REPORT OF THE

STANDING COMMITTEE ON FISCAL ISSUES

DATED MARCH 13, 2001

On motion of Councillor Clement, the Report of the Standing Committee on Fiscal Issues, dated March 13, 2001, was considered.

Moved by Councillor Clement,
That the Consent Agenda, Clause 1, be adopted.

Carried.

Recommendations for Entertainment Funding By-law Exemptions
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385 - 1. The Standing Committee on Fiscal Issues has been advised that in accordance with due process, the Corporate Finance Department has conducted a consistent and thorough review of all applications received for exemption from The Entertainment Funding By-law in accordance with the criteria set forth in the By-law and Schedule “B” thereto.

Pursuant to its review, the Standing Committee on Fiscal Issues concurred in the administrative recommendation and determined that the following amusement and/or place of amusement, which does not meet the criteria set forth in Schedule “B” of The Entertainment Funding By-law, be denied listing in Schedule “A”, for the reason outlined below.

Name of Organization	Name of Event	Criteria Not Satisfied
Selkirk and District Ukrainian Dance School	General Listing	Limited Local Content. Performers are from the Selkirk area and do not reside in Winnipeg. [Schedule B, Section 4]

The Standing Committee on Fiscal Issues further concurred in the administrative recommendation that the amusements and/or places of amusement, which meet the criteria set forth in Schedule “B” be listed, as set out below.

The financial impact of approving (and denying) these applications for exemption from the entertainment funding tax is unknown. The tax revenue that could be generated from events hosted by these organizations cannot be quantified as the events have not yet occurred.

The Standing Committee on Fiscal Issues therefore recommends:

I. That the following amusements and/or places of amusement, which meet the criteria set forth in Schedule “B” of The Entertainment Funding By-law No. 7710/2000, be listed in Schedule “A” thereto, namely:

1. Manitoba Métis Federation Inc.
2. Campus Crusade for Christ
3. Rose and Max Rady Jewish Community Centre
4. Manitoba Sacred – Music Choir, Inc.
5. Winnipeg Youth Orchestras Inc.
6. Winnipeg Salvadorean-Canadian Cultural Association Inc.
7. The Gilbert and Sullivan Society of Winnipeg Inc.

II. That the City Solicitor/Manager of Legal Services be directed to prepare the necessary amending by-law in accordance with the foregoing for submission directly to Council for approval.

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III. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the foregoing, including the execution of any documents related thereto.

Adopted by consent.

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CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

386 - On motion of Councillor Clement, By-law No. 7808/2001, a by-law of The City of Winnipeg to amend the Entertainment Funding By-law No. 7710/2000, 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 FL-6 (Vol. 23)

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QUESTION PERIOD

387 - In reference to the 2002 reassessment process, Councillor Steek asked if there would be a report available at the end of May highlighting the number of residential properties that had been revisited and what the diminution in those assessed values was, particularly in the southwest quadrant of the City.

Councillor Clement indicated that the questions were assessment issues, falling under the jurisdiction of the Executive Policy Committee, but agreed to attempt to obtain the information from the City Assessor.

Councillor Steek inquired about the financial impact on community centres in Winnipeg as a result of unionization initiatives being undertaken by the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE).

For clarification, Councillor Clement noted that union certification at the Varsity View Community Centre was automatic and that the Labour Board simply advised the community club manager of the CUPE certification once it was complete, in accordance with provincial legislation. He further advised that there would definitely be financial implications for the community club and, as a result, increases in registration costs. In addition, he noted that there was certainly the potential for the union to move into other community centres, which would result in increased costs for those communities as well.

Councillor Angus requested information on the staffing costs and other costs associated with the City-owned arenas as well as the amount of money provided by the City to community owned facilities.

Councillor Clement agreed to take the question under advisement and noted that the City of Winnipeg provided Varsity View Community Club with approximately $72,000 a year as an operating grant for heating and electricity.