REPORT OF THE

COMMITTEE ON WORKS AND OPERATIONS

DATED MAY 11, 1993

On motion of Councillor Lazarenko, the Report of the Committee on Works and Operations, dated May 11, 1993, was considered clause by clause.

Moved by Councillor Lazarenko,,
That the Consent Agenda items, Clauses 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8 and 9 be adopted.

661 - Pursuant to The Municipal Council Conflict of Interest Act, Councillor Boychuk advised that he would refrain from entering the discussion and from voting on Clause 6 due to his employment association with CN.

The motion to adopt the Consent Agenda, Clauses 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8 and 9 was put and declared carried.

Her Worship the Mayor and Councillors:

Proposed Closing of River Avenue West of Wellington Crescent - City Centre Community File DAC 5/92

662 - 1. The referenced proposed closing, shown on Misc. Plan No. CCFR 8510/1 (Exhibit "A") was initiated by the Parks and Recreation Department in order that the land be transferred to that Department's jurisdiction for the purpose of developing a "window" park. As originally requested by the Parks Department, the proposal would see the closing of River Avenue from the west limit of Wellington Crescent, westerly to the Assiniboine River.

The proposed closing was circulated to various applicable City departments and public utilities with no objections received. However, the following comments were received from the Streets and Transportation Department:

> "The Streets and Transportation Department recommends that River Avenue be closed from a point 12.0 metres west of the west line of Wellington Crescent to the Assiniboine River for the following reasons:
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> (a) There is an existing 6.0 m approach approximately 5.4 m west of the west line of Wellington Crescent used for access to 605 River Avenue (Harewood House).
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> (b) The property south of River Avenue is undeveloped. If and when this land is developed, access to the property should come off River Avenue."

As a result of these concerns, modifications to the original proposal were made by reducing the depth of the street to be closed as is shown on said Misc. Plan No. CCFR 8510/1.

The Parks and Recreation Department is amenable to a street closure limit commencing at the 12 metre point west of the west line of Wellington Crescent to permit access to the Harewood House.

District No. 1 Operations advised of the existence of an abandoned 450 mm sewer and an abandoned 150 mm watermain which require no easements.

On January 12, 1993, the City Centre Community Committee recommended approval of the proposed closing as modified and as illustrated on Misc. Plan No. CCFR 8510/1.

On February 2, 1993, the Committee on Planning and Community Services approved as to planning considerations the proposed closing as recommended by the Community Committee.

On April 5, 1993, the Committee on Finance and Administration approved the terms and conditions of the proposed transfer of that portion of River Avenue proposed to be closed to the Parks and Recreation Department, for the purpose of developing the land as a "window" park.

Your Committee on Works and Operations has approved the proposal and recommends: -

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I. That the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare the necessary by-law for submission to Council to effect the closing of River Avenue west of Wellington Crescent in the manner shown on Misc. Plan No. CCFR 8510/1 (Exhibit "A"); the cost of the by-law, estimated at $200.00, to be borne by the City-at-large.

II. That upon first reading of the by-law being subsequently given, the City Clerk be authorized to post the necessary notices in accordance with The City of Winnipeg Act.

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

Copy of the Misc. Plan No. CCFR 8510/1 (Exhibit "A") regarding the proposal is on file in the office of the City Clerk.

Adopted by consent.

Proposed Closing of Public Lane South of Sandusky Drive between Waverley Street and Bairdmore Boulevard - Riel Community File DAC 18/92

663 - 2. The referenced proposed closing, shown on Misc. Plan No. RIEL 8643/1 (Exhibit "A"), has been requested by Ladco Company Limited. Ladco's original request was for the closing of the lanes north and south of Sandusky Drive, however, Ladco has now submitted an application (DASSF 501/93) to subdivide only the lands south of Sandusky Drive. The closing of the lane north of Sandusky Drive will be addressed when Ladco wishes to proceed with the subdivision of the adjacent lands.

