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 September 24th, 1990, has concurred in the recommendations contained therein, except as noted below, and submits same to Council for approval and adoption.

On motion of Councillor Douglas, the Report of the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture, dated September 24th, 1990, was considered clause by clause.

North Committee Room,
Council Building, Winnipeg.
September 24th, 1990.

His Worship the Mayor and Councillors:

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

Alexander Park City Centre Fort Rouge Community File FI 2.1.1.

1556 1. LAID OVER BY EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION

(See pages 2085 to 2088 for official set of minutes with respect to the above clause).

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Additional Funds for Dutch Elm Disease Control File PB 2.

1557 2. Beginning in 1986, the City's Parks and Recreation Department and the Social Services Department have co ordinated four Dutch Elm Disease Sanitation projects, involving in total 145 social assistance recipients. Each project has carried out a program of pruning, removal and disposal of dead and dying elm trees. Of the 145 persons who have participated in these programs, only ten are currently in receipt of social assistance from the City. The contributions of the funding partners in this job development program since 1986 are shown:

		Federal	City	Total
	1986	261,000	124,000	385,000
	1987	299,584	337,500	637,084
	1988	311,566	366,093	677,659
	1989	383,319	383,350	767,169
Proposed	1990	350,000	416,712	766,712

Currently the increase in the incidence of Dutch Elm Disease in the City of Winnipeg exceeds the operational capability of the Forestry Branch to remove all diseased and hazardous trees. The program which was being proposed was directed at a major sanitation effort, the aim of which is to check the escalation of Dutch Elm Disease in the City of Winnipeg. The program would cost $766,712 in 1990. The Federal Government's contribution of $350,000 would be directed at employing individuals on social assistance, while the City's contribution would be used to employee recalled C.U.P.E. members and for related equipment expenses. It would be expected that approximately 32 individuals presently receiving social assistance would be employed for 20 weeks through this program. The projected total savings in financial assistance costs are estimated at $166,000 for this 20 week period, of which approximately $26,000 would be a direct saving to the City.

The benefits of this program to The City of Winnipeg would be as follows:

- By undertaking the program at this time, the potential for rapid escalation of the disease and the expenditure of several million dollars for future tree removals would be reduced.

- For former social assistance recipients, employment on this job creation project gives them the opportunity to gain new work skills, add to their work histories and to contribute something of value to their community. Of the 32 recipients who participated in the last special Dutch Elm Disease Program, 30 are currently employed with various departments of The City of Winnipeg. Members of visible minorities and native persons form the majority of this group.

At its meeting held on August 30th, 1990, The Board of Commissioners considered a report from the General Manager of Parks and Recreation and the Director of Social Services recommending as follows:

1. That The City of Winnipeg participate with the Federal Government in a Dutch Elm Disease Sanitation Project, to employ 32 social assistance recipients;

2. That The City of Winnipeg approve the addition of the sum of $416,712 to the Dutch Elm Disease budget of the Parks and Recreation Department, as the City's share of the cost of this project in 1990, subject to funding participation by the Federal Government in the amount of $350,000.

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3. That the proper officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the foregoing, including the execution of documents.

The Board of Commissioners subsequently recommended against proceeding with the project due to budget constraints and a serious concern with respect to the potential for a deficit in 1990.

On September 18th, 1990, the City Centre Fort Rouge Community Committee expressed concern over the possible loss of the project and passed the following motion, namely:

"That the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture be advised that the City Centre Fort Rouge Community Committee does not concur in the recommendation from the Board of Commissioners that the City of Winnipeg decline to participate with the Federal Government in a Dutch Elm Disease Sanitation Project in 1990; and

That the City approve the addition of the sum of $416,712.00 to the Dutch Elm Disease budget of the Parks and Recreation Department, subject to funding participation by the Federal Government in the amount of $350,000.00."

After considering all aspects of this matter, your Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture recommends:

1. That The City of Winnipeg participate with the Federal Government in a Dutch Elm Disease Sanitation Project, to employ 32 social assistance recipients;

2. That The City of Winnipeg approve the addition of the sum of $416,712 to the Dutch Elm Disease budget, of the Parks and Recreation Department, as the City's share of the cost of this project in 1990, subject to funding participation by the Federal Government in the amount of $350,000.

3. That the proper officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the foregoing, including the execution of documents.

Your Executive Policy Committee recommends that recommendation 2. above, be deleted and the following inserted therefor:

> "2. That The City of Winnipeg approve the addition of the sum of $350,000 to the Dutch Elm Disease budget, of the Parks and Recreation Department, as the City's share of the cost of this project in 1990, subject to funding participation by the Federal Government in the amount of $350,000."

Moved by Councillor Douglas,
Adoption of the clause.

In amendment,

Moved by Councillor Brown,
That the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee be adopted.

Carried.

The motion for the adoption of the clause, as amended, was put and declared carried.

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Resolution - Assets and Profits Seized Under the Narcotics Control Act
File GF 2.

1558 3. Your Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture submits and recommends for approval the following motion, namely:

WHEREAS the majority of drugs and monies seized by police forces is done so under the Narcotics Control Act;

AND WHEREAS Bill C 61 allows police forces to seize assets and profits under the Narcotics Control Act, and such assets are the property of the Federal Government; and

AND WHEREAS local governments and police forces need a portion of this revenue for the provision of drug prevention, enforcement, treatment and education programs;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Winnipeg recommend to the Honourable Kim Campbell, Minister of Justice and Attorney General, Department of Justice and The Honourable Perrin Beatty, Minister of Health and Welfare Canada that all profits and assets seized under the Narcotics Control Act and subject to Bill C 61 be returned to the municipality in which the seizures were made, so that these funds can be re directed into drug education, prevention and treatment programs;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Province of Manitoba be requested to support the foregoing recommendation.

Moved by Councillor Douglas,
Adoption of the clause.

Carried.

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1559 4. REFERRED BACK BY EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE TO THE COMMITTEE ON PROTECTION, PARKS AND CULTURE FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION

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COMMITTEE ON PROTECTION, PARKS AND CULTURE
MOTIONS

Moved by Councillor Mendelson,
Seconded by Councillor O'Shaughnessy,
1560 WHEREAS on July 24th, 1990, the Lord Selkirk West Kildonan Community Committee heard a presentation by the Chairman of the Lord Selkirk West Kildonan Community Centres Board with respect to upgrading the allocation of funding for Community Centres in order to be consistent with the City wide average for funding of the centres;

AND WHEREAS the Lord Selkirk West Kildonan Community Committee approved the grant formula for implementation in 1991;

AND WHEREAS on September 24th, 1990, the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture considered the matter and received as information a report from its administration with respect thereto. However, the Standing Committee did not deal with the Community Committee's recommendation;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

(a) that the proposed Community Centre Grant Formula be approved for implementation in 1991;

(b) that $185,032.00 be added to the Lord Selkirk West Kildonan Community Centres Current Budget to provide for the funding required to implement this formula.

Referred to the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture.