rescue team to standby in the pit area is a pre-condition to the race set by the powerboat operators. With the speed and the intensity of the race, there is obviously an identified higher risk of injury. The types of traumatic injuries that could be anticipated from a speedboat accident, should it occur, need to be very carefully managed in order to prevent further injury to the victim.

It is also anticipated that a large crowd of spectators will be attending this year's event. The request from the Organizing Committee in terms of the type of standby required is acceptable to the Department. There are however, two monitory issues that must be addressed. The Department needs authorization to waive the regular standby charges. The Department must also address the need to provide the additional staff and vehicles required to provide this service. In order to commit the additional crews to this standby assignment, overtime staff will have to be called in. An analysis of the cost to provide these services is as follows:

Day 1 - 6 hours + 1 additional hour for book on & off = 7 hours
Day 2 - 8 hours + 1 additional hour for book on & off = 9 hours
Day 3 - 8 hours + 1 additional hour for book on & off = 9 hours

25 hours

Overtime cost to the Department for four Emergency Medical Attendants and a Supervisor to coordinate this event	$4,760.00
Normal standby rates for 2 units - 3 days	$3,380.00
Total Cost	$8,140.00

The Department has some concern that in the event that these additional costs stretch its overtime budget by the end of the year, that it be authorized to over expend this budget by an equal amount should the need arise.

During a time when all civic departments have been asked to reduce their budgets, there is also limited capacity to respond to this type of request and to absorb these costs within regular operating budgets.

Your Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture recommends:

1. That the Ambulance Department be authorized to over expend its overtime budget by an equal amount of the cost associated with providing these additional services at no charge, if necessary.

2. That the Department be authorized to waive its regular standby fees normally charged when providing standby services at a special event.

3. That the Proper Officers of the City of authorized to do all things necessary to implement the foregoing.

Moved by Councillor Gilroy,
Adoption of the clause.

Carried.

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Call Volume Management in the Ambulance Department File GF-3

1100 - 3. All hospitals in the City of Winnipeg have been challenged to manage their resources more effectively. Hospital bed management practices have changed to create circumstances where over loading and bed availability has caused emergency departments to close their doors. Following approval from the Manitoba Health Services Commission, a hospital can be authorized to close their emergency department (e.g. Concordia Hospital closure of April 7th, 1992).

The impact of hospital closures or diverting patients to another hospital to match up available beds with patient demands, pushes the problem of hospital resource shortages out of the hospital and into the lap of the Ambulance Department.

The interface between ambulance services and the hospital generally takes place in the hospital emergency department. If the emergency department cannot move the patients they receive out of the emergency and onto the wards for admitting, then "diversions" or "closures" have become the only alternative.

While this ad hoc approach may solve an immediate problem for a given hospital, it also pushes the problem out of the hospital and into the street. The City of Winnipeg Ambulance and Police Departments are both affected. Transporting patients greater distances impact on response times and the vehicle availability by depleting the various response sectors. When an ambulance vehicle loaded with a patient is shopping for a hospital to receive the patient that is being diverted, this has an immediate effect on the number of available vehicles left in the system to respond to incoming calls.

The Ambulance Department, however, has no control over the number of victims who require an immediate response. Therefore, the department must maintain adequate vehicles and staff to ensure service as required. The unavailability of a response vehicle without adequately trained professional emergency medical technicians on board to provide life saving pre-hospital care is by any standard, unacceptable.

The evolution of the Ambulance Department has centred around rapid response times and the demand for a high standard of professional ambulance service. Anything short of maintaining these standards is obviously diminishing a level of service that is not only essential, but is utilized on an ever increasing basis (see Appendix A).

Annual increases in call volume have stretched the departments vehicles and staff resource levels to a point where additional resources will have to be provided to maintain an adequate level of staffing. An emergency service should not deplete its resources to a point where there is no reserve capacity to deal with an unexpected disaster. The current situation where the Ambulance Department is expected to balance call volume, patient diversions, hospital closures, etc., frequently leaves the department in a position where there are no reserve resources left to deal with even a minor disaster should it occur.

The Provincial reorganization of health care management has accelerated the City's need to address the Ambulance Department staffing level and number of ambulance vehicles available to service the current needs of the community.

An immediate short term solution of the aforementioned problem can be managed by authorizing the department's operations supervisors to call in off duty personnel to staff additional vehicles as required. This type of crisis management allows for situational management of the problem based on call volume at the time of the closure. Historically, emergency department closures have only lasted for a day or two or until the patient back log has been resolved. The decision to call in off duty staff at overtime rates would be based on the time of day, etc., and call volume demands placed on the department at the time of notification. It would also appear to be a reasonable position for The City of Winnipeg to request that the Provincial Government reimburse the City for all overtime cost incurred during a hospital closure or where diversions over load the ability to manage call volume demands.