Ladco proposed to purchase the closed lanes for inclusion in a subdivision and to open frontage roads adjacent to Sandusky Drive in their place. That proposal was circularized in the usual manner to interested City departments and public utilities with no objections being received in response.

The lane closings were approved as to planning considerations by the Riel Community Committee and the Committee on Planning and Community Services, subject to the condition that the by-law(s) for the subject lane closings not be processed until the Sandusky Drive frontage road widenings have been secured by the City. The condition regarding the securing of the frontage road widening south of Sandusky Drive will be addressed in Ladco's subdivision application (DASSF 501/93). The subdivision plan will dedicate the frontage road widening as Sandusky Drive, thus meeting the condition established by the Community Committee and the Committee on Planning and Community Services.

In order that the proposed closing not be delayed, it is intended that a separate report relative to the terms and conditions of the purchase will be submitted to the Committee on Finance and Administration for its consideration.

Your Committee on Works and Operations has approved the proposal and recommends: -

I. That the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare the necessary by-law for submission to Council to effect the closing of the public lane south of Sandusky Drive between Waverley Street and Bairdmore Boulevard in the manner shown on Misc. Plan No. RIEL 8643/1 (Exhibit "A"); the cost of the by-law, estimated at $200.00, and other related costs to be borne by Ladco Company Limited.

II. That upon first reading of the by-law being subsequently given, the City Clerk be authorized to post the necessary notices in accordance with The City of Winnipeg Act.

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

Copy of the Misc. Plan No. RIEL 8643/1 (Exhibit "A") regarding the proposal is on file in the office of the City Clerk.

Adopted by consent.

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Request to Change the Parking Meter Time Limit from One Hour to Two Hours on Albert Street between Notre Dame and Bannatyne Avenues File ST-2 (Vol. 19)

664 - 3. There are 14 metered parking spaces on Albert Street, all of which have a one-hour time limit between 09:00 and 17:30 Monday to Saturday. The guidelines used for the installation of meters are that at least 65% of the available space hours should be used throughout the day. The time limit is based on the available space hours used by at least 45% of the drivers, e.g., a one-hour parking limit would be established if at least 45% of the available space hours were used for one hour or less and a two-hour parking limit would be established if at least 45% of the available space hours were used for two hours or less. A parking study undertaken on December 21, 1992, on Albert Street produced the following results:

STREET	NO. OF METERED SPACES	AVAILABLE SPACE-HOURS	AVAILABLE SPACE-HOURS USED	% SPACE-HOURS USED	SPACE-HOURS USED FOR 1 HOUR OR LESS	
					NO.	%
Albert Street	14	119.0	100.5	84.5	54.5	45.8

This data indicates that the need for a one-hour parking time limit on Albert Street is marginal.

A questionnaire was distributed on February 22, 1993, to the businesses on Albert Street to determine a preference for one-hour or two-hour metered parking. Of the 22 businesses surveyed, 9 (41%) preferred two-hour parking; 5 (23%) preferred one-hour parking; 5 (23%) did not respond; and 3(14%) did not respond due to vacancy.

The supporting petition submitted represents a majority of the fronting businesses affected.

The City Centre Community Committee at its meeting held on April 7, 1993, concurred in the administrative recommendation that the parking meter time limit on Albert Street between Notre Dame and Bannatyne Avenues be changed from one hour to two hours.

Your Committee on Works and Operations recommends:-

I. That the time limit at the parking meters be increased from one hour to two hours:

A. on the east side of Albert Street between Notre Dame and Bannatyne Avenues;

B. on the west side of Albert Street between Notre Dame and Bannatyne Avenues;

II. That the Parking Meter By-Law be amended as follows:

A. Schedule "A" to By-Law No.820/74 of The City of Winnipeg be amended by deleting therefrom the following:

"1. East side of Albert Street between Notre Dame Avenue and William Avenue.

