ORDER OF COUNCIL MAY 20 1969

Establishment of Public Parking Space in Block bounded by Graham and St. Mary Avenues, Smith and Donald Streets. File F. 9688(5).

2. Your Committee has received the following report from the Chairman of the Winnipeg Parking Authority under date of May 7th, 1969:

"I would advise that the following Motion with respect to the establishment of a public parking site in the block bounded by Graham and St. Mary Avenues, Smith and Donald Streets was approved unanimously by the Winnipeg Parking Authority at its meeting held on Wednesday, May 7th, 1969.

In order to amplify this Motion, I am enclosing copies of the Feasibility Study authorized by Council on a Downtown Parking Facility, prepared by Waisman, Ross Associates, Winnipeg, Manitoba, together with a copy of the Jonas Lehrman Study on Parking in the Central Business Core. The Lehrman Study indicates that the site chosen is the most desirable one, and the Waisman Ross Study shows that the initial development of the site will be economical.

MOTION:

'That the Winnipeg Parking Authority recommend to the City of Winnipeg that it acquire by expropriation, as a site for public parking, all that land in the block bounded on the North by Graham Avenue, on the South by St. Mary Avenue, on the East by Smith Street, and on the West by Donald Street, excepting out of that block the lands now used as a site for the Wawanesa Mutual Insurance Company Building and lands appurtenant thereto, as shown on the plan attached hereto, and that the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare the necessary by-law for this purpose.'

Studies made for the Winnipeg Parking Authority have indicated that at the present time there is demand for additional parking spaces in the area referred to in the Motion above. This demand for space will increase sharply with the development of large new buildings in the area, which will have the effect of increasing traffic and removing existing surface parking. The site is for the most part unimproved. It is ideally situated for a public parking garage, lying as it does between two major arterial highways, Smith and Donald Streets.

A capital appropriation of $1,750,000.00 should be made for this purpose."

Your Committee recommends that the City acquire by expropriation, as a site for public parking, all that land in the block bounded on the north by Graham Avenue, on the south by St. Mary Avenue, on the east by Smith Street, and on the west by Donald Street, excepting out of that block the lands now used as a site for the Wawanesa Mutual Insurance Company Building and lands appurtenant thereto, as shown on Plan No. M-2303, and that the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare the necessary by-law for this purpose.

Your Committee further recommends that an additional capital appropriation of $1,750,000.00 be provided for this purpose.