REPORTS NOT RELATED TO THE JURISDICTION OF ANY COMMITTEE
CONSIDERATION OF REPORT OF THE
SUB-COMMITTEE ON RULES

On motion of Councillor Wade, the Report of the Sub-Committee of Council to Review the Procedure By-law, dated February 15th, 1991, was considered clause by clause.

Conference Room No. 3,
Administration Building, Winnipeg.
February 15th, 1991.

His Worship the Mayor and Councillors:

Your Sub-Committee of Council to Review The Procedure By-law submits the following Report and recommends:-

Request for Amendments to The Procedure By-law File GK-4

562 - 1. On March 7th, 1990, Council adopted By-law 5400/90 being The Procedure By-law. Pursuant to Section 4 of the By-law, no rule of procedure shall be adopted by Council, nor shall provisions of the By-law be added to, varied or repealed, without having first been submitted to your Sub-Committee of Council for review and report.

On November 21st, 1990 Council referred the following motion to your Committee, namely:-

> "WHEREAS Council meetings are sometimes lengthy;
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> AND WHEREAS Committee Chairmen (Chairpersons) are not always able to stay until the completion of the meetings;
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> AND WHEREAS Council meetings may be adjourned before the 'Question Period';
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> BE IT RESOLVED that the Council Agenda revert to the practice of having 'Question Period' after the Executive Policy Committee Report."

Committee Chairpersons, like all Members of Council, may be granted Leaves of Absence, may be away on vacation, or unable to stay for a full meeting, and are therefore not always able to be present for 'Question Period'. Council has anticipated this under Section 14.1 of The Procedure By-law, which reads as follows:-

> "14.1 Questions may be directed to the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor, Standing Committee Chairpersons (or their alternates), and to Councillors on the various boards and commissions and sub-committees not related to the Standing Committees."

In any event, your Sub-Committee has researched the Council records and can report that since April 4th, 1990, the effective date of By-law No. 5400/90, there are only two instances (not including Council approved Leave of Absence for the entire meeting) where one of the Committee Chairpersons has been obliged to leave the Council meeting before the 'Question Period'.

With respect to the point raised in the motion that Council meetings may be adjourned before the 'Question Period', it should be noted that Sections 6.2 and 6.3 of The Procedure By-law provide that if Council were to adjourn before 'Question Period', it would have to reconvene to deal with this order of business. Sections 6.2 and 6.3 read as follows:-

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"6.2 The Council meeting shall continue in session until the agenda is concluded, unless two- thirds of the members present shall vote for adjournment."

"6.3 If Council adjourns without completing the Agenda, Council shall resume sitting at 1:00 o'clock in the afternoon of the next following day which is not a holiday."

In light of the above, your Sub-Committee recommends that there be no change to the sequence of the agenda as prescribed under The Procedure By-law.

Your Sub-Committee also recommends that the motion as referred by Council be filed.

Moved by Councillor Wade,
Adoption of the clause.

Carried.

Scheduling Meetings File GK-4

563 - 2. On March 7th, 1990, Council adopted By-law 5400/90 being The Procedure By-law. Pursuant to Section 4 of the By-law, no rule of procedure shall be adopted by Council, nor shall provisions of the By-law be added to, varied or repealed, without having first been submitted to your Sub-Committee of Council for review and report.

On January 23rd, 1991 Council referred the following motion to your Committee, namely:-

"WHEREAS Ad Hoc Committee meetings and the like often conflict with Standing Committee and Community Committee meetings;

AND WHEREAS the Capital Program Budget Review meetings that were scheduled on November 13th, 15th, and 16th, 1990, conflicted with the St. Boniface-St. Vital Community Committee meeting held on November 13th, 1990;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that all Standing Committees and Executive Policy Committee be requested to schedule all ad hoc, public hearing meetings, etc. in a manner

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Standing Committees and Council return to the three week cycle of meetings and not prorogue during the month of August."

Your Sub-Committee agrees that wherever possible, Chairpersons should schedule meetings in a manner that does not conflict with the adopted schedule for meetings of the Executive Policy Committee, Standing Committee and Community Committees. To this end, your Sub-Committee has requested all Chairpersons to take this into consideration in arranging meeting dates.

Your Sub-Committee has agreed to further review this matter six months after the adoption of the Clause to ascertain the effectiveness of this approach.

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Your Sub-Committee has also reviewed the request to rescind the period of prorogation. Inasmuch as the City's operations have not been demonstrably affected by the annual period of prorogation, your Sub- Committee does not recommend any changes to the schedule of meetings at this time.