2. West side of Albert Street between Notre Dame Avenue and Bannatyne Avenue."

B. Schedule "B" to By-Law No. 820/74 of The City of Winnipeg be amended by adding thereto the following:

"2.0.1 East side of Albert Street between Notre Dame Avenue and Bannatyne Avenue.

2.0.2 West side of Albert Street between Notre Dame Avenue and Bannatyne Avenue."

III. That the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the necessary amending By-Law in accordance with the foregoing and submit same directly to Council for approval.

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

Adopted by consent.

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Supplemental Report for the Proposed Local Improvement for Upgrading of Existing Street Lighting on Semple Avenue from Main Street to the CPR TrackFile SL(1993)(Vol. 1)

665 - 4. At its meeting of December 8, 1992, the Lord Selkirk-West Kildonan Community Committee authorized the Local Improvement advertising of the subject project after considering the District's report on the proposal. However, the District has now been advised by the Finance Department that the City's Local Improvement By-law has no provision for the upgrading of existing street lighting as a Local Improvement, and therefore that Department has decided not to advertise the improvement. Obviously, this shortcoming does nothing towards effecting a solution to the identified concern of sub-standard lighting on the street. The City of Winnipeg Act, however, does contain a provision permitting the upgrading of street lighting to be proceeded with by way of a Local Improvement.

Similar advertising problems have occurred in the past and for comparison purposes, the District would point out the difficulties that were encountered with the proposal to widen the Charles Street pavement as a Local Improvement as part of the 1993 Capital Estimates. On July 21, 1992, the Lord Selkirk-West Kildonan Community Committee authorized the advertising of the Charles Street widening proposal, and on September 8, 1992, the Committee on Finance and Administration concurred with the Lord Selkirk-West Kildonan Community Committee's positive recommendation for proceeding with the project.

Both the Charles Street and the Semple Street proposals were initiated by private property owners, not the District, and in each case, the costs of the improvements would in large part be borne by the property owners.

It is therefore recommended that the upgrading of the existing street lighting on Semple Avenue from Main Street to the CPR tracks be advertised as a Local Improvement. This approach would at least allow the District to "test the water" to ascertain whether or not the residents would be prepared to pay an estimated $.75 per foot for the proposed lighting upgrading.

Should the Local Improvement not be approved of by the benefiting property owners, then the work would normally only be carried out after an appropriation of $4,500.00 for the street lighting upgrading was approved in the Current Estimates.

Your Committee on Works and Operations therefore recommends:-

I. That the upgrading of existing lighting on Semple Avenue from Main Street to the CPR tracks be advertised as a Local Improvement.

II. That funds in the amount of $4,500.00 be allocated from the unused portion of the 1993 Local Improvement Account for the installation of the Local Improvement, if successfully advertised.

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

Adopted by consent.

Residential Overnight Parking Ban File ST-5.2 (Vol. 19)

666 - 5. Council, on December 16, 1992, referred the following motion to your Committee on Works and Operations, namely:

"WHEREAS the Mayor can implement "The Residential Overnight Parking Prohibition" to allow the clearing of snow from residential streets;

AND WHEREAS the prohibition prevents anyone from parking a vehicle for more than one hour between 3:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m.;

AND WHEREAS the Administration of this prohibition is not as effective as anticipated and does not achieve the goal of removing vehicles to allow efficient snow removal in residential areas;

AND WHEREAS it would be appropriate to lengthen that time frame from 1:00 a.m. to

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6:00 a.m. and to adjust the process of ticketing vehicles providing their immediate removal upon issue of the citation;

AND WHEREAS the purpose of this regulation is to provide for the efficient delivery of snow removal services;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg could consider alternative ticketing methods (such as issuing a ticket with a fine equal to the cost of removing vehicles to the closest cleared street or area: which would not onerously punish owners of offending vehicles; {as opposed to the present practice of fining offenders $20.00 plus a $45.00 tow fee in addition to a $7.50 per day storage fee for a minimum cost of $72.50});

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Committee on Works and Operations review this aspect of the by-law and implement changes that will improve the removal of snow from City Streets."

