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 February 17th, 1992, has concurred in the recommendations contained therein 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 February 17th, 1992, was considered clause by clause.

North Committee Room,
Council Building, Winnipeg.
February 17th, 1992.

His Worship the Mayor and Councillors:

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

Agreement between The City of Winnipeg and The Province of Manitoba regarding cost sharing the Dutch Elm Disease Control Program in Winnipeg - January 1 to December 31, 1991 File PB-2

648 1. The financial cost sharing for Dutch Elm Disease Control in the City of Winnipeg for the years 1976 to 1990, and the proposed 1991 agreement is as follows:

1976	-	City of Winnipeg Share	188,948	
		Provincial Share	139,683	328,631
1977	-	City of Winnipeg Share	381,541	
		Provincial Share	202,259	583,800
1978	-	City of Winnipeg Share	277,876	
		Provincial Share	169,157	447,033
1979	-	City of Winnipeg Share	275,357	
		Provincial Share	192,500	467,857
1980	-	City of Winnipeg Share	288,800	
		Provincial Share	192,500	481,300
1981	-	City of Winnipeg Share	346,114	
		Provincial Share	346,113	692,227
1982	-	City of Winnipeg Share	582,182	
		Provincial Share	350,000	932,182
1983	-	City of Winnipeg Share	700,096	
		Provincial Share	350,000	1,050,096
1984	-	City of Winnipeg Share	696,808	
		Provincial Share	350,000	1,046,808
1985	-	City of Winnipeg Share	999,855	
		Provincial Share	350,000	1,349,855
1986	-	City of Winnipeg Share	761,916	
		Provincial Share	350,000	1,111,916
1987	-	City of Winnipeg Share	743,199	
		Provincial Share	350,000	1,093,199

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1988	-	City of Winnipeg Share	727,105	
		Provincial Share	350,000	1,077,105
1989	-	City of Winnipeg Share	752,318	
		Provincial Share	700,000	1,452,318
1990	-	City of Winnipeg Share	1,006,368	
		Provincial Share	700,000	1,706,368
1991	-	Proposed D.E.D. Program		
		City of Winnipeg Share	1,067,735	
		Provincial Share	350,000	1,417,735

The 1991 budgeted amount represents the estimated cost of: tree sanitation (removal of diseased, dead and dying elm trees); tree inventory surveillance of the City's elm tree population during the summer months; basal trunk spraying to control over-wintering Native Elm Bark Beetles, the pruning of boulevard elm trees in areas of high D.E.D. incidence, publicity and research. Only the following components of the 1991 Budget are cost-shared by the Province of Manitoba:

Tree Inventory
Sanitation - Removals and Pruning
Basal Spraying
Tree Injections
Elm Tree Replacement
Disposal Site Establishment
Educational courses as approved by the Province

The Province of Manitoba will not cost-share surveillance, publicity and research. These costs are covered entirely by the City in the current D.E.D. Control program budget.

Although the 1991 D.E.D. Control budget was initially approved by City Council to include a $700,000 cost-shared grant from the Province, the Provincial funds were reduced to $350,000. His Worship, the Mayor, was informed of this reduction in a letter from the Deputy Minister of Natural Resources on April 15th, 1991.

The Minister of Natural Resources reconfirmed the Provinces's position with respect to the 1991 reduced funding program for D.E.D. Control in a letter to the Chairman of the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture of July 4th, 1991.

The City of Winnipeg passed a resolution on July 31st, 1991 that the City approach the Province and request the Department of Natural Resources to consider a cost-sharing arrangement with the City as part of its job development creation program with the Federal Government focusing on Dutch Elm Disease Sanitation.

On August 23rd, 1991, the General Manager of the Parks and Recreation Department wrote to the Deputy Minister of Natural Resources requesting consideration of Council's resolution of July 31st, 1991 described above.

On September 24th, 1991, the Acting Deputy Minister wrote the General Manager of the Parks and Recreation Department rejecting Council's July 31st, 1991 resolution, and indicated that the Province's earlier position that the provincial portion of the 1991 D.E.D. cost-shared program would remain at $350,000.

The City of Winnipeg is therefore left with a reduction of $350,000 in its 1991 current D.E.D. Control budget and is also unable to undertake the annual job development creation program which the Parks and Recreation Department has heavily relied on for the past 5 years to supplement its ongoing control effort. The cost-sharing recovery limit of $350,000 set for the City of Winnipeg is identified as the recovery cost for the 1991 fiscal year.

