No. 16

Council Chamber,
Winnipeg, July 11th, 1990.

Council met this day at 1:05 p.m.

The City Clerk called the meeting to order and announced that the Speaker, Councillor Eadie, was unavoidably delayed, and that the Deputy Speaker would not be in attendance.

In the absence of the Speaker and the Deputy Speaker and pursuant to Section 27(7) of The City of Winnipeg Act, the Clerk called for nominations for the appointment of an Acting Speaker to preside over the meeting, pro tem.

Councillor Brown nominated Councillor Demare for appointment as the Acting Speaker, pro tem.

Moved by Councillor Clement,
That nominations be closed.

Carried.

The City Clerk declared Councillor Demare elected Acting Speaker, pro tem, by acclamation.

Councillor Demare assumed the Chair.

Opening Prayer read by Councillor Lorenc.

The Clerk called the roll.

Present: The Acting Speaker Councillor Demare, Councillors Boychuk, Brown, Clement, Douglas, Duguid, Fleisher, Gilroy, Golden, Laurendeau, Lazarenko, Lorenc, McKee, Mendelson, Murray, O'Shaughnessy, Prystanski, Reese, Selinger, Thomas, Timmers, Timm-Rudolph, Young and Yuen.

Councillors Eadie, Fraser and Mitchelson entered the meeting after roll call.

In Attendance: Mr. R.B. Hayes, City Clerk, Mr. W.J. Lyons, Acting Deputy City Clerk and Mrs. D. Browton, Committee Clerk.

MINUTES

Councillor Clement moved that the minutes of the meeting held on May 9th, 1990, be taken as read and confirmed, which motion was carried.

COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were received as information:

1153 - From the City Auditor,

Submitting, as required by Section 60 of The City of Winnipeg Act, his report on the audit of The City of Winnipeg for the year ended December 31st, 1989. File No. FA-2.

1154 - From the Secretary, Board of Revision,

Submitting communication dated June 25th, 1990, for the information of all members of Council, advising that the following motion was passed by the Board of Revision on June 22nd, 1990, namely:-

"WHEREAS the Board of Revision is of the opinion that if it has the jurisdiction to do so, it should accede to the request of the City Council to extend the time for the filing of applications against the 1990 Realty Assessment by rescheduling the first sitting for the hearing of such applications from June 26th to July 31st, 1990;

AND WHEREAS there appears to be conflicting legal opinion as to whether the Board of Revision has the necessary jurisdiction to change the date of its first sitting, nevertheless it is the opinion of the Board of Revision that it is in the interest of the general public in view of the confusion and misunderstanding prevalent throughout the community respecting the actual dates within which application for revision of assessments had to be filed;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Revision amend the date for the first sitting of the Board of Revision for hearing applications for revision of the 1990 Realty Assessment by delaying it from June 26th, 1990 to July 31st, 1990."

Also advising that the deadline date for accepting 1990 Realty applications will now be 4:30 p.m., July 16th, 1990. File No. AB-2.

1155 - From the City Solicitor,

Submitting, as instructed by Council on December 20th, 1989, draft by-law to widen the north-east corner of Dalhousie Drive and Baylor Avenue, in the Assiniboine Park-Fort Garry Community, which by-law may receive all three readings. File No. DAO 8/89. (By-law No. 5472/90)

1156 - From the City Solicitor,

Submitting, as instructed by Council on July 12th, 1989, draft by-law to rezone the south side of Essar Avenue, west of Henderson Highway, in the East Kildonan-Transcona Community, which by-law may receive all three readings. File No. DAZ 214/89. (By-law No. 5473/90)

1157 - From the City Solicitor,

Submitting, as instructed by Council on September 27th, 1989, draft by-law to subdivide lands located on the east side of P.T.H. No. 59, south of Garven Road, in the Rural Municipality of Springfield, which by- law may receive all three readings. File No. DAS 28/88. (By-law No. 5474/90)