Council, on March 24, 1993, granted your Committee on Works and Operations a 60-day extension of time in which to report back to Council on this matter. Your Committee is to consider a report on the snow removal policy at its June 10, 1993 meeting.

Your Committee on Works and Operations, therefore, recommends that pursuant to Section 16.4 of the Procedure By-law No. 5400/90, a further 90-day extension of time be granted in which to report back to Council on this matter.

Adopted by consent.

Plessis Road Soil and Concrete Fill Site
File ST-6 (Vol. 8)

667 - 6. The Operations Department, North East District, has been negotiating with the Railway for a site west of Plessis Road and north of the Symington Yard to place soil material and concrete rubble for a two year period. The licence conditions appear to be acceptable. The City has entered into similar agreements with the Railway in prior years on other sites on Railway property.

Approval is required for the appropriate Officers of the City to sign the Railway's Licence (Exhibit "A") and Release of Liability and Permit (Exhibit "B").

Your Committee on Works and Operations therefore recommends:-

I. That the City of Winnipeg enter into an agreement with the Canadian National Railway Co. to allow the City of Winnipeg to dispose of surplus soil and concrete rubble on Railway property.

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

Adopted by consent.

(See Minute No. 661 for disclosure of conflict by Councillor Boychuk.)

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1993 Clean Machine Program - Winnipeg Boys and Girls Clubs Incorporated
File ER-1.5 (Vol. 7)

668 - 7. The Winnipeg Boys and Girls Clubs Incorporated is proposed to be employed by the City to supplement the regular core area Litter Clean-Up Program.

The Winnipeg Boys and Girls Clubs Incorporated has been employed since l980 for the purpose of carrying out a manual paper picking program on streets, lanes and sidewalks as a supplement to the regular street cleaning activities of the Operations Department. That year, litter cleaning services were provided in the downtown area seven days per week during July and August.

In 1981, the agreement with the City was expanded to include weekends in the Fall. The following year, the program was further extended to weekends in the Spring. This model proved successful and operated on that basis since 1982. The continued success of the Clean Machine Program resulted in an expansion of this program in 1990 to include civic holidays occurring within the contract period and an extension to the Fall program.

The program to be carried out by the Winnipeg Boys and Girls Clubs Incorporated employs youths age l2 to l7 who reside within the core area. The Club would provide a minimum of 6 members per day under adult supervision with the cleaning areas in the core area designated by the Operations Department. Each group would work for a two week period and then be replaced by another group.

Over the course of the program, this Agreement would provide approximately 80-90 Winnipeg boys and girls from the core area with an opportunity to have a job and earn an income which, under normal circumstances, would not be available to them. In addition, the Club members will wear uniforms consisting of T-shirts, jackets and caps which will provide a means of identification as well as advertisement for both the City of Winnipeg and the Winnipeg Boys and Girls Clubs Incorporated.

Funds for this project have been included in the 1993 Regional Operations Street Cleaning Budget.

Your Committee on Works and Operations therefore recommends:-

I. That the City of Winnipeg enter into an Agreement with the Winnipeg Boys and Girls Clubs Incorporated to provide a litter clean up service for 1993 in the downtown core area as follows:

(a) Spring Program to operate on weekends and holidays from May 1, 1993 to June 27, 1993.

(b) Summer Program to operate seven days per week from June 28, 1993 to August 27, 1993.

(c) Fall Program to operate on weekends and holidays from August 28, 1993 to October 24, 1993.

(d) Total cost of the Program to be $40,384.00.

II. That the agreement may be renewed by the Director of Operations, or his designate, in subsequent years by mutual agreement of both parties, providing that adequate funding has been approved in that year's Street Cleaning Budget.

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

Adopted by consent.