Moved by Councillor Wade,
That the clause be received as information.

Carried.

Agenda Material for Committees
File GK-4

564 - 3. On March 7th, 1990, Council adopted By-law 5400/90 being The Procedure By-law. Pursuant to Section 4 of the By-law, no rule of procedure shall be adopted by Council, nor shall provisions of the By-law be added to, varied or repealed, without having first been submitted to your Sub-Committee of Council for review and report.

On January 23rd, 1991 Council referred the following motion to your Committee, namely:-

> "WHEREAS there is an increasing number of walk-on items being considered at Standing Committee meetings;
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> AND WHEREAS all members of Council are not being given proper notice of new business items in such instances;
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> THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that there be no walk-on items permitted at Standing Committee and Executive Policy Committee meetings unless same are deemed to be of an emergency nature." Your Sub-Committee wishes to advise that the matter of notice is covered under the following section of The Procedure By-law, namely:-
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> > "9.3 The agenda of each regular meeting of a Committee and all supporting material shall be provided to the members of the Committee by the Clerk at least 96 hours preceding the committee meeting and supplementary material forwarded by the Clerk will only be considered upon approval of the majority of the members of the committee present."

Your Sub-Committee recommends that no further action be taken with respect to the motion as referred by Council and that this matter be filed.

Moved by Councillor Wade,
Adoption of the clause.

Carried.

Amendments to The Procedure By-law
File GK-4

565 - 4. On March 7th, 1990 Council adopted By-law 5400/90, being The Procedure By-law, and requested your Sub-Committee to submit revisions to said By-law it deems appropriate based on ensuing experience and observation.

Pursuant to Section 16.4 of The Procedure By-law, any motion which is automatically or otherwise referred to a Committee shall be reported on in writing within 60 days.

Your Sub-Committee is proposing an amendment in which it is proposed that Council may grant a period shorter or longer than 60 days in which to report back.

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Your Sub-Committee recommends that The Procedure By-law No. 5400/90 be amended by adding the words "unless Council grants some other period of time in which to report" to Section 16.4 and submits for favourable consideration draft by-law to implement the intent of this recommendation.

Moved by Councillor Wade,
Adoption of the clause.

Carried.

SUB-COMMITTEE ON RULES
CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

566 - On motion of Councillor Wade, By-law No. 5648/91, a By-law of the City of Winnipeg to amend By-law No. 5400/90 being a by-law to regulate the procedure at meetings of Council and its Committees, was read a first, second and third time, the rule being suspended for the third reading, and was passed and ordered to be signed and sealed. File No. GK-4.

The Deputy Speaker, Councillor Wade, resumed the Chair.

QUESTION PERIOD

567 - Councillor Fleisher referred to a request for the Sub-Committee of Council to Review the Procedure By-law to consider a change in time for Council meetings, and asked if this has been discussed.

Councillor Wade replied that the referral by Council was done at today's meeting and that it will be considered at the next meeting of the Sub-Committee in April.

Councillor Yuen asked if Mayor Norrie is aware that several senior citizens at the Age and Opportunity Centre, 215 Smith Street, are upset with the closing of the main floor of the Convention Centre to pedestrian traffic, and have given him a petition with the request that the matter be brought to the Mayor's attention.

Mayor Norrie replied that he is not aware and asked for further information.

Councillor Yuen drew to the attention of the Mayor that the outside of the Convention Centre on Edmonton and Carlton Streets is not conducive to pedestrian traffic.

Councillor Gilroy advised that the petition referred to has been referred to the Convention Centre Board and has been responded to. All persons on the petition have received a letter explaining the situation. The object is an attempt to reduce the cost of maintenance in the Convention Centre by limiting pedestrian traffic flow not being used in conjunction with the Convention Centre and channelling the traffic flow through the retail component. The changes are not intended to block traffic through the Convention Centre, but blocking one of the hallways.

Councillor Murray referred to the potential of no increase in the City's contribution from the Province, and the possible loss of tax exemptions that could amount to $14,000,000.00. He asked Mayor Norrie for an indication of what might be expected and if Executive Policy Committee or the Official Delegation is planning a strategy to deal with the situation should some action be required.

Mayor Norrie replied that a factual situation has not been reported as yet. The question of a grant was raised at the last meeting of the Official Delegation, and it appears possible that the City will receive some idea of the grant late this week or early next week. The City has pressed the urgency in receiving the information.

