CONSIDERATION OF REPORT OF THE
COMMITTEE ON PROTECTION, PARKS AND CULTURE

The following clause contained in the Report of the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture, dated May 28th, 1990, was laid over by the Executive Policy Committee on June 14th, 1990. The Executive Policy Committee has further considered this clause together with report from the Board of Commissioners, dated July 12th, 1990, has concurred in the recommendations contained therein and now submits it to Council for approval and adoption.

On motion of Councillor Douglas, Clause 4 of the Report of the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture, dated May 28th, 1990, was considered.

Policy Review of the Winnipeg Police Department File GF-2.2

1362 - 4. Council on November 29th, 1989, referred the following motion jointly to the Executive Policy Committee and your Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture:-

"WHEREAS there is insufficient communication between the Council and the administrative level of the Winnipeg Police Department;

AND WHEREAS the rank and file of the members of the Winnipeg Police Department, through the Winnipeg Police Association would welcome the establishment of a Police Commission;

AND WHEREAS the present Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture which oversees the Police Department has too great a diversity of items on its agenda for it to devote sufficient time and attention to police matters in the manner and detail they deserve;

AND WHEREAS it is imperative that a body be established which can concentrate more effort and consideration to police matters, and to the development of policies and directions for the Winnipeg Police Department;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg is one of the few Cities in Canada which does not have a Police Commission;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of Manitoba be requested to amend Part XIV of The City of Winnipeg Act to enable the City of Winnipeg to establish a Winnipeg Police Commission;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that, subject to passage by the Province of such enabling legislation, the Executive Policy Committee be directed to develop the structure, duties, and reporting relationship for the Winnipeg Police Commission."

On December 6th, 1989, the Executive Policy Committee referred the entire matter to the Board of Commissioners and to your Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture for review.

Your Committee on January 29th, 1990 appointed a four member Ad Hoc Committee to conduct a review of Police Department policy in the following areas:-

Professional Standards
Organizational Health and Coping with Stress
Community-Based Policing
Race Relations
Civilian Oversight

Your Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture has received the report of its Ad Hoc Committee on the Review of Police Department Policy dated May 1990, outlining therein its findings and recommendations. The said report states, in part, as follows:-

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"As a result of this review, which involved a series of informal public hearings, the Ad Hoc Committee made a series of recommendations within the aforementioned areas concurrent with the primary recommendation that:

"The Standing Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture meet exclusively with the Commissioner of Protection, Parks and Culture and appropriate representatives of its Police Department on an ongoing scheduled basis to provide direction, communication, and input into Police matters and the development of policies and direction for the Winnipeg Police Department."

Such a recommendation provides for a more responsible, accountable, and effective framework in which to deal with administrative, operational and procedural matters pertaining to the Winnipeg Police Department. Moreover, as the nature of progressive policing requires dynamic solutions with ongoing monitoring, such action must be taken by Council through the Standing Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture with a demonstrated proclivity towards pro-active problem solving and the provision of policy direction. This participation must also encourage and solicit public input through delegations to the Standing Committee and topical public meetings."

Your Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture concurred in the recommendations of its Ad Hoc Committee, as outlined in the attached report dated May 1990, and recommends:-

1. That City Council endorse the report and recommendations as prepared by the Ad Hoc Committee established by the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture to review Police Department Policy.

2. That the proper officers of the City do all things necessary to implement the recommendations of the Ad Hoc Committee.

For the information of Council, copy of the briefs received at the public meetings are on file in the office of the City Clerk.

Moved by Councillor Douglas,
Adoption of the clause.

Carried.

Councillor Lazarenko asked to be recorded as voting against the clause, in accordance with Section 50.7 of the Procedure By-law.

(Note: See Minute No. 1363 for attachment.)

1363 - Attachment referred to in Clause 4 of the Report of the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture, dated May 28th, 1990

(NOTE: SEE PAGES 1802 TO 1828 FOR OFFICIAL SET OF MINUTES FOR ATTACHMENTS).

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The Executive Policy Committee has had before it the Report of the Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture, dated July 16th, 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 July 16th, 1990, was considered.

North Committee Room
Council Building, Winnipeg
July 16th, 1990

His Worship the Mayor and Councillors:

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

Additional Appropriation - Turf Pest (Cutworm) Infestation Within City Parks and Boulevards File PB-1.1

1364 - 1. Turf damage caused by cutworms has been identified in some areas of Winnipeg, particularly in West Kildonan and Old Kildonan. The damage is characterized by the browning of the sod and in some cases the looseness of the entire mat of turf.

On June 15, 1990, the Acting Commissioner of Protection, Parks and Culture requested the Parks and Recreation Department to identify the magnitude of the problem of turf pests in the Rivergrove and Riverbend areas, and what actions are being taken to remedy the situation.