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The long range solution to increased regular call volume will have to be addressed by reassessing the department's staff level requirements after a decision has been made on the implementation of an entrenched paramedic program for The City of Winnipeg.

The utilization of professional ambulance services has been on a steady increase since 1986. While the Ambulance Department has been effective in devising deployment models to maintain extremely respectable response times and cost efficiencies, cutbacks in hospital budgets have created a domino effect that is impacting on the ability to maintain enough available resources to serve the call volume during peak time demands.

In order to maintain the Council approved service levels for the Ambulance Department, your Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture recommends:

1. That the Director of Ambulance Services be authorized to over-expend, to the extent of 10% of the Department's 1991 overtime account, the Ambulance Department's 1992 budget, to accommodate additional staff time in connection with closures of either hospital beds and/or emergency wards at the various city hospitals and that a status report of the Department's budget be submitted to the September and November meetings of Committee.

2. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the foregoing.

Moved by Councillor Gilroy,
Adoption of the clause.

Carried.

Impact of Hospital Closures on the Ambulance Department - File GF-3

1101 - 4. Your Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture has been advised that Emergency Departments of some Winnipeg Hospitals have had to close their doors due to financial constraints and an unavailability of beds, resulting in patients being diverted to other hospitals for treatment. While this ad hoc approach may solve an immediate problem for a given hospital, it directly impacts the City of Winnipeg Ambulance Department.

Your Committee is of the view that this places the City in an untenable position by having to manage a crisis situation through over-expending the Ambulance Department's budget.

Your Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture therefore recommends that the administration be authorized to communicate with the Honourable Donald Orchard, Minister of Health, strongly expressing the City's concern regarding the unacceptable position it has been placed in, due to hospital emergency room closures.

Your Executive Policy Committee recommends that the recommendation be amended by deleting the word "administration" where it appears in the second line of the last paragraph and the words "Chairman of the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture" be inserted therein.

Moved by Councillor Gilroy,
Adoption of the clause.

In amendment,

Moved by Mayor Norrie,
That the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee be adopted.
Carried.

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

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Community Incentive Grant Application - North End Women's Centre - Lord Selkirk-West Kildonan Community File PR-2.6(24)

1102 - 5. Your Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture has considered an application from the North End Women's Centre for a 1992 Community Incentive Grant in the amount of $40,000.00 for construction of a new building at 575 Selkirk Avenue, in the Lord Selkirk-West Kildonan Community.

The Lord Selkirk-West Kildonan Community Committee has recommended funding in the amount of $20,000.00. The total project is estimated to cost $450,000.00.

An administrative assessment in relation to program eligibility and selection criteria under the Community Incentive Grant Program has determined that this project does not meet all of the established criteria as the applicant is neither a community sport or recreation organization, and as well, the applicant has already received City funding for the project.

Your Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture concurs in the recommendation of the Lord Selkirk-West Kildonan Community Committee and recommends as follows:

1. That the criteria for the Community Incentive Grant program be waived in this instance.

2. That the amount of $20,000.00 be approved for payment to the North End Women's Centre subject to:-

   a) Confirmation of all funding sources;
   b) Approval of final plans and specifications for the project by the General Manager of Parks and Recreation;
   c) The applicant entering into a formal agreement with The City of Winnipeg.

3. That the proper officers of the City do all things necessary to implement the foregoing.

Moved by Councillor Gilroy,
Adoption of the clause.

Carried.

Community Incentive Grant Application - Chief Peguis Health and Fitness Centre East Kildonan-Transcona Community File PR-2.6(23)

1103 - 6. Your Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture has considered an application from the Chief Peguis Health and Fitness Centre for a 1992 Community Incentive Grant in the amount of $100,000.00, for development of a fitness centre at 1400 Rothesay Street, in the East Kildonan-Transcona Community.

The East Kildonan-Transcona Community Committee has recommended funding in the amount of $27,828.14. The total project is estimated to cost $400,000.00.

An administrative assessment in relation to program eligibility and selection criteria under the Community Incentive Grant Program has determined that this project does not meet all of the established criteria as the applicant is not an established community sport or recreation organization. The applying organization was formed specifically to raise funds for the project development. The completed facility will form a potentially valuable recreational facility for the community.

