CONSIDERATION OF REPORT OF THE

COMMITTEE ON WORKS AND OPERATIONS

The Executive Policy Committee has had before it the Report of the Committee on Works and Operations, dated April 23rd, 1991, has concurred in the recommendations contained therein and submits same to Council for approval and adoption.

On motion of Councillor Lorenc, the Report of the Committee on Works and Operations, dated April 23rd, 1991, was considered clause by clause.

West Committee Room,
Council Building, Winnipeg.
April 23rd, 1991.

His Worship the Mayor and Councillors:

Your Committee on Works and Operations submits the following Report and recommends:

Riverbank Clean-up. File PR-4

835 - 1. Council, at its meeting held on December 12th, 1990, referred the following motion to your Committee on Works and Operations, namely:-

"WHEREAS the riverbank clean-up was an unqualified success;

AND WHEREAS more lead time would have allowed even greater gains against river pollution;

AND WHEREAS water draw down is anticipated to be implemented in the fall of 1991;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Works and Operations Department and the Parks and Recreation Department schedule an annual clean-up as soon as practical after draw down."

On January 8th, 1991, the Committee on Works and Operations referred the above motion to the Commissioner of Works and Operations and the Riverbank Management Committee for report.

On February 13th, 1991, your Committee on Works and Operations was granted an extension of 60 days in which to report back to Council in this matter in order to allow the Riverbank Management Committee and the Administration an appropriate time in which to respond.

Your Committee on Works and Operations has been advised that the Riverbank Management Committee recommended endorsement of the recommendations of the Chief Commissioner regarding "Lowering Water Levels
to Facilitate Bank Clean-up", dated February 28th, 1991, which reads as follows:-

1. That further reduction in the water levels from normal winter water levels along the Red and the Assiniboine Rivers through flow diversion or modification not be considered.

2. That representatives from the Operations, Parks and Recreation, and the Waterworks, Waste and Disposal Departments and the Harbour Master be appointed to a task force to investigate and recommend a riverbank clean-up program to be undertaken within water levels created on the Red and Assiniboine Rivers with normal operation of the St. Andrews Lock and Dam.

Inasmuch as Council, on April 17th, 1991, adopted Clause 8 of the Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated April 10th, 1991, with the above recommendations, your Committee on Works and Operations recommends that no further action be taken with respect to the above motion, and that it be filed.

Moved by Councillor Lorenc,
Adoption of the clause.

Carried.

Report of the Committee on Works and Operation, dated April 23rd, 1991.

Proposal for Special Transit fares.
Files TT-2 and FE(1991)

836 - 2. Council, at its meeting held on December 12th, 1990, referred the following motions to your Committee on Works and Operations, namely:-

"THAT special/student fares of $.60 remain in effect for a period of two years."

"WHEREAS the transit system should take measures to increase and encourage ridership by a variety of means;

AND WHEREAS our transit system has off-peak periods where demand for the service is reduced, but it continues to operate at less than capacity;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following recommendation be added to Clause 1 of the Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated December 3rd, 1990, with respect to transit fare increases:-

'That a special off-peak rate be set for the special category and the ordinary ridership'"

On January 8th, 1991, the Committee on Works and Operations referred the above motions to the Director of Transit for report.

On February 13th, 1991, Council granted your Committee on Works and Operations an extension of 60 days in which to report back to Council in this regard.

Inasmuch as your Committee on Works and Operations has not yet received the administrative report on this proposal, a further extension of 60 days is requested in which to report back to Council.

Moved by Councillor Lorenc,
Adoption of the clause.

Carried.

Corner Cut at the Southwest Corner of Hespeler Avenue and Henderson Highway - East Kildonan - Transcona Community.
File DAO 36/88

837 - 3. In December of 1987, the Board of Commissioners considered the report of the Director of Streets and Transportation regarding land acquisition for the 1988 Capital Program and instructed the Land Surveys and Real Estate Department to negotiate for the purchase of the land required for a corner cut at the southwest corner of Hespeler Avenue and Henderson Highway. The corner cut is necessary to improve the turning radius of traffic in the area.

The owner of the land accepted the City's offer, and the lands may now be dedicated as public street. The corner cut has now been physically constructed.

No objections were received in response to the circularization of this proposal to all interested City departments and public utilities.

The Planning Department has provided all necessary approvals as to planning considerations for this opening approved by the Board of Commissioners.

Report of the Committee on Works and Operations, dated April 23rd, 1991.

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

1. That the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare the necessary by-law for submission to Council to effect the opening at the southwest corner of Hespeler Avenue and Henderson Highway in accordance with Plan No. EKT 7036; the cost of the by-law, estimated at $200.00, to be borne by the City-at-large.

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

Copy of Plan No. EKT 7036 regarding this matter is on file in the office of the City Clerk.

Moved by Councillor Lorenc,
Adoption of the clause.

Carried.

Amendments to the City of Winnipeg Streets By-law and Private Approaches By-law Files ST-5.2 and SC-1.1

838 - 4. Council, at its meeting of March 20th, 1991, adopted the 1991 Tax-Supported Budget, which included increases to application and permit fees contained in the Streets and Private Approaches By-laws.

As a result of this action, the amendments recommended in this report reflect the new fees adopted by Council.

