COMMUNICATIONS

From the Chief Operating Officer, Animal Services Special Operating Agency,
Submitting for information, the Animal Services Special Operating Agency 2002 Annual Report. File GL-5.6.1

From the Campaign Expense and Contributions Officer,
Submitting report to Council on the filing of audited financial statements by registered candidates for the Mayoralty and Councillor races in the 2002 Civic Election in accordance with Section 4(3) of the Campaign Expenses and Contributions By-law No. 5550/90.

Advising that the report identifies the 55 registered candidates who, in accordance with the by-law, are required to submit audited financial statements. Of the 55 candidates, 11 individuals did not file their statements by the required deadline. These 11 individuals are therefore not eligible to run as candidates until after the next general civic election in 2006. Included in this report are recommendations for amendments to the Campaign Expenses and Contributions By-law for future consideration. Copies of this report, and access to candidates' individual statements will be provided upon request.

Also advising that he would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge and thank the Returning Officer and the City Clerk's Department staff for their ongoing assistance during the 2002 Civic Election. File GK-2.4

From the City Solicitor/Manager of Legal Services,
Advising that on December 11, 2002, Council adopted Item 6 of the Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated December 4, 2002 and enacted the Charter Implementation By-law No. 8162/2002.

Further advising that another required by-law amendment (namely an amendment to the Execution of Documents By-law No. 7367/99) has come to light in the course of Legal Services' on-going review. The former City of Winnipeg Act required the execution of certain tax sale documents by the Chief Financial Officer, and this by-law will provide that continued authority for the purpose of the new tax sale cycle in accordance with the Charter.

Submitting draft by to amend The Execution of Documents By-law No. 7367/99, which by-law may receive all three readings. File GC-11 (By-law No. 124/2003)

Communications (continued)

From the City Auditor,

Submitting for information, the Audit Department's 2002 Report on Performance.

Advising that over the past five years, the department has undertaken several high profile and complex performance audits on entities such as the *Main and Norwood Bridges* project, *Real Estate Management* function and the *Winnipeg Police Services Communications Centre*. They have focused on important issues such as governance, accountability and controllership and made recommendations, that once implemented, will lead to more efficient and effective service for our citizens.

Further advising that the department has also turned their attention to improving the quality of information submitted to Council and to the public. They have conducted several due diligence reviews on major collective agreements, worked to improve accountability reporting and championed the development of an *Integrated Risk Management* framework for the City. This year for the first time, the Corporate Plan submitted by the administration will include strategies that are explicitly linked to the significant risks and opportunities associated with key services. Citizens will have a better understanding of the priorities established and the basis for decisions and choices. File FA-2