REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE CITIZENS' COMMISSION

ON MUNICIPAL REPRESENTATION

1095 - From the Chairman and Members, Citizens' Commission on Municipal Representation, File No. GL-5.1, Submitting report dated June 28th, 1991, in accordance with the terms of reference established by Council on March 27th, 1991.

Report tabled and received as information by Council on July 10th, 1991.

Pursuant to the petition requesting that a Special Meeting of Council be held to consider the Report and Recommendations of the Citizens' Commission on Municipal Representation, Council here proceeded to consider the recommendations of the Commission, which read as follows:-

- That The City of Winnipeg Act be amended to reduce the number of wards and the number of councillors to twenty-three;

- That the changes made in 1989 to strengthen the role of the mayor and the Executive Policy Committee be retained with one addition: the mayor be granted the power to remove the chairpersons of the four standing committees;

- That the issues of party affiliation and subsidization of elections be given an in-depth examination by a committee with a broader mandate and more time to study;

- That The City of Winnipeg Act be amended to increase the percentage deviation of each electoral ward in order to permit a maximum population of 30,000 per ward;

- That the ward and community boundaries be as delineated in Appendices "C" and "D" to this Report;

- That the names of the wards and community committee areas be as delineated in Appendix "E" to this Report;

- That the present boundaries be adjusted to provide the following number of wards in each community:-

City Centre	
St. James – Charleswood	3
Lord Selkirk - West Kildonan	4
East Kildonan – Transcona	4
St. Boniface - St. Vital	4
Assiniboine Park - Fort Garry	4

- That the six community committees be retained;

- That the community committees correspond to the six communities as delineated in Appendix "C" of this Report;

- That references to resident advisory groups in The City of Winnipeg Act be deleted.

(Copy of the Report of the Citizens' Commission on Municipal Representation and appendices referred to are on file in the Office of the City Clerk.)

Moved by Councillor Golden,

That Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider the Report and Recommendations of the Citizens' Commission on Municipal Representation.

The motion that Council go into Committee of the Whole was put and declared lost.

MOTIONS

Moved by Councillor Murray,
Seconded by Councillor Lazarenko,
1096 - WHEREAS the Citizens' Commission on Municipal Representation completed its mandate within the 90 days, as requested, and prior to the last Council meeting before the Province's Legislative Committee Hearings;

AND WHEREAS the Citizens' Commission on Municipal Representation fairly and thoughtfully addressed the issues of the size and structure of Council;

AND WHEREAS the Commission was a truly independent and unprejudiced body;

BE IT RESOLVED that Council adopt the recommendations of the Commission, namely:-

1. That The City of Winnipeg Act be amended to reduce the number of wards and the number of councillors to twenty-three;

2. That the changes made in 1989 to strengthen the role of the mayor and the Executive Policy Committee be retained with one addition: the mayor be granted the power to remove the chairpersons of the four standing committees;

3. That the issues of party affiliation and subsidization of elections be given an in-depth examination by a committee with a broader mandate and more time to study;

4. That The City of Winnipeg Act be amended to increase the percentage deviation of each electoral ward in order to permit a maximum population of 30,000 per ward;

5. That the ward and community boundaries be as delineated in the Commission's report;

MOTIONS (continued)

6. That the names of the wards and community committee areas be as recommended in the Commission's report;

7. That the present boundaries be adjusted to provide the following number of wards in each community:

City Centre	4
St. James-Charleswood	3
Lord Selkirk-West Kildonan	4
East Kildonan-Transcona	4
St. Boniface-St. Vital	4
Assiniboine Park-Fort Garry	4

8. That the six community committees be retained;

9. That the community committees correspond to the six communities as delineated in the Commission's report;

10. That references to resident advisory groups in The City of Winnipeg Act be deleted; and that the City examine mechanisms to strengthen citizen participation;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council thank Mr. H. Middlestead, Mr. R. J. Fergusson and Mr. S. Trachtenberg for their hard work and commitment that ensured a fair and successful fulfilment of their commission's mandate.

The Deputy Speaker, Councillor Wade, called Councillor Thomas to the Chair in order to participate in the debate and, after speaking, resumed the Chair.

In amendment,

Moved by Councillor Golden,
Seconded by Councillor Yuen,

That the previous motion be amended by replacing Recommendation Nos. 1, 5, 6 and 7 as follows, namely:-

"1. That the number of City Councillors be reduced to 25 plus the Mayor;

5. That ward boundaries be set by an independent Wards Review Commission after the exact number of wards is determined by legislation.

6. That the names of the wards and community committee areas be set by an independent Wards Review Commission after the exact number of wards is determined by legislation.

7. That the number of Community Committees be reduced to 5 and that City Centre-Fort Rouge be combined into each of these five with five councillors in each."

Councillor Murray asked that the recommendations in the amending motion be voted on separately.

The motion to amend Recommendation No. 1 was put and declared lost.

The motion to amend Recommendation No. 5 was put and declared carried.

The motion to amend Recommendation No. 6 was put and declared carried.

The motion to amend Recommendation No. 7 was put and declared lost.

The Deputy Speaker advised that each item in the motion proposed by Councillors Murray and Lazarenko will be considered separately.

Recommendation No. 1 was put.

MOTIONS (continued)

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

Yea: Councillors Diamant, Duguid, Hyman, Lazarenko, Mendelson and Murray. 6

Nay: Councillors Boychuk, Golden, O'Shaughnessy, Reese, Selinger, Thomas, Timmers, Young, Yuen and Wade. 10

and Recommendation No. 1 was declared lost.

Recommendation No. 2 was put and declared carried.

Recommendation No. 3 was put and declared carried.

Recommendation No. 4 was put and declared lost.

Recommendation No. 5, as amended, was put and declared carried.

Recommendation No. 6, as amended, was put and declared carried.

Recommendation No. 7 was put.

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

Yea: Councillors Diamant, Duguid, Lazarenko, Mendelson, Murray, Young and Wade. 7

Nay: Councillors Boychuk, Golden, Hyman, Prystanski, Reese, Selinger, Thomas, Timmers and Yuen. 9

and Recommendation No. 7 was declared lost.

Recommendation No. 8 was put and declared carried.

Recommendation No. 9 was put and declared lost.

Recommendation No. 10 was put.

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

Yea: Councillors Duguid, Lazarenko, Mendelson, Murray, Timmers, Young and Wade. 7

Nay: Councillors Boychuk, Diamant, Golden, Hyman, Prystanski, Reese, Selinger, Thomas and Yuen. 9

and Recommendation No. 10 was declared lost.

The motion, as amended, was put.

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

Yea: Councillors Boychuk, Diamant, Golden, Hyman, Lazarenko, Mendelson, Reese, Selinger, Thomas, Timmers, Young, Yuen and Wade. 13

Nay: Councillors Duguid, Murray and Prystanski. 3

and the motion, as amended, was declared carried.

MOTIONS (continued)

Moved by Councillor Thomas,
Seconded by Councillor Reese,
1097 - That the following be added as a new recommendation, namely:-

"That the number of wards remain the same."

Carried.