Councillor Mitchelson here returned to the Chamber at 9:12 p.m.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORT OF THE

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

The Executive Policy Committee has had before it the Report of the Committee on Finance and Administration, dated June 25th, 1991, has concurred in the recommendations contained therein, except as noted below, and submits same to Council for approval and adoption.

On motion of Councillor Selinger, the Report of the Committee on Finance and Administration dated June 25th, 1991, was considered clause by clause.

West Committee Room,
Council Building, Winnipeg.
June 25th, 1991.

His Worship the Mayor and Councillors:

Your Committee on Finance and Administration submits the following Report and recommends:

Amendment to the Winnipeg Police Employees' Group Insurance By-law 5643/91 - Increase of Basic Insurance Benefits. File GU-2.4

1087 - 1. Your Committee on Finance and Administration has been advised that the actuarial valuation for the period ending December 31st, 1988, revealed that Basic Insurance premium rate paid to insurance carrier Great-West Life may be reduced, and that the employees' contribution rates could either be reduced or basic insurance benefits be increased.

Your Committee has also been advised that the Winnipeg Police Pension Board on July 18th, 1990, approved the increase of basic insurance benefits.

The excess of assets over liabilities of $75,000.00 has been set aside as a contingency reserve. The Police Pension Board's approval to increase basic insurance from 1.5 to 1.75 times salary for those members of the Police Group Insurance Plan requires an amendment to the Employees' Group Insurance By-law. The letter from the actuary dated June 20th, 1990, indicates that there is no additional cost to the City as a result of this amendment.

Your Committee on Finance and Administration submits for favourable consideration amending By-law to amend Section 3(1), 3(2), 4(1), 4(2) and 7(1) of Winnipeg Police Employees' Group Insurance By-law Number 5643/91.

Moved by Councillor Selinger,
Adoption of the clause.

Carried.

Amendment to the Winnipeg Pension Plan By-law 2148/78. File GU-2.4

1088 - 2. Your Committee on Finance and Administration has been advised that the Winnipeg Police Pension Board on July 18th, 1990, concurred with the administration's recommendation to convert the current policy of quarterly increases to annually, and for consistency, the Winnipeg CPI is used as the basis for cost of living adjustments. The amendment does not change the amount of the cost of living adjustment, as the changes to pensions in payment is determined actuarially by the amount available in the Supplementary Account.

Your Committee on Finance and Administration submits for favourable consideration the amending By-law to amend subsection 5(7) of the Winnipeg Police Pension Plan By-law 2148/78.

Report of the Committee on Finance and Administration, dated June 25th, 1991.

Moved by Councillor Selinger,
Adoption of the clause.

Carried.

Operation of the Highlander Sportsplex
Files FE-1 & F-5

1089 - 3. REFERRED BY EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE TO THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS

CONSIDERATION OF REPORT OF THE

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

The Executive Policy Committee has had before it Report "A" of the Committee on Finance and Administration, dated June 25th, 1991, has concurred in the recommendations contained therein and submits same to Council for approval and adoption.

On motion of Councillor Selinger, the rule was suspended and Report "A" of the Committee on Finance and Administration dated June 25th, 1991, was considered clause by clause.

West Committee Room,
Council Building, Winnipeg.
June 25th, 1991.

His Worship the Mayor and Councillors:

Your Committee on Finance and Administration submits the following Report "A" and recommends:

Proposed property acquisition and exchange to facilitate the expansion of the Highlander Sportsplex. File FI-2.4(26)

1090 - 1. On January 24th, 1991, the Board of Commissioners considered a report from the Parks and Recreation Department regarding possible acquisition of Standard Aero Ltd., property shown as 'Proposed Acquisition for Highlander Sports-Plex' on Misc. Plan No. SJA 8055/2, to accommodate a proposed expansion of the Highlander Sports-Plex to provide additional indoor hockey ice. The Board instructed the Land Surveys and Real Estate Department to initiate negotiations, said negotiations to take the direction of a land exchange involving City-owned lands as shown on said Plan, as well as cash compensation for a building which is presently situated on the Standard Aero Ltd. property.

Since January 1991, negotiations with Standard Aero Ltd. have been held in abeyance pending a report from Winnipeg Enterprises Corporation on the feasibility of the Highlander expansion for indoor ice hockey. Standard Aero Ltd. had indicated during preliminary negotiations that it was prepared to consider a land exchange plus compensation. Since then, other proposals involving the Highlander Sports-Plex have been presented. One proposal deals with the conversion of the Highlander for indoor soccer use, while the other two proposals involve the outright sale of the Highlander Sports-Plex to private parties.