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Your Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture concurs in the recommendation of the East Kildonan-Transcona Community Committee and recommends as follows:

1. That the criteria for the Community Incentive Grant program be waived in this instance.
2. That the amount of $27,828.14 be approved for payment to the Chief Peguis Health and Fitness Centre subject to:-

    a) Confirmation of all funding sources;
    b) Approval of final plans and specifications for the project by the General Manager of Parks and Recreation;
    c) The applicant entering into a formal agreement with The City of Winnipeg.

3. That the proper officers of the City do all things necessary to implement the foregoing.

Moved by Councillor Gilroy,
Adoption of the clause.

Carried.

Community Incentive Grant
Application - Transcona Retired Citizens Organization
East Kildonan-Transcona Community
File PR-2.6(23)

1104 - 7. Your Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture has considered an application from the Transcona Retired Citizens Organization for a 1992 Community Incentive Grant in the amount of $49,878.46, for renovations to their Whittier Avenue Facility at 188 Regent Avenue East, in the East Kildonan-Transcona Community.

The East Kildonan-Transcona Community Committee has recommended funding in the amount of $49,878.46. The total project is estimated to cost $204,818.49.

An administrative assessment in relation to program eligibility and selection criteria under the Community Incentive Grant Program has determined that this project does not meet all of the established criteria as other City funding is dedicated to the project (core - $120,000.00).

Your Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture concurs in the recommendation of the East Kildonan-Transcona Community Committee and recommends as follows:

1. That the criteria for the Community Incentive Grant program be waived in this instance.

2. That the amount of $49,878.46 be approved for payment to the Transcona Retired Citizens Organization subject to:-

    a) Confirmation of all funding sources;
    b) Approval of final plans and specifications for the project by the General Manager of Parks and Recreation;
    c) The applicant entering into a formal agreement with The City of Winnipeg.

3. That the proper officers of the City do all things necessary to implement the foregoing.

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Moved by Councillor Gilroy
Adoption of the clause.

Carried.

Community Incentive Grant Application - Lord Selkirk School Parent Council - East Kildonan-Transcona Community

File PR-2.6(23)

1105 - 8. Your Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture has considered an application from the Lord Selkirk School Parent Council for a 1992 Community Incentive Grant in the amount of $10,733.87, for upgrading the Lord Selkirk Playground at 170 Poplar Avenue, in the East Kildonan- Transcona Community.

The East Kildonan-Transcona Community Committee has recommended funding in the amount of $8,050.40. The total project is estimated to cost $32,201.60.

An administrative assessment in relation to program eligibility and selection criteria under the Community Incentive Grant Program has determined that this project does not meet all of the established criteria as the applicant is not an established community sport or recreation organization.

Your Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture concurs in the recommendation of the East Kildonan-Transcona Community Committee and recommends as follows:

1. That the criteria for the Community Incentive Grant program be waived in this instance.

2. That the amount of $8,050.40 be approved for payment to the Lord Selkirk School Parent Council subject to:-

   a) Confirmation of all funding sources;
   b) Approval of final plans and specifications for the project by the General Manager of Parks and Recreation;
   c) The applicant entering into a formal agreement with The City of Winnipeg.

3. That the proper officers of the City do all things necessary to implement the foregoing.

Moved by Councillor Gilroy,
Adoption of the clause.

Carried.

Community Incentive Grant Application - Linden Meadows Parent Council Assiniboine Park-Fort Garry Community

File PR-2.6(21)

1106 - 9. Your Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture has considered an application from the Linden Meadows Parent Council for a 1992 Community Incentive Grant in the amount of $11,500.00, for playground construction at 335 Lindenwood Drive East, in the Assiniboine Park-Fort Garry Community.

The Assiniboine Park-Fort Garry Community Committee has recommended funding in the amount of $11,500.00. The total project is estimated to cost $47,000.00.

An administrative assessment in relation to program eligibility and

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selection criteria under the Community Incentive Grant Program has determined that this project does not meet all of the established criteria as the applicant is not an established community sport or recreation organization.

Your Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture concurs in the recommendation of the Assiniboine Park-Fort Garry Community Committee and recommends as follows:

1. That the criteria for the Community Incentive Grant program be waived in this instance.

2. That the amount of $11,500.00 be approved for payment to the Linden Meadows Parent Council subject to:-

   a) Confirmation of all funding sources;

   b) Approval of final plans and specifications for the project by the General Manager of Parks and Recreation;

   c) The applicant entering into a formal agreement with The City of Winnipeg.

3. That the proper officers of the City do all things necessary to implement the foregoing.

Moved by Councillor Gilroy,
Adoption of the clause.