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Your Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture recommends:

1. That the attached agreement (Exhibit "1") between the Province of Manitoba and the City of Winnipeg relating to cost sharing of the 1991 Dutch Elm Disease Control program be approved in the amount of $350,000.

2. That the proper officers of the City of Winnipeg be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the foregoing, including the execution of the agreement.

Moved by Councillor Gilroy,
Adoption of the clause.

Carried.

(Note: Attachment referred to in the above clause is on file in the office of the City Clerk.)

Amendments to the Policy for Cultural Grants Administered by the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture
File FG-1

649 2. On February 17th, 1992, your Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture considered a number of recommendations for amendments to the Cultural Grants Policy as submitted by the Winnipeg Arts Advisory Council.

The recommended amendments are indicated on the attached copy of Policy C302. (pages 3, 4, 5, 7 & 11)

The recommended policy amendments deal primarily with financial analysis and providing for capital grants.

Your Committee concurs in the recommendation of the Winnipeg Arts Advisory Council and recommends that Cultural Grants Policy C302 be amended to include the following, namely:-

1. Funding for Cultural Grants

- delete 5(c) and substitute therefore the following:

  "The Winnipeg Arts Advisory Council shall be responsible for the screening of applications, definition of criteria, financial analysis of applications and recommendations as to appropriate grant levels."

Criteria/Guidelines for Grants to Cultural Organizations

- delete (3) and substitute therefore the following:

  "Applications for Cultural Grants shall be referred by the City Clerk's Department directly to the Winnipeg Arts Advisory Council. The Advisory Council shall ensure completeness of the applications and shall be responsible for the completion of the financial analysis of cultural grant applications."

- delete (4) and substitute therefore the following:

  "The Advisory Council shall include the results of the financial analysis in their report on funding recommendations to the Committee on Protection Parks and Culture."

- delete (5) and substitute therefore the following:

  "Before any grant is approved to an organization whose financial statements reflect a deficit position, the application shall include an acceptable proposal to reduce or eliminate said deficit within a fixed time frame. This proposal shall be referred to the Winnipeg Arts Advisory Council for comment on its feasibility and, where appropriate, on the past and future performance of the organization. Where no proposal for deficit reduction is evident, the Winnipeg Arts Advisory Council should advise the organization of the City's deficit policy."

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- delete (26) and replace with the following: "Grants may be made for capital purposes and shall fall under the Special Project Grant category."

Criteria/Guidelines for Project Grants

- delete (8) and substitute therefore the following:

  "The applications for project grants shall be referred by the City Clerk's Department directly to the Winnipeg Arts Advisory Council. The Advisory Council shall ensure completeness of the applications and shall be responsible for the completion of the financial analysis of Special Project Grant applications. The Advisory Council will include the results of the analysis in their report on funding recommendations to the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture.

- delete (9) and replace with the following:

  "Special Project Grant recommendations shall not exceed a maximum of $10,000.00 for any one organization."

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.

(Note: Attachment referred to in the above clause is on file in the office of the City Clerk.)

Gift of Monument at Vimy Ridge Memorial Park
Files PR-7(22) & G-7

650 3. On April 2nd, 1991, the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture considered a request from the Royal Winnipeg Rifles Association to erect a war memorial in Vimy Ridge Park, and referred the matter to the Administration to review and determine the appropriate wording for the inscription, the location of the monument and the possibility of laying piles for the base of the monument.

On October 4th, 1991, negotiations between the Royal Winnipeg Rifles Association and the Parks and Recreation Department were concluded, and the details of a proposed agreement between the parties were outlined in a letter from the General Manager of the Parks and Recreation Department (Attachment 1).

As directed by Committee, the appropriate wording for the inscription shall be as determined by the Royal Winnipeg Rifles Association. The location for the monument at the northwest corner of Vimy Ridge Memorial Park is acceptable, and the Parks and Recreation Department is prepared to fund and supervise the installation of the piles and base, estimated to cost $1,800.00, which will support the 10,000 pound memorial.

Perpetual care of the monument will be the responsibility of the Royal Winnipeg Rifles Association, and care of the grounds and area around the monument will remain the responsibility of the City Centre-Fort Rouge Community Parks and Recreation Branch, an arrangement satisfactory to both parties. The estimated maintenance costs for the grounds and area around the monument are provided for in the current estimates for Vimy Ridge Memorial Park.

A dedication service is being planned by the Royal Winnipeg Rifles Association for June 6th, 1992, to coincide with their commemoration of the deaths of their comrades in June, 1944.

