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 on Rules, dated November 15th, 1990, was considered clause by clause.

Mayor's Dining Room,
Administration Building,
Winnipeg.
November 15th, 1990.

His Worship the Mayor and Councillors:

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

Amendments to The Procedure By-law.
File GK-4.

149 - 1. Council at its meeting held on November 29th, 1989, appointed a Sub-Committee to review The Procedure By-law. The Sub-Committee was instructed to report directly to Council. The Sub-Committee consists of His Worship the Mayor, the Presiding Officer, the Deputy Presiding Officer, and the City Clerk.

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.

On October 25th, 1990, your Sub-Committee submitted to all Members of Council a draft of amendments being considered. Your Sub-Committee invited Councillors' comments prior to submitting the proposed amendments to Council in final by-law form. One written representation was received.

Your Sub-Committee submits for favourable consideration draft by-law to effect the following amendment pertaining to delegations and questions in connection with award of contracts:-

"DELEGATIONS RE: TENDER AWARD

54.11 Delegations appearing before Council with regard to a recommendation for an award of contract shall only address Council on the basis of the criteria set out in the Invitation to Tender and not on any other issue."

"54.12 Any questions by members of Council of delegations appearing under Rule 54.11 shall be directed to the criteria set out in the Invitation to Tender and not on any other issue."

Moved by Councillor Wade,
Adoption of the clause.

Carried.

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Your Sub-Committee submits for favourable consideration draft by-law to effect the following amendment pertaining to delegations on matters not on the agenda or to hear more delegate speakers than the limit of two in favor and two against:-

"UNANIMOUS CONSENT

54.13 Notwithstanding Rule 3, unanimous consent of members of Council present at a meeting of Council is required:

(a) to hear delegations on a matter which does not appear on the agenda;

(b) to hear more delegate speakers than permitted under Rule 54.5."

Rule 54.2 of By-law No. 5400/90 is amended:

(a) by deleting the word "and" in the eighth line thereof and substituting a comma therefore; and

(b) by deleting the comma after the number "54.3" in the same line and substituting therefore the following:

"and 54.13,".

Moved by Councillor Wade,
Adoption of the clause.

Lost.

Amendments to The Procedure By-law. File GK-4.

151 - 3. Council at its meeting held on November 29th, 1989, appointed a Sub-Committee to review The Procedure By-law. The Sub-Committee was instructed to report directly to Council. The Sub-Committee consists of His Worship the Mayor, the Presiding Officer, the Deputy Presiding Officer, and the City Clerk.

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Sub-Committee to submit revisions to said By-law it deems appropriate based on ensuing experience and observation.

Your Sub-Committee has considered an amendment in which it is proposed that the date of Council's Organizational meeting be held on the first Wednesday of November in each year.

Your Sub-Committee submits for favorable consideration draft by-law to amend The Procedure By-law No. 5400 by fixing the first Wednesday of November in each year as the date of Council's Organizational Meeting.

Moved by Councillor Wade,
Adoption of the clause.

Carried.

SUB-COMMITTEE ON RULES
MOTIONS

Moved by Councillor Golden,
Seconded by Councillor Murray,

152 - WHEREAS Council meetings are sometimes lengthy;

AND WHEREAS Committee Chairmen (Chairpersons) are not always able to stay until the completion of the meetings;
AND WHEREAS Council meetings may be adjourned before "Question Period";

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council Agenda revert to the practice of having "Question Period" after the Executive

Policy Committee Report.

Referred to the Sub-Committee
on Rules.

Moved by Councillor McKee,
Seconded by Councillor Reese,

153 - WHEREAS Council at its meeting held November 21st, 1990, defeated a proposal by the Sub-Committee on Rules to require unanimous consent of members of Council present at a meeting of Council

(a) to hear delegations on a matter which does not appear on the agenda, or

(b) to hear more delegate speakers than permitted under Rule 54.5;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that By-law No. 5400/90, The Procedure By-law, be amended so as to require a simple majority to hear delegations on a matter which does not appear on the agenda, or to hear more delegate speakers than permitted under Rule 54.5, and that the City Solicitor be requested to prepare the necessary amendment.