Standard Aero has now indicated that it intends to proceed in the near future with an expansion of one of its buildings at this location which will provide "growth in numbers of employees and the opportunity to expand our existing business." Standard Aero Ltd. would like to resolve the outstanding property matters so as to facilitate the redevelopment. In so doing, Standard Aero Ltd. provided the City with an all-encompassing proposal to settle under date of June 5th, 1991.

The Land Surveys and Real Estate Department has reviewed this proposal and has found it to be generally acceptable but suggests that as structured the proposed settlement is not feasible having regard for the street closing process.

The Department suggests that the following proposed terms and conditions constitute the basis for a land sale between Standard Aero Ltd. and the City:

1. Standard Aero Ltd. to purchase from the City those sites marked "A", "B" and "C" on Drawing No. SJA 8055/2 at a price of $73,500.00.

2. Upon the successful closing of part of Allen Dyne Road (generally shown as site D on Drawing No. SJA 8055/2) Standard Aero Ltd. will purchase the property at a rate of $1.50/square foot.

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3. The City will be granted an Option to Purchase the site marked "E" on Drawing No. SJA 8055/2 at a price of $73,500.00 for a period of 5 years.

4. Upon notice that the City is exercising its Option as referred to in preceding Condition Number 3 and subject to the successful closure and sale to Standard Aero Ltd. of part of Allen Dyne Road as referred to in preceding Condition Number 2, Standard Aero Ltd. will demolish and clear site "E" at its expense but in the event that Allen Dyne Road cannot be closed and sold to Standard Aero Ltd. as contemplated in preceding Condition Number 2, that the City will be responsible for the demolition and clearing of site "E" at its expense.

5. The cost of survey and plan registrations necessary to convey title of Site "C" and "D" to Standard Aero Ltd. will be the responsibility of Standard Aero Ltd. and to convey title to site "E" to the City will be the City's responsibility.

6. Site "E" is to transfer to the City free of any leasehold interests and free and clear of any and all liens and encumbrances except for those utility easements acceptable to the City.

7. The City will self assess any tax payable on the acquisition of Site "E". Standard Aero Ltd. to be responsible for any G.S.T. payable on Sites "A", "B", "C" and "D".

8. Such other terms and conditions as may be deemed to be necessary by the City Solicitor to implement the intent of Council.

The proposed sale prices for sites "A", "B" and "C" have been previously negotiated with Standard Aero Ltd. The sale of sites "A" and "B" to Standard Aero Ltd. had been rejected by the Committee on Finance and Administration on December 5th, 1989 and the sale of site C to Standard Aero Ltd. had been rejected by the Committee on Finance and Administration on June 4th, 1991, with the intention that all three of these sites would be included in the land exchange negotiations related to the Highlander expansion project. The Land Surveys and Real Estate Department is of the opinion that the prices suggested herein are acceptable.

The proposed settlement as structured would allow Standard Aero Ltd. to consolidate its holdings immediately and would allow the Allen Dyne Road closing process to take its natural course. Furthermore, the proposed Option to the City of Site "E" would provide the City with an opportunity to determine its intentions regarding the Highlander Sports-Plex.

No funding source has been provided to finance this acquisition by the City.

Should the City exercise its Option and should the expansion of the Highlander facility occur then it may be necessary for the City to relocate in whole or in part an overhead Manitoba Hydro and Manitoba Telephone System plant installation currently located along the south limit of Site "E".

The Technical Advisory Committee on City Properties on September 19th, 1989, in reviewing this matter, recommended that the sale of the lands (shown as site "A" on Drawing SJA 8055/2), be subject to the exclusion of a 6 metre by 6 metre corner-cut at Sargent Avenue and that the purchase price of the lands be adjusted accordingly reflecting the decrease in site size and any relocation expenses as a result of the corner-cut. Site "A" and the proposed price has been adjusted to reflect the proposed corner cut.

Your Committee on Finance and Administration recommends the proposed sale and acquisition be approved in accordance with the above mentioned terms and conditions; and that the proper officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the said sale and acquisition of lands, including the execution of any documents related thereto.

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Moved by Councillor Selinger,
Adoption of the clause.

Carried.