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Your Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture recommends:

1. That the City of Winnipeg accept the donation of a monument from the Royal Winnipeg Rifles Association, dedicated to the memory of those members that were killed in action, died of wounds, or murdered while prisoners of war during the 1939-45 war, for placement in Vimy Ridge Memorial Park; and that the wording for the inscription shall be as determined by the Royal Winnipeg Rifles Association.

2. That the City Solicitor be requested to develop an appropriate agreement whereby the Royal Winnipeg Rifles Association would donate the memorial to the City of Winnipeg but still assume responsibility for its ongoing maintenance.

3. That funds in the amount of $1,800.00, which are available in the City Centre-Fort Rouge Community Parks 1992 Estimates, be expended for the installation of the monument's base.

4. 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.

(Note: Attachment referred to in the above clause is on file in the office of the City Clerk.)

1997 Canada Summer Games
File GC-8

651 4. In 1967 the inaugural Canada Games were held in Quebec City. Since that time, the Games have been held in thirteen Canadian cities with all provinces being represented at least once. According to the schedule of provincial rotation, Manitoba is slated to host the 1997 Canada Summer Games.

On November 25th, 1991, the Provincial Sport Directorate hosted a Canada Summer Games Orientation Session which was conducted by the Chief Executive Officer of the Canada Games Council and the Canada Games Consultant for Sport Canada. Winnipeg was represented at the session by staff from the Parks and Recreation Department. At that Session, the bidding process time frame for the 1997 Games was discussed. The Canada Games Council representatives could not commit to specific dates, but did provide an approximate time frame which could be used for planning purposes.

The City of Winnipeg is presently preparing a bid for the 1999 Pan American Games. This bid preparation is the result of a favourable feasibility analysis which was approved by City Council in the Spring of 1991. The Pan Am Games bid process parallels the Canada Games bid process with very little difference in the projected dates of host city announcements. In report dated December 19th, 1991, to your Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture, the Parks and Recreation Department provided a comparative summary of the respective bid process timelines for the 1997 Canada Summer Games and the 1999 Pan Am Games (Appendix I).

On February 17th, 1992, Mr. Don McKenzie, Chairman Pan Am Games Committee, appeared before Committee and verbally advised that the time table for the bid process for the 1997 Canada Summer Games had been changed.

Inasmuch as your Committee has indicated an interest in possibly bidding on the 1997 Canada Summer Games but is concerned due to the parallel timelines, verification of the deadline for the City to submit a bid is necessary.

Your Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture, recommends as follows:

1. That the Federal Minister of State (Fitness and Amateur Sport) and the Provincial Minister of Industry, Trade and Tourism be requested to verify that the deadline for the City of Winnipeg to submit a bid for the 1997 Canada Summer Games has been changed to the spring of 1993.

Moved by Councillor Gilroy,
Adoption of the clause.

Carried.

(Note: Attachment referred to in the above clause is on file in the office of the City Clerk.)

COMMITTEE ON PROTECTION, PARKS AND CULTURE
QUESTION PERIOD

652 Councillor Hyman asked the Chairman the status of the Dutch Elm Disease Management Program in light of the possibility of not receiving additional monies to the $350,000.00 from the Province this year.

Councillor Gilroy replied that he believed 11,000 trees were lost last year and that the program was going backwards in the management program. The City has asked that the Province reconsider the decision not to participate in the program. The City will continue to participate, but on a much scaled-down program. The request for further consideration of the Province's decision was made at the recent meeting of the Official Delegation.

Councillor Mitchelson asked when it is expected that a meeting of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Pan Am Games will be held in view of the passage of time since the last meeting.

Councillor Gilroy replied that representations had been made to the Standing Committee on February 17th, 1992, and a commitment had been made by Mr. MacKenzie to attend and make a full report on the Pan Am bid. It is expected that the matter will be on a future agenda, and all members of Council will be invited to attend.

Councillor Mitchelson clarified that his question related to the Ad Hoc Committee, and not the Standing Committee.

Councillor Gilroy undertook to respond to Councillor Mitchelson's inquiry in view of some confusion regarding the status of the Ad Hoc Committee.

Councillor Brown indicated that his question to the Chairman of the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture may overlap into the jurisdiction of the Riverbank Management Committee. He referred to a near tragedy on the river with a nine year old boy, and a dramatic rescue in the midst of a spring thaw. Councillor Brown indicated that he has not seen as much advertising in the press or radio or television media with regard to the danger, and asked the Chairman to undertake to discuss this with the Commissioner of Protection, Parks and Culture and/or the Harbourmaster as quickly as possible to avoid any tragedies.

Councillor Gilroy replied that the Harbourmaster reports through the Riverbank Management Committee, but that he will speak to the Commissioner.