Report of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development dated April 30, 2002

Proposed Amendment to Winnipeg License By-law - Massage Therapists
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8. The Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development has been advised that Council approval is required for any additions to the Winnipeg License By-law list of recognized educational institutions and regulatory bodies for massage therapy, thereby enabling applicants who have graduated from or are registered with these institutions to be licensed as a massage therapist in the City of Winnipeg.

On March 24, 1993, Council adopted Clause 8 of Report "A" of the former Committee on Finance and Administration dated March 1, 1993, with respect to amendments to the License By-law No. 6551/95 (formerly By-law No. 4007/85) relating to the licensing of massage therapists.

Effective September 1, 1993, massage therapists are distinguished from the general license category of "massagists" by providing evidence that the applicant has successfully completed the requirements of a training program in massage therapy and has received accreditation from a registered educational facility named in the by-law. That report recognized that additional schools over and above those initially identified likely existed and stated "minor amendments to the by-law may be necessary in future to address such situations".

Graduates from the following institutions have made application to The City of Winnipeg for licensing as a "massage therapist", namely:

(a) Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis, Indiana; and
(b) Guild of Structural Integration, Inc., Boulder, Colorado.

The applicants have supplied the necessary documentation indicating successful completion of a program of study in anatomy, physiology, kinesiology, biology, physical therapy and other related fields of study. The educational institutions are all recognized with the respective provincial or state governments.

Before recommending the addition of a school, the practice of the Administration has been to review criteria with respect to both the school and the applicant, such as curriculum, program content, hours of study, other related training and work experience, membership in a massage therapy association, and so forth.

The Community Services Department recommended that these schools be added to the list of recognized schools of massage therapy in the Winnipeg License By-law to enable the applicant to be licensed as a massage therapist. Further reports of this nature will be submitted to Council in future to add to the list of registered educational facilities in the Winnipeg License By-law.

The Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development recommends:

I. That the Winnipeg License By-law No. 6551/95, with respect to massage therapists, be amended by adding the following educational institutions to the list of registered educational institutions recognized under the Winnipeg License By-law, namely:
   A. Educational Institutions
      1. Indiana University-Purdue University, Indianapolis, Indiana; and
      2. Guild of Structural Integration, Inc., Boulder, Colorado.

II. That the City Solicitor/Manager of Legal Services be requested to prepare the necessary amending by-law for submission to Council.

III. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.

Copies of the documents referred to in the above clause are on file in the office of the City Clerk.