Winnipeg Canoe Club Condominium Housing Project - 47 Dunkirk Place - Sale/Exchange of Lands - St. Boniface-St. Vital Community. File DAZ 204/91

1091 - 2. The area proposed for development of a condominium housing project and the lands involved in the proposed sale/exchange between the City of Winnipeg and the Winnipeg Canoe Club are shown on Plan No. SBSV 4750/7.

In September, 1990, the Winnipeg Canoe Club approached the City with a proposal to develop a condominium project adjoining the Club's facilities on lands owned in part by the Club and the City. The Club, initially, suggested either a) a transfer by the City to the Club of some of the lands required to make the project viable or, b) a lease of the required lands at $1.00 per annum for a period of not less than 75 years with a renewal clause. The Club also requested permission to include the required lands in its application to rezone its land.

On October 16th, 1990, your Committee approved in principle the sale of the City's lands to the Club at fair market value for cash or exchange of riverbank property to allow the Club to include the City's lands in its rezoning application (File No. DAZ 204/91).

The Parks and Recreation Department has identified its Department's land requirements in the area (Parcel "B") to be utilized in conjunction with the 15 metre wide portion of City-owned lands (presently under lease to the Club) for the development of a lineal riverbank pathway.

A petition to amend the Greater Winnipeg Development Plan - Plan Winnipeg, By-law No. 2960/81 - to facilitate development of the condominium project by redesignating lands from "Golf Course" to a "Suburban Residential Neighbourhood" Policy Area was thereafter filed by McGowan Design Group Inc. on behalf of the Club.

On March 6th, 1991, Council gave second reading to By-law No. 5632/91 amending Plan Winnipeg redesignating the lands immediately south of the Club's facilities to a "Suburban Residential Neighbourhood" as petitioned for by the Club.

The Club in the meantime, applied to rezone its lands at 47 Dunkirk Place together with portions of the City's lands from an "R1" One-Family District to an "R3B" Two Planned Building Group District.

On May 8th, 1991, Council adopted the recommendation of its Committee on Planning and Community Services to rezone the lands under application File No. DAZ 204/91 to "R3B" subject to the condition, among others, that the Club enter into a zoning agreement with the City in accordance with the terms and conditions detailed in Schedule "A".

The Land Surveys and Real Estate Department, in dealing with the proposed sale/exchange of lands with the Club, forwarded the terms and conditions detailed in Schedule "B". Essentially, the net payment to the City asked by the Land Surveys and Real Estate Department is $65,000.00. The Club would be required to pay a 10% deposit for a one year option. The deposit would be refundable if the project did not proceed. The City would receive the riverbank lands plus an easement for access from Dunkirk Place and the Club would get the lands it requires for its project and an easement to allow the servicing to cross City lands.

The $65,000.00 proposed sale price is deemed to be acceptable to the Land Surveys and Real Estate Department and reflects the influence of the costs to service the site and to stabilize the riverbank as estimated by the developer. This proposed price is established based on the understanding that the developer will be responsible for any and all additional costs of servicing and of bank stabilization and of alteration to the Primary Line of Defence (primary dyke) in order to meet the servicing, riverbank stability and flood protection criteria that may be subsequently established by the City and/or the Provincial Dyking Commissioner.

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Pursuant to Section 156(2) of The City of Winnipeg Act (S.M. 1989-1990 C.10) the disposal/exchange of property designated or acquired for parks purposes requires the approval of at least two-thirds majority of Council.

Your Committee on Finance and Administration recommends that the sale/exchange of the property to the Winnipeg Canoe Club be approved in accordance with the terms and conditions as outlined in the referenced report; and in addition, that the City consider off-setting the value of the subject land payable by the Canoe Club against the value attributed to the City through riverbank walkway improvements.

Moved by Councillor Selinger,
Adoption of the clause.

The motion for the adoption of the clause was put.

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

Yea: Councillors Brown, Clement, Demare, Diamant, Douglas, Fleisher, Fraser, Golden, Lorenc, Mendelson, Mitchelson, O'Shaughnessy, Prystanski, Reese, Selinger, Timmers, Timm-Rudolph, Young, Yuen and Mayor Norrie. 20

Nay: Councillors Boychuk, Thomas and Wade. 3

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

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

MOTIONS

Moved by Mayor Norrie,
Seconded by Councillor Douglas,

1092 - BE IT RESOLVED that in the absence of the Deputy City Clerk, the following City Clerk's Department personnel be authorized to affix their signatures in an Acting City Clerk capacity on all by-laws, documents, instruments or agreements, including certification of copies of same, requiring the signature of the City Clerk, namely:-

T. Pomes	-	July 2nd, 1991 to July 12th, 1991, inclusive;
W. J. Lyons	-	July 15th, 1991 to July 19th, 1991, inclusive.

Carried.