Required to Stand as Notice.

CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

154 -

On motion of Councillor Wade, 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. 5562/90, 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. File No. GK-4.

By-law No. 5564/90, 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. File No. GK-4.

(By-law No. 5563/90, not introduced, and therefore not proceeded with.)

QUESTION PERIOD

155 - Councillor Duguid drew attention to a problem in the Great Lakes area involving a pest species known as Zebra Mussels. This pest has resulted in the spending of millions of dollars, and clog watermains and shipping lanes in that particular area. He asked if the Deputy Mayor would raise this matter with the Chairman of the Committee on Works and Operations and the Mayor in their absence as an issue of concern particularly insofar as the Shoal Lake aqueduct is concerned. Councillor Brown agreed to pursue Councillor Duguid's request, and advised that some problems of this nature, although not of a serious nature, had occurred during construction on the Bishop Grandin project when some aqueduct was relocated.

Councillor Thomas drew attention to Clause 9 of the Report of the Committee on Works and Operations, dated November 6th, 1990, regarding free two-hour Saturday parking, which clause was laid over by Executive Policy Committee for further consideration. She asked for an explanation as to the implications of the delay, and the effect on people parking downtown on Saturdays.

Councillor Brown replied that it is his understanding that the practice of free parking is still in effect until such time as a decision is made to continue, or not, on a long-term basis. He agreed to pursue the inquiry and advise Councillor Thomas.

Councillor Thomas advised that it would not be necessary to contact her personally. Rather, the inquiry was intended to clarify the situation.

Councillor Golden referred to earlier discussions in Council concerning the City's handling of debt and the fact that the City does not "roll" the debt, but pays it off over an amortization period. He asked if there was ever a period of time when the City was in debt to the extent it is today.

Councillor Brown replied that he was not aware, but presumed that debt is balanced against assets. It is expected that the City has never had as many assets as the City has today either. However, he agreed to pursue the question further.

Councillor Golden asked Councillor Brown to consider the end result and if it is different when considering the practice of the Federal and Provincial Governments as opposed to adding debt each year.

Councillor Brown agreed to include these concerns as well, when pursuing the question. However, he was of the view that the difference is substantial in that the City's debt is for capital borrowing whereas other levels borrow for operating purposes. Also, the City has a sinking fund and the City finances capital debt over an amortized period of some ten to twenty years.

Councillor Golden asked if the end result is that the City gets deeper in debt, offset as well by additional assets, the same as the Provincial and Federal governments.

Councillor Brown replied that it is not the same. By way of illustration, Councillor Brown advised that if money is borrowed to buy groceries, which are consumed, nothing is left. If money is borrowed to buy a larger house, or to construct an addition, or a new roof, the benefit is retained.

Councillor Fraser asked if the Chairman of the Committee on Finance and Administration would provide Council with an update regarding the financial position of the City in the current fiscal year.

Councillor Selinger replied that he did not have precise figures. He advised that a consideration is the expenses to be incurred towards the end of the year, but agreed to verify the information and report back to Council.

Councillor Fraser asked if this matter has been discussed at meetings of the Committee on Finance and Administration and the Ad Hoc Committee on Budget.

Councillor Selinger replied that the newly appointed Committee on Finance and Administration has not met as yet, but that the possibility of incurring a deficit has been a general point of discussion within the Budget Committee. He asked the Chairman of the Ad Hoc Committee, Councillor Gilroy, to elaborate.

Councillor Gilroy confirmed that discussions for a projection for year-end have been held. A large consideration involves snowfall and clearing. Approximately $8 million remains in the budget at this point in time.