Councillor Murray referred to the effects of decentralization by the Province, and resultant job loss in Winnipeg, and asked why a motion of Council referring the matter to the Official Delegation was not dealt with and what is happening with a second phase being contemplated by the Provincial Government.

Mayor Norrie agreed to obtain the information and respond.

Councillor Clement referred to the possibility of the Planning Department moving out of the Hamilton Building at 395 Main Street in light of the historical significance of the building, and the expenditure of funds towards improving the building. He also referred to discussions at a recent meeting of Executive Policy Committee when debating on funding of the North Main Development Corporation, indicating that the Royal Bank will be making a significant contribution to North Main. However, while the original proposal was a single storey building with grade level parking, it is believed that a higher building is contemplated in the expectation of an interested tenant. He asked if the Planning Department is moving out of 395 Main Street and when members of Council will have an opportunity to be involved in the discussion.

Mayor Norrie advised that the lease the City has for the Hamilton Building is being considered for renewal. Certain improvements are required to the building and a tentative decision has been made to have the Land Surveys and Real Estate Department investigate additional space in the area of the City Hall precinct that might accommodate the Planning Department. If and when a recommendation is formulated, it will be brought forward to Committee on Finance and Administration from the Land Surveys and Real Estate Department, through the Board of Commissioners. In view of the fact that the Mandarin Building does not have sufficient space for the Planning Department, some 50,000 square feet being required, it is not anticipated space could be provided at that location.

Councillor Clement questioned the fact that the Commissioner of Finance and Administration, a member of the Board of Commissioners, has brought forward information that the City will have to spend $1.75 million to keep the building open when the Board is considering moving staff out two months later.

Mayor Norrie questioned where the amount of $1.8 million comes from, as he is not personally aware of any recommendation to spend the money on the Hamilton Building. There was a suggestion that perhaps an amount of $1.8 million would have to be spent by the owner to ensure that the City stay at that location.

Councillor Kaufmann drew attention to the fact that last July, Council passed a motion to ask the Minister of Rural Development for a special classification for those properties outside the urban limit line, but inside the City of Winnipeg. He asked the status of the motion, in view of the fact that St. Germain residents are circulating a petition to secede from the City of Winnipeg, and questions regarding a rebate for water, similar to residents of the Headingley area.

Mayor Norrie replied that the matter has been raised with the Official Delegation, and the last indication received was that there will not be a special classification.

Councillor Kaufmann asked if a letter to this effect might be requested from the Province, and Mayor Norrie agreed to pursue the possibility.

Councillor Mitchelson referred to questions from Councillor Clement regarding the continued rental of the Hamilton Building. He asked that if rental does not continue, the City explore the possibility of utilizing another historical building in this area for the Planning Department.

Mayor Norrie expressed support for the continued occupation of the Hamilton Building, if at all possible, recognizing the inefficient operation of the Department in view of the scattering of the Department over several floors, and the state of the building itself and improvements required to the building.

If it is not possible to continue occupation of the building, then he hoped that locations in the vicinity of City Hall would be investigated.

Councillor Mitchelson referred to the City's commitment in the Capital Budget towards the Leo Mol Sculpture Garden in Assiniboine Park, and a private commitment. He asked for clarification of the private financial commitment and if any contact has been made concerning the receipt of the private contribution.

Mayor Norrie replied that a private campaign is underway, and that he believes some donations have been received. He agreed to obtain further information.

Councillor Boychuk asked when the fire trucks ordered by the City last year and which were delivered prior to the implementation of the Goods and Services Tax would be put in service.

Councillor Douglas replied that he expected the trucks to be in service in the very near future.

Councillor Boychuk outlined some of the deficiencies in the trucks on delivery from the United States, and possible problems in having these deficiencies remedied in the City of Winnipeg. Councillor Douglas replied that he has asked the Commissioner of Protection, Parks and Culture for a report, and that much of the information that is circulating is not correct.

Councillor Golden advised that the Property Committee will meet Monday morning next at 9:15 a.m., and one of the items to be discussed will be the Hamilton Building. He invited interested members of Council to attend. He clarified earlier remarks concerning the expenditure of City funds in the building, and advised that the building is in need of $650,000.00 worth of repairs.

Councillor Timm-Rudolph asked if Mayor Norrie has personally met with the Royal Bank officials or the developers regarding the possible relocation of the Planning Department into the new Bank Building, to which Mayor Norrie responded in the negative.