Proposed Amendment to the Snow Route By-law
Files SC-3.6 (Vol. 15) & ST-5.2 (Vol. 19)

669 - 8. Council on March 24, 1993, referred back to your Committee on Works and Operations and the Assiniboia Community Committee, Clause 7 of your Committee on Works and Operations' Report dated March 9, 1993, together with a motion in connection therewith, namely, that the Clause be amended by deleting "Cass Street - Musgrove Street and Barker Boulevard" from Schedule "A" referred to in By-law 1991/79 - Snow Emergency Routes - Regional Streets.

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The Assiniboia Community Committee on April 20, 1993 concurred in the March 24 Council motion and recommended that Schedules "A" and "B" referred to in By-law No. 1991/79 be updated accordingly.

On April 13, 1993, your Committee on Works and Operations laid over consideration of this matter in order that it be considered in conjunction with a snow removal policy report which is to be considered at Committee's June 10, 1993 meeting.

Your Committee on Works and Operations, therefore, recommends that pursuant to Section 16.4 of the Procedure By-law No. 5400/90, Council grant an extension of time of 90 days in which to deal with this matter.

Adopted by consent.

Bus Transportation Grant - Police and Pal Association of the Winnipeg Police Department File FG-1.1(P)(Vol. 2)

670 - 9. The City of Winnipeg Grants Policy C301 requires that all grants authorized towards bus transportation be limited to trips within the Perimeter Highway, and all organizations be required to pay the usual costs of operating buses outside the Perimeter Highway, excluding trips to Bird's Hill Park and Lower Fort Garry.

The Police and Pal Association of the Winnipeg Police Department has applied for a grant towards bus transportation for its Annual Fishing Derby which will be held Sunday, June 6, 1993, at Lockport, departing from the Granite Curling Club, 22 Mostyn Place, at 8:00 a.m. and returning at approximately 5:30 p.m.

Your Committee on Works and Operations recommends that the Grants Policy C301 be waived in this instance and a grant in the amount of $389.48 be approved towards bus transportation for the Police and Pal Association of the Winnipeg Police Department, chargeable to the Bus Transportation Category of the 1993 Special Grants Account.

Adopted by consent.

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CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

671 - On motion of Councillor Lazarenko, By-law No. 6171/93, a By-law of the City of Winnipeg to close part of Emily Street, North of McDermot Avenue, and to close and open parts of Bannatyne Avenue, was read a second time. File DAOC 2/91.

Moved by Councillor Prystanski,

That By-law No. 6171/93 be referred back to the Committee on Works and Operations.

Carried.

Councillor Prystanksi filed a petition regarding By-law 6171/93 with the Clerk.

On motion of Councillor Lazarenko, the following By-laws were each read a second and third time, and were passed and ordered to be signed and sealed namely:

By-law No. 6175/93, a By-law of the City of Winnipeg to close part of Compark Road west of Ashworth Street. File DAC 2/88.

By-law No. 6176/93, a By-law of the City of Winnipeg to close the first public lane south of McDermot Avenue and east of Olivia Street. File DAC 1/92.

By-law No. 6177/93, a By-law of the City of Winnipeg to close the public lane east of Simon Drive to Eastmount Drive. File DAC 12/92.

Consideration of By-laws - Committee on Works and Operations

On motion of Councillor Lazarenko, 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. 6181/93, a By-law of the City of Winnipeg to open the south side of Portage Avenue between Riverbend Crescent and Route 90. File DAO 3/93.

By-law No. 6182, a By-law of the City of Winnipeg to open the Northeast corner of Sargent Avenue and Wall Street. File DAO 31/92.

By-law No. 6185/93, a By-law of the City of Winnipeg to widen the public lane at the rear of 563 Neil Avenue. File DAO 12/93.

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QUESTION PERIOD

672 - Councillor Golden questioned the status of the snow removal budget in comparison to that of the same time period in 1992.

Councillor Lazarenko agreed to take the matter under advisement.