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION

CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

1093 - On motion of Councillor Selinger, 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. 5721/91, a By-law of the City of Winnipeg to amend By-law No. 5643/91 being the Police Employees' Group Life Insurance Plan By-law. File No. GU-2.4.

By-law No. 5722/91, a By-law of the City of Winnipeg to amend Schedule "A" of By-law No. 2148/78 being the Winnipeg Police Pension Plan, as amended. File No. GU-2.4.

QUESTION PERIOD

1094 - Councillor Golden referred to the letter forwarded to all members of Council from the Chief Commissioner in response to the newspaper article "Top Civic Pay Zooms - High-level managers due to get 12% bonus". He asked if the Chairman of the Committee on Finance and Administration or the Mayor would confirm that in fact this process is cost neutral to the City of Winnipeg.

Mayor Norrie responded that he had discussed this matter with the Chief Commissioner and had been assured that it is revenue or expense neutral and that there is no additional cost to the City.

Councillor Golden further inquired as to whether or not when paying more to people at the top who are closer to retirement, there will be an increased cost to the Pension Fund.

Mayor Norrie replied that for those that retire at the upper end of the scale, there will be additional costs to the Pension Plan, while new employees entering the new wage scale will come in at lower salaries, and there will be lower costs to the Pension Plan.

Councillor Golden questioned if it will, in fact, be expense neutral. He added that, in his opinion, this change will incur greater costs and a cost to the taxpayer.

Mayor Norrie clarified that the information he received from the Chief Commissioner was that it would be expense neutral and that the Chief Commissioner would take steps specifically to see that it was.

Councillor Golden asked if that would include the ramifications and the cost to the Pension Fund.

Councillor Thomas enquired as to the status of the report on her motion requesting the introduction of Hansard recording of Council meetings.

Mayor Norrie responded that his recollection of the matter was that Executive Policy Committee and Council adopted a recommendation that the method of recording Council meetings be by video tape recordings.

Councillor Murray asked the Chairman of the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture to confirm whether or not the Fire Department has a short-fall in its staff complement in the south end of the City, and if so, the status.

Councillor Douglas advised that he would obtain the necessary information for Councillor Murray.

Councillor Murray also asked that if the Mayor is not going to issue proclamations against violence against gay men and lesbians, what kind of stand would be taken against increased and growing violence against people most vulnerable in the community.

Mayor Norrie stated that his stand on violence is that the City needs more Police Department personnel as well as more lights and patrols in the area in which these attacks are occurring. He advised that he will do everything that he can and hopes that Council will provide sufficient resources to the Police Department, so that violence can be contained.

Councillor Murray also asked if the Mayor sees any relationship between the neglect to issue the requested proclamations and the absence of an event marking those which the City supports and an implicit message that goes out to the community at large that enhances the opportunity for these kinds of violent events to happen.

Mayor Norrie stated that he would be disturbed if the message from the community to the Police Department was not taken seriously and that if it is not being taken seriously in terms of adequate protection, he will discuss it with the Chief of Police upon receipt of a request to do so.

Councillor Reese asked if the implementation of a new Management Professional Group pay scale had commenced on the scheduled date of March 24th, 1991, as indicated in a letter written by the Chief Commissioner on July 8th, 1991. She advised that the Winnipeg Association of Public Service Officers has stated, in writing, that as of April 18th, 1991, W.A.P.S.O. has not agreed to go on the new scale.

Councillor Reese also stated that she had requested that before implementation, Council obtain the actual cost of the new scale compared to the existing scale. She stated that the Chief Commissioner claimed that he sent all requested information to the Councillors and that every member of Council has received it. She asked why he still has not provided the cost.

Mayor Norrie asked that if Councillor Reese would put the question in writing, he would take it as notice.

Councillor Reese asked if Councillors could receive the actual cost of the new salary grid. She further asked why Council has been given the information that the new grid was implemented as of March 24th when in fact the scale has not been agreed to by W.A.P.S.O.

Mayor Norrie asked the Clerk to provide him with the question in order that he can respond to Councillor Reese.

Councillor Boychuk asked the Mayor if he could ensure that all residents of Transcona will be treated equally and have transportation services to their segment of the community in the future should the CNR not reverse its decision to close the existing access through the Transcona Shops property.