Carried.

Community Incentive Grant Application - J.B. Mitchell School Parent Council Assiniboine Park-Fort Garry Community File PR-2.6(21)

1107 - 10. Your Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture has considered an application from the J.B. Mitchell School Parent Council for a 1992 Community Incentive Grant in the amount of $1,142.00, for relocation of a playground structure at 1720 John Brebeuf Place, in the Assiniboine Park-Fort Garry Community.

The Assiniboine Park-Fort Garry Community Committee has recommended funding in the amount of $1,142.00. The total project is estimated to cost $4,568.90.

An administrative assessment in relation to program eligibility and selection criteria under the Community Incentive Grant Program has determined that this project does not meet all of the established criteria as the applicant is not an established community sport or recreation organization.

Your Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture concurs in the recommendation of the Assiniboine Park-Fort Garry Community Committee and recommends as follows:

1. That the criteria for the Community Incentive Grant program be waived in this instance.

2. That the amount of $1,142.00 be approved for payment to the J.B. Mitchell Parent Council subject to:-

   a) Confirmation of all funding sources;

   b) Approval of final plans and specifications for the project by the General Manager of Parks and Recreation;

   c) The applicant entering into a formal agreement with The City of Winnipeg.

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3. That the proper officers of the City do all things necessary to implement the foregoing.

Moved by Councillor Gilroy,
Adoption of the clause.

Carried.

Reinstatement of Boulevard Mowing in the Osborne Street, Roslyn Road and McMillan Avenue Areas
Files PB-1 and FE-1

1108 - 11. Council on March 23rd, 1992 reinstated funding for residential boulevard mowing in the Inner City area as outlined in the attached Appendix "A".

On May 26th, 1992, the City Centre-Fort Rouge Community Committee considered a demographic profile of selected neighbourhoods (Appendix "B") listing the Memorial and Spence areas where full boulevard service is being provided compared to the Osborne Street, Roslyn Road and McMillan Avenue area for the same boulevard service and recommended that full boulevard mowing by the Parks and Recreation Department be expanded to include the Osborne Street, Roslyn Road and McMillan Avenue area (Appendix "C").

Your Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture has endorsed the request of the City Centre-Fort Rouge Community Committee and therefore recommends as follows:-

1. That an additional appropriation in the amount of $5,622.00 be approved to cover the cost of full boulevard mowing and trimming service in the Osborne Street, Roslyn Road and McMillan Avenue area as outlined in the attached Appendix "C".
2. That the proper officers of the City do all things necessary to implement the foregoing.

Your Executive Policy Committee recommends that the above recommendation be amended to indicate an approval to cover the cost of full boulevard mowing and trimming service only in the area east of Osborne Street and that an amended additional appropriation, to be determined by administration, be approved.

For the information of Council, your Executive Policy Committee has referred consideration of the area west of Osborne Street to the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture for report back to the Executive Policy Committee on the demographics for that area only.

Moved by Councillor Gilroy,
Adoption of the clause.

In amendment,

Moved by Mayor Norrie,
That the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee be adopted.

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

Carried.

The amendment proposed by Executive Policy Committee was put and declared lost.

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

(Note: See Minute No. 1110 for attachment.)

1109 - SEE OFFICIAL SET OF MINUTES FOR ATTACHMENT.

1110 - SEE OFFICIAL SET OF MINUTES FOR ATTACHMENT.

COMMITTEE ON PROTECTION, PARKS AND CULTURE

MOTIONS

Moved by Councillor Young,
Seconded by Councillor Lazarenko,

1111 - WHEREAS the elimination of flankage grass cutting impacts most negatively on older neighbourhoods in our City;

AND WHEREAS many homeowners, particularly seniors, are not physically capable of cutting these additional areas;

AND WHEREAS there is an offsetting cost to be borne by the taxpayer to enforce the by-law that requires homeowners cut their own flankage;

AND WHEREAS uncut sections of flankages contribute greatly to a "scruffy" appearance in our City during summer months when tourists visit Winnipeg;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Winnipeg re- implement grass cutting on flankages in all areas of the City previously cut.

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

The motion to suspend the rule was put.

Mayor Norrie called for the yeas and nays, which were as follows:-

Yea: Councillors Boychuk, Brown, Clement, Diamant, Duguid, Fleisher Gilroy, Hyman, Lazarenko, Lorenc, Mendelson, Mitchelson, Murray, Prystanski, Reese, Selinger, Thomas, Timmers, Timm-Rudolph, Young and Mayor Norrie. 21

Nay: Councillors Demare, Douglas, Fraser, Kaufmann, O'Shaughnessy, Yuen and Eadie. 7

and the motion was declared carried.