Cutworms are a normal occurrence each year, although this year, 1990, seems a particularly large infestation. There is evidence of turf damage, in fairly isolated pockets, across the City's Island Lakes, Rivergrove, Riverbend, Lindenwoods, Lagimodiere Boulevard, Assiniboine Park, St. Vital Park, DND property north of Ness and some inner City boulevards.

This infestation, which may have been developing over the past few dry summers, is difficult to distinguish from drought damage on unirrigated boulevards. The extent of the infestation only became apparent when this summer's rains failed to generate the expected turf growth.

Since the week of June 11th, 1990, when the problem first became evident, the Insect Control Branch has been giving this infestation high priority, equal to the larviciding efforts for mosquito control:-

- on June 15th, a press release was issued to the Winnipeg media for public information on the characteristics and treatment for the cutworm;

- Community and Regional Parks Superintendents have been reminded of the procedures to identify and control the pest;

- Insect Control Branch staff have inspected numerous locations of suspected infestation to confirm the identity of the pests and to priorize and schedule treatment;

- spraying of parks and boulevards to exterminate the pests has been underway since June 15th;

- following treatment with pesticides, some of the smaller, isolated areas have already been top-dressed and re-seeded from within current maintenance budgets.

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Timeliness is a critical factor in the treatment for these cutworms. By the end of June, the insect pupates, emerging later as a moth which then lays eggs for the following year. The effectiveness of this year's treatment will not be apparent until next May and June.

Where the infestation has damaged the turf to the extent that natural recovery is unlikely, options in repairing or replacing lost turf are limited. In new subdivisions, the developers responsibilities for turf maintenance will be examined and the terms of Development Agreements applied where appropriate. On private property, responsibility for pest control and turf repair rests with the owner. On boulevards and in parks where the responsibility for maintenance lies with the Parks and Recreation Department, consideration will be given to:

- top-dressing and re-seeding at a cost of $3.25 per square metre. This option is available where turf loss was confined to a relatively small area through early diagnosis and treatment.

- re-sodding at a cost of $7.50 per square metre. Where the infestation is quite severe and the damage extensive, this may prove the only alternative.

The Rivergrove area, being one of the more extensively damaged neighbourhoods, is estimated to require 7,750 square metres of sod replacement and 2,000 square metres of re-seeding. This restoration work would encompass the boulevards along Rivergrove and Red River Drive, as well as McBeth Window and Rivergrove park. Total cost would approach $65,000.

The Riverbend area suffered minor turf damage, and repairs could be effected within the community's maintenance program.

There are other areas of the City as well where damage is severe enough to require replacement of large sections of turf:

- Lord Selkirk-West Kildonan experienced considerable loss of boulevard turf along Main Street, Bannerman, Polson, Tinniswood, Church, Pritchard, totalling 5,670 square metres.

- Assiniboine Park-Fort Garry has identified infestations along Waverley, McGillivray, Columbia, Lindenwood, Centennial, Victor Lewis Drives, totalling 21,565 square metres.

- St. Boniface-St. Vital damage was confined to the Southlands development and Island Lakes area, primarily boulevards on Royal Mint, Morning Glory, Royal Park, Red Willow, Copperstone, Blue Mountain, totalling 10,000 square metres.

In total, 47,000 square metres of turf have been lost to this infestation. Estimated repair costs are $256,000. While the Parks and Recreation Department's current maintenance program has been able to accommodate some restoration work in smaller areas, the magnitude of the damage is obviously beyond the scope of current budgets.

Your Committee is of the opinion that the restoration work should be commenced as soon as possible and that additional funding should be approved in order to undertake repairs to the damaged areas this summer and fall.

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Your Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture therefore recommends:-

1. That an additional appropriation in the amount of $256,000 be approved to repair the damage caused by turf pests on City boulevards and in parks;

2. The proper officers of the City do all things necessary to implement the foregoing.

Your Executive Policy Committee recommends that recommendation 1. above be amended by deleting the words "in the" where they appear before the word "amount" in the first line thereof and substituting the words "up to an" therefor.

Moved by Councillor Douglas,
Adoption of the clause.

In amendment,

Moved by Mayor Norrie,
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.

COMMITTEE ON PROTECTION, PARKS AND CULTURE
CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

1365 - On motion of Councillor Douglas, By-law No. 5487/90, a By-law of the City of Winnipeg to amend By-law No. 3344/83, being authority to execute Standard Rental Agreements by senior officers of the Parks and Recreation Department, was read a first, second and third time, the rule being suspended for the third reading of the By-law, and was passed and ordered to be signed and sealed. File No. PR-2.