1158 - From the City Solicitor,

Submitting, as instructed by Council on May 30th, 1990, draft by-law to rezone the land at 885 Corydon Avenue, in the City Centre-Fort Rouge Community, which by-law may receive all three readings. File No. DAZ 223/90. (By-law No. 5475/90)

1159 - From the City Solicitor,

Submitting, as instructed by Council on June 20th, 1990, draft by-law for the designation of enclosed walkways as a "No Smoking" area, under By-law No. 3541/83, which by-law may receive all three readings. File No. EH-1.2. (By-law No. 5476/90)

1160 - From the City Solicitor,

Submitting, as instructed by Council on November 29th, 1989, draft by-law to defer local improvement assessment levies on Bethune Way, in the St. Boniface-St. Vital Community, which by-law may receive all three readings. File No. SL-3. (By-law No. 5478/90)

1161 - From the City Solicitor,

Submitting, as instructed by Council on June 20th, 1990, draft by-law to subdivide and rezone lands located north and south of Warde Avenue, between Dakota Street and St. Anne's Road, in the St. Boniface-St. Vital Community, which by-law may receive all three readings. File No. DASZ 53/86(A). (By-law No. 5479/90)

Moved by Councillor Brown,

That the rule be suspended and the following communications which were received too late to be placed on the regular agenda, be received as information.

Carried.

1162 - From the City Solicitor,

Submitting, as instructed by Council on September 27th, 1989, draft by-law to revise the Solid Waste By-law No. 1340/76 and amendments thereto, which by-law may receive all three readings. File No. WT-1.2. (By-law No. 5480/90)

1163 - From the City Solicitor,

Submitting, as instructed by Council on January 24th, 1990, draft by-law to close part of Dakota Street at the north-east corner of Dakota Street and John Forsyth Road, in the St. Boniface-St. Vital Community, which by-law may receive first reading only. File No. DAC 29/89. (By-law No. 5481/90)

1164 - From the City Solicitor,

Submitting, as instructed by Council on May 30th, 1990, draft by-law to close and open the lane north of Grant Avenue and between Laxdal Road and Elmhurst Road, in the Assiniboine Park-Fort Garry Community, which by-law may receive first reading only. File No. DAOC 6/89. (By-law No. 5482/90)

DELEGATIONS

1165 - Jane Robertson, 159 Hartford Avenue, appeared before Council on behalf of the Recycling Council of Manitoba, in support of Clause 5 of the Report of the Committee on Works and Operations, dated June 26th, 1990, with regard to Waste Minimization and Recycling - Action Plan. She advised Council of the merits of the project and the alternatives.

Mr. E. Linder appeared before Council on behalf of Western Scrap Metals, 18 Sutherland Avenue, Winnipeg, in opposition to the tipping surcharge and subsidization by the City of Winnipeg of an individual recycling project referred to in Clause 5 of the Report of the Committee on Works and Operations, dated June 26th, 1990. He advised Council of their recycling operation in the City, without any subsidy from the City, and pointed out to Council that they have dedicated money to worthwhile Community Groups in the City in connection with collection drives carried out by these groups.

1166 - Mr. Phil Wichern, representing "Group Against Pornography" appeared before Council:-

(a) In support of Clause 7 of the Report of the Committee on Finance and Administration, dated June 26th, 1990, with regard to Adult Video Outlets. He advised Council of their concerns relating to the proliferation of pornography and the location of outlets. He also advised that they are attempting to get these types of uses established as Conditional Uses in the Communities;

(b) In support of Clause 5 of the Report of the Committee on Works and Operations, dated June 26th, 1990, with regard to Waste Minimization and Recycling - Action Plan. He advised that he has done a study for the Institute of Urban Studies. He asked that Council look at Sustainable Development in the industries. He asked Council to look at the sustainability of waste recycling and stated that they would prefer that it be linked to a broader issue. He suggested that a Task Force on Sustainable Development be established.