The new fee structure reads as follows:

Application/Permit		Current Fee	New Fee
Streets By-law No. 1481/77	Excavation Permit	$10.00	$25.00
Private Approaches By-law No. 329/73	Application - Residential Dwelling - Conforming	$ 2.00	$10.00
	Application - Multiple Family Dwelling - Commercial and Industrial Premises – Conforming	$25.00	$25.00
	Application - All types - Non-conforming	$40.00	$40.00*
	Permit - All types	$ 5.00	$25.00

*Amended Schedule 4 of this By-law adopted by Council at its meeting of April 17th, 1991.

Your Committee on Works and Operations recommends:-

1. That the City of Winnipeg Streets By-law No. 1481/77 and Private Approaches By-law No. 329/73 be amended, as shown on Schedules "A" and "B", respectively.

2. That the City Solicitor be requested to draft the necessary amending By-laws in accordance with the foregoing, for direct submission to Council for approval.

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

Report of the Committee on Works and Operations, dated April 23rd, 1991.

Moved by Councillor Lorenc,
Adoption of the clause.

Carried.

(Note: See Minute No. 840 for attachment.)

Proposal for the Restoration of At-Grade Pedestrian Crossing at the Intersection of Portage Avenue and Main Street.
File SC-3.2.1

839 - 5. In 1990, the Management Boards of the Downtown Winnipeg Business Improvement Zone and the Exchange District Business Improvement Zone expressed interest in restoration of at-grade pedestrian crossing at the intersection of Portage Avenue and Main Street.

On September 4th, 1990, the Committee on Works and Operations laid over a report from the Commissioner of Works and Operations, entitled "A Study to Determine the Effects of Restoration...of Portage Avenue and Main Street", awaiting advice from His Worship Mayor Wm. Norrie, Q.C., regarding responses from the signatories to agreements with the City of Winnipeg that obliged the City to prohibit at-grade pedestrian crossing at the intersection.

Council, at its meeting held on March 27th, 1991, referred the following motion to the Committee on Works and Operations:

"THAT the City of Winnipeg Law Department negotiate with parties to the agreement to close Portage and Main, to have said parties agree to the re-opening and report to Council within 42 days."

It was the decision of Committee that His Worship Mayor Norrie and the Board of Commissioners be requested to provide a status report on the proposal to its meeting on April 23rd, 1991. Reports were submitted as requested, but due to unforeseen circumstances, your Committee on Works and Operations was unable to consider the whole matter at that meeting and therefore recommends an extension of time until the Council meeting of May 29th, 1991, to enable it to consider same at its next meeting on May 14th and report back to Council.

Moved by Councillor Lorenc,
Adoption of the clause.

Carried.

840 - SEE OFFICIAL SET OF MINUTES FOR ATTACHMENT.

COMMITTEE ON WORKS AND OPERATIONS

MOTIONS

Moved by Councillor Golden,
Seconded by Councillor Fraser,

841 - THAT Council instruct administration to negotiate with the parties to the agreement to close Portage Avenue and Main Street with the intent to re-open this intersection to pedestrian traffic and report the results of these negotiations through the Committee on Finance and Administration within 30 days.

Referred to Committee on
Works and Operations.

CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

842 - On motion of Councillor Lorenc, 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. 5681/91, a By-law of The City of Winnipeg to close part of First East/West Lane North of St. Matthews Avenue between Arlington and Burnell Streets. File No. DAC 1/91.

By-law No. 5683/91, a By-law of The City of Winnipeg to close Public Lanes within the proposed Laboratory Centre for Disease Control Site - Central Works Yard. File No. DAC 25/90.

On motion of Councillor Lorenc, 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. 5684/91, a By-law of The City of Winnipeg to amend By-law No. 1481/77, being The City of Winnipeg Streets By-law. File No. ST-5.3.

By-law No. 5685/91, a By-law of The City of Winnipeg to amend The Traffic By-law. File No. ST-5.2.

By-law No. 5686/91, a By-law of The City of Winnipeg to amend By-law No. 329/73, being a by-law of said City to regulate the construction, maintenance and removal of private approaches and private walks. File No. SC-1.1.

On motion of Councillor Lorenc, the rule was suspended and 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. 5692/91, a By-law of The City of Winnipeg to open/widen the North-East corner of Sargent Avenue and Spence Street. File No. DAO 5/89.

By-law No. 5693/91, a By-law of The City of Winnipeg to open the Westerly 60 Metres of Lot "A", Plan 1374 as Public Street at the North-East corner of Kenaston Boulevard and Wilkes Avenue. File No. DAO 35/89.

QUESTION PERIOD

843 - Councillor Brown drew attention to the fact that the City is in the process of tendering for the purchase of heavy construction equipment. He advised that it has come to his attention that it might be more beneficial if the City considered leasing or renting equipment at this time, due to the availability of equipment from private companies operating in the City. In view of this possibility, he asked if the Chairman of the Committee on Works and Operations would investigate the alternatives available.

Councillor Lorenc replied that depending on the status of the tender process, he would pursue the suggestions.

Moved by Councillor Gilroy,
That Council do now adjourn.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: The Speaker Councillor Eadie, Councillors Wade, Boychuk, Brown, Clement, Demare, Diamant, Douglas, Fleisher, Fraser, Gilroy, Golden, Lazarenko, Lorenc, Mendelson, Mitchelson, Murray, O'Shaughnessy, Prystanski, Selinger, Thomas, Timmers, Timm-Rudolph, Young, Yuen and His Worship Mayor Norrie.

The motion to adjourn was put and carried and Council adjourned at 2:08 a.m., Thursday, May 9th, 1991.

APPROVED AND CONFIRMED

Deputy City Clerk. Speaker.