Mayor Norrie asked that Councillor Boychuk personally discuss this issue with him.

Councillor Selinger enquired about the renewal of the Core Area Initiative, and pointed out that Council has adopted a resolution to have an agreement in principle by October and implementation in January. Councillor Selinger questioned if the Mayor has had an opportunity to talk to either the Minister of Urban Affairs or the Premier who promised before the last election that there would be some form of third core area initiative or urban revitalization strategy.

Mayor Norrie advised that the Order of Council has been forwarded to both Mr. J. Epp and Mr. J. Ernst. He stated that while he has had a brief discussion with Mr. Ernst he has not had an opportunity to speak to the Premier. His Worship stated that there will be a policy meeting of the Core and that he is hopeful and encouraged that the position of the senior levels of government would soon be clarified.

Councillor Selinger asked if Mayor Norrie will further contact the Premier personally to reaffirm his pre-election commitment and undertake as well to contact Mr. Jake Epp or the Prime Minister, to assure what their position is on supporting urban revitalization, particularly in the context of the constitutional negotiations where the Federal Government has some continuing responsibility for aboriginal peoples.

Mayor Norrie agreed to the request by Councillor Selinger.

Councillor Timmers referred to the Mayor's response to Councillor Murray's questions on the issue of violence against the gay community in the City.

Councillor Timmers advised that containing violence is not acceptable and asked the Mayor if he was aware that the message sent in refusing to make some kind of proclamation was that he is acknowledging violence against a segment of this community and it sends a dangerous message and a condoning message.

Mayor Norrie advised that the issue of violence is not contained or related to a specific community but unfortunately exists throughout the whole City. He suggested that if there are questions concerning violence against anyone in the community, they should be raised before the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture.

Councillor Golden asked if the Mayor or the Official Delegation has considered rationalizing the City's boundaries so that the large lots form the rural communities, and the Perimeter Highway become the new boundary of Winnipeg.

Mayor Norrie advised that while the issue of the assessment relative to large lots has been discussed, the Province has not approved a special classification. He stated that at a meeting with the Urban Affairs Committee of Cabinet, a proposal was put with respect to the Headingley situation but there was no discussion at that time with respect to the Perimeter becoming the boundary of the City of Winnipeg. He further stated that within the perimeter, there are areas of rural municipalities who have objected in the past to losing those areas of assessment. He also stated that the Action Area Plan was discussed for Headingley and that the question of proposed secession legislation was also discussed.

Councillor Golden asked if the Mayor would agree that this is the prime opportunity to determine what the boundaries of the City of Winnipeg should be and if His Worship would undertake to raise the issue with the Provincial Government.

Mayor Norrie advised that the boundaries of the City of Winnipeg have always been irrational and do not make much sense in many respects. He stated that in discussions relative to the Headingley area, the boundaries will become an issue, as there are certain areas of land that the City would wish to retain within the boundaries of the City's jurisdiction. He stated that while this issue has not been discussed, he could raise it with the Minister. He advised that the issue is not within the jurisdiction of the City other than to express an opinion.

Councillor Golden asked if the Mayor or the Chairman of the Committee on Planning and Community Services could advise him if it would be appropriate for the Plan Winnipeg Review Committee to look at the question of rational boundaries for the City of Winnipeg.

Mayor Norrie responded that it would be appropriate to look at the boundary issue in the Plan Winnipeg Review.

Councillor Clement referred to the Headingley Action Area Plan and the public meetings that were held on June 17th in the St. James-Assiniboia Community Committee and on June 18th in the Assiniboine Park-Fort Garry Community Committee. He asked His Worship if he was aware that the issue relating to the Headingley Action Area Plan was not on the agenda of the July 15th, 1991 meeting of the Committee on Planning and Community Services, the last opportunity for review and consideration by Council before the prorogued period. He requested

His Worship to endeavour to ensure that this item is put on the addendum for consideration by the Committee on Planning and Community Services on Monday.

Mayor Norrie requested the Committee Clerk to make a note of the issue and remind him to contact Councillor Gilroy in this regard.

Councillor Young advised that Council referred a motion of his to Executive Policy Committee dealing with the creation of a joint sub-committee of Executive Policy Committee on effectiveness and efficiency. He asked His Worship to make a special effort to bring the interested parties together to discuss this matter.

Mayor Norrie advised that Councillor Young's request for a meeting is in the process of being set up and hoped that they can do it before the end of July.