1167 - Mr. Rick Suché, Vice-President, Fort Garry Industries, appeared before Council in support of Clause 7 of the Report of the Committee on Works and Operations, dated June 26th, 1990, with regard to the award of contract to their firm for the supply, delivery, testing and acceptance of Triple Combination Pumpers for the Fire Department. He pointed out in his brief the cost effectiveness of their contract bid and the fact that their bid would be the lowest bid if the tender was quantified. He advised that Hub Fire Engines and Equipment made a stipulation in their bid that maintenance would be carried out at the Fire Stations and charged to them.

He also pointed out the industries in Winnipeg from which they will be purchasing some of the materials involved, and that they employ 115 employees, 45 of whom are attached to the manufacture of Fire Trucks. He also stated that there would be the creation of five new jobs in the City of Winnipeg.

Mr. Richard Spitzke, President, Fort Garry Industries, also appeared before Council in support of the award of contract to their firm for the supply, delivery, testing and acceptance of Triple Combination Pumpers for the Fire Department.

If the proposed award of the contract does not go to a city manufacturing company and if the award goes to an outside company then Council will be sending a mixed message to all companies in the City with regard to employment of people in the City.

Councillor Eadie here entered the meeting at 3:08 p.m. and assumed the Chair.

Mr. Charles Chappell, Solicitor representing Hub Fire Engines and Equipment, appeared before Council in opposition to the recommendation of the Committee on Works and Operations in Clause 7 of its Report dated June 26th, 1990, with regard to the award of a contract to Fort Garry Industries for the supply of five Triple Combination Pumpers for the Fire Department for the sum of $270,750.00 each, totalling $1,353,750.00.

Mr. Chappell spoke in support of the recommendation by the Executive Policy Committee to award the contract to Hub Fire Engines and Equipment Ltd. for the supply of five Triple Combination Pumpers for the Fire Department for the sum of $254,800.00 each, totalling $1,274,000.00.

Moved by Councillor Yuen,
1168 - That the rule be suspended to allow Christine Singh, President, and George Siamandis, Special Projects Director, Heritage Winnipeg, to address Council with regard to the closing of the City of Winnipeg's Steam Plant.

Carried.

Christine Singh, President, Heritage Winnipeg, accompanied by George Siamandis, Special Projects Director, appeared before Council to express their concerns regarding owners of designated Historical Buildings in the City, who have not converted their buildings over from steam heat to another source of heating. Some of the owners of these historical buildings are either selling their buildings or closing them down because of the cost to convert to a new heating system. Their fear is that these buildings will be allowed to deteriorate, some of which will be caused by the lack of heating, and that ultimately, the owners will be applying for demolition permits.

The delegation suggested that Council should give direction to the Historic Buildings Branch to immediately review the buildings on the Historic Buildings Reserve List that were supplied with steam heat by the City with a view to determining their historic value and possible listing on the Historic Buildings Conservation List. This would enable the City to address the issue of subsidization of the cost associated with the heating system conversion.

Moved by Councillor Prystanski,
1169 - That the rule be suspended to allow the Co-ordinator from Winnipeg Habitat for Humanity to address Council concerning the need for support of their Housing Projects.

Carried.

Mr. J. Krahn, Co-ordinator, Winnipeg Habitat for Humanity, 232 Home Street, appeared before Council with regard to the need for the Housing Program being offered by Winnipeg Habitat for Humanity. They have some 500 volunteers who have participated in the building of their housing projects. This year, they are planning to build 18 homes in North Point Douglas on land donated by the City.

He thanked the City for its support in the past and hopes that its support will continue in the future. He pointed out to Council that people who wish to locate in their housing projects are asked to contribute 500 hours of their labour in the construction. The individual units are sold to these volunteers at cost and there is no profit realized by them in the sale of these 1,000 square foot homes.

He invited each member of Council to come out on August 14th, 1990, and check on the construction of three homes. He asked that Council work with them in their efforts to provide housing at cost by donating serviced land to Winnipeg Habitat for Humanity.

INTRODUCTION AND WELCOME OF GUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

1170 - The Speaker, Councillor Eadie, welcomed Mr. W. A. Quayle, former City Clerk, and his grandson Trent, seated in the public gallery.