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

The motion was put.

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

Yea: Councillors Boychuk, Brown, Duguid, Fleisher, Gilroy, Lazarenko, Lorenc, O'Shaughnessy, Prystanski, Selinger, Timmers, Young, Mayor Norrie and Councillor Eadie. 14

Nay: Councillors Clement, Demare, Diamant, Douglas, Fraser, Hyman, Kaufmann, Mendelson, Mitchelson, Murray, Reese, Thomas, Timm- Rudolph and Yuen. 14

and the motion was declared lost in accordance with Section 18(2) of The City of Winnipeg Act.

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

The Speaker returned to the Chamber and resumed the Chair.

The motion was put.

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

Yea: Councillors Boychuk, Diamant, Duguid, Gilroy, Hyman, Lazarenko, Mendelson, Mitchelson, Murray, Prystanski, Reese, Selinger, Thomas, Timmers, Young and Mayor Norrie. 16

Nay: Councillors Brown, Clement, Demare, Douglas, Fraser, Golden, Kaufmann, Lorenc, O'Shaughnessy, Timm-Rudolph, Yuen and Eadie. 12

and the motion was declared carried.

COMMITTEE ON PROTECTION, PARKS AND CULTURE

QUESTION PERIOD

1112 - The Deputy Mayor asked the Chairman, now that Council has passed the motion to provide for the cutting of certain flankage boulevards by City forces, when he will be bringing forth a request for an additional appropriation to cover this work.

Councillor Gilroy replied that he will be asking the Commissioner to bring in a report outlining costs and to proceed with the necessary additional appropriation request.

The Deputy Mayor asked whether this report would be submitted to Council, and the Chairman advised he would take the question as notice.

The Deputy Mayor then asked the Chairman to undertake to bring the report to Council, and Councillor Gilroy replied that the proper process will be followed.

Councillor Timm-Rudolph noted a recent report that the R.C.M.P. is looking at charging the City Police Department for its LAB services, and it is her understanding that the Police Department has most of its LAB work done by the R.C.M.P.

Councillor Lorenc raised a point of order and asked whether it is contrary to the rules of procedure to refer to a newspaper article in this Chamber. The Speaker replied that Councillors shall not inquire whether statements made in a media report are correct.

Councillor Gilroy replied that the R.C.M.P. has discussed this matter with the Attorney-General's Department, and it is the intention of the R.C.M.P. to charge the City for those services, but there has been no formal request as yet. The Chairman indicated the cost to the City would be in the neighbourhood of $300,000.00 per year.

Councillor Timm-Rudolph asked whether it is the intention of the Chairman to pursue this matter. The Chairman replied that when he has ascertained the facts, he will meet with his Committee to discuss the matter.

Councillor Timm-Rudolph asked whether the City is going to approach the Federal Government for compensation for the proceeds obtained in drug busts and sales therefrom.

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Councillor Gilroy responded that the City Council is on record as suggesting to the Federal Government that inasmuch as the City pays the costs involved in seizing those drugs it ought to be enjoying some of the proceeds from the funds derived in such seizures. However, the Federal Government has indicated it is not interested in entertaining that suggestion.

The Speaker advised that the FCM is currently discussing that with the Chief Justice.

Councillor Hyman asked the Chairman of Protection, Parks and Culture, with respect to the provincial funding in place for Dutch Elm Disease Control, as to the outcome of discussions between the Province and City at the last Official Delegation meeting. Councillor Gilroy advised that two aspects were discussed, the matter of the official funding, and the Province has indicated it intends to hold this amount at $350,000.00. The other is the Province's program for tree replacement on private property. The City suggested these funds would be better allocated on public property. The Minister undertook to discuss this with his colleagues, but the present indication seems to be that the Province does not intend to change its focus in this regard.

Councillor Yuen asked the Chairman if he is aware that a number of City of Winnipeg employees whose licenses have been suspended have been caught driving City vehicles.

Councillor Gilroy replied that he is not aware, but will raise the enquiry with the Commissioner.

Councillor Yuen indicated his information is that as many as five such incidents have been reported; one of them being a police constable.

The Chairman replied that, specifically with respect to the police officer, he is no longer employed by the City; as to the other incidences, he would have to seek more details.

Councillor Yuen asked the Chairman of Protection, Parks and Culture if he would look into some kind of program to ensure that all City workers carry valid driver's licenses.

Councillor Gilroy undertook to look into the issue.