Councillor Fraser drew attention to a group known as "Plug-in Inc.", which appears on the latest statement of grants as receiving a grant on March 12th, 1990, of $4,050.00 under the heading of museums and art galleries. He asked the Chairman of Committee on Protection, Parks and Culture, if any of the funds allocated are supporting the performance of a particular artist who works in mediums of blood and semen of unknown quantity and who is currently associated with the Plug-In Gallery on McDermot Avenue. He drew attention to an article appearing in the Winnipeg Sun of today's date regarding this matter.

Councillor Douglas agreed to pursue the question.

Councillor Wade asked if members of Council are aware that, by virtue of inflation in general that, at this particular point, he would suggest, the City does, in fact, have the largest debt ever. However, when compared with previous years, and in dollars for that particular year, the amount of borrowing is not exceeding the standard borrowing through the years. He also drew Council's attention to the fact that City capital projects must be based on the projected use or life of the project. This makes the City different than other levels of government.
Under The City of Winnipeg Act, the City cannot run a deficit, nor build a surplus, from year to year. Any surpluses are taken into the next year's budget, and any deficit must be a first call on the next current budget.
This places the City in a very sound position as compared to other governments who can continue borrowing capital and using it for operating.

Councillor Kaufmann asked the Chairman of the Committee on Finance and Administration to bring the necessary documents to the Ad Hoc Committee on Budgets, with respect to the levels of salary of City employees from the '70's through to 1990. He suggested that the biggest problem with City salaries is in granting percentage increases.

Councillor Selinger acknowledged the item distributed to members of Council by Councillor Kaufmann, and agreed to table the document at a meeting of the Budget Committee and asked for an update from the administration.

Councillor Kaufmann asked Councillor Selinger to consider also asking the administration the salary levels for categories or levels of employees for the year 1970 and track them through to 1990.

Councillor Selinger agreed.

Councillor Boychuk asked the Chairman of Committee on Planning and Community Services if any thought has been given to provide assistance to the needs of the poor in the City in the event the G.S.T. comes into effect January 1st, 1991.

Councillor Gilroy clarified that the reference was to social assistance recipients, and replied that no relief is contemplated for social assistance recipients at the municipal level. He advised that it is his understanding that the Federal Government is undertaking a program whereby low income people will be given a G.S.T. credit. He drew to Council's attention that the G.S.T. is anticipated to cost the City $1.3 million, but cautioned that this is not only within social assistance payments.

Councillor Timm-Rudolph asked if the Chairman of the Committee on Planning and Community Services has considered changes in the U.I.C. Act involving a reduction of the collection period, and the cost implications to the City of Winnipeg resulting therefrom.

Councillor Gilroy agreed to take the question under advisement. However, the Social Services Department has indicated there will be substantial increases to social services levels. It is predicted that for this year, 1990, social assistance payments will be up approximately $3 million. This amount is not totally due to the U.I.C. changes, but also economic conditions, although U.I.C. changes have significant implications on that number.

Councillor Timm-Rudolph asked that if indications are that additional costs will result, if it is the intention of the Committee on Planning and Community Services for the City of Winnipeg, as well as through the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, to ask for support from the Federal Government in view of the shift of a problem from the Federal Government to the shoulders of municipalities.

Councillor Gilroy advised that the newly constituted Committee on Planning and Community Services has not met as yet, and therefore he cannot speak for the Committee. However, personally, he is of the view that the Federal Government is transferring responsibilities to the municipalities, and agreed to raise the matter at the meeting of the Committee next week.

Moved by Councillor Demare,
That Council do now adjourn.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: The Speaker Councillor Eadie, Councillors Wade, Boychuk, Brown, Demare, Douglas, Duguid, Fleisher, Fraser, Gilroy, Golden, Kaufmann, Lazarenko, McKee, Mitchelson, Murray, Prystanski, Reese, Selinger, Thomas, Timm-Rudolph, Young and Yuen.