REPORT OF THE

STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON

PROTECTION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DATED OCTOBER 11, 2001

The Executive Policy Committee has considered the following report, has concurred in the recommendations contained therein, and submits same to Council for approval and adoption.

The Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services submits Clauses 1, 2, and 3 as consent items.

2002 Administrative Budget for the Winnipeg Arts Advisory Council File FG-3 (Vol. 43)

1. The City Policy for Cultural Grants administered by the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services has an annual global allocation of $1,974,552.00 and is divided into four separate accounts.

On September 24, 2001, the Winnipeg Arts Advisory Council considered their 2002 Administrative Budget and passed the following motion, namely:-

> "That the Winnipeg Arts Advisory Council 2002 Administrative Budget of $98,728.00 which reflects five percent (5%) of the cultural allocation of $1,974,552.00, be approved."

On October 11, 2001, Christian Delaquis, Chair, accompanied by Billie Stewart, Director, Winnipeg Arts Advisory Council, appeared in delegation at the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services in support of the Advisory Council's recommendation.

The Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services concurred in the recommendations of the Winnipeg Arts Advisory Council and recommends:

I. That the Annual Global Arts Allocation of $1,974,552.00, as outlined in the City Policy on Cultural Grants and administered by the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services, be allocated as follows:

Individual Artists Account	$20,000.00
Administrative Account for the Winnipeg Arts Advisory Council (not to exceed 5% of the Global Arts Allocation)	$98,728.00
Special Project Grants Account (5% of the Global Arts Allocation)	$98,728.00
Primary Operating Grants Account (the balance of the Global Allocation)	$1,757,096.00
Global Allocation for Cultural Grants	$1,974,552.00

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

Community Incentive Grant Application - St. Vital Mustangs Football Club

File PR-2.6(35) (Vol. 10)

2. The Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services has been advised that the Riel Community Committee, at its meeting on September 12, 2001, considered an application from the St. Vital Mustangs Football Club for a Community Incentive Grant in the amount of $2,484.00 to assist with costs associated with the purchase of chairs for their facility.

The application does not meet the eligibility criteria contained in the Community Incentive Grant Program.

The Riel Community Committee recommended approval of a Community Incentive Grant to the St. Vital Mustangs Football Club in the amount of $2,484.00 for the purpose requested.

The Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services concurred in the recommendation of the Riel Community Committee, and recommends:

I. That the following eligibility criteria for the Community Incentive Grant Program, be waived in this instance, namely:-

a) The project is to make a significant contribution to the long-term benefit of the community-at-large in terms of improved facilities,

b) The project is to clearly articulate a plan of activities including projected work schedules, material, labour, equipment and other project requirements and lead to the completion of a substantial physical product.

II. That a Community Incentive Grant in the amount of $2,484.00, not to exceed a maximum of fifty percent (50%) of the total project cost, be approved to the St. Vital Mustangs Football Club for the purpose requested, subject to the following conditions:

a) Confirmation of other funding sources;

b) Approval of final plans and specifications for the project by the Director; and

c) The applicant entering into a formal agreement with the City of Winnipeg.

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

Grant Funding from Community Connections to increase public internet access at libraries and recreation facilities
File L-1 (Vol. 16) [c/r PR-2 (Vol. 85)]

3. The Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services has been advised that in March 2000, Manitoba and Canada announced the "Community Connections" initiative, dedicated to connecting Canadians by creating public Internet access sites across Manitoba. In Winnipeg, "Community Connections'" goal is to create 200 public Internet access sites in partnership with public, private, voluntary, and not-for-profit organizations.

The Library Services Division has provided public access to the Internet and other on-line database resources since 1997, however demand for services routinely exceeds capacity to deliver. The Community Services Department, Library Services Division submitted a letter of interest to "Community Connections" in September 2000. The Department has since been notified of eligibility to receive a grant of $142,164.00 for the purchase of Internet computer stations and equipment at each of its' library branches and an additional $28,000.00 for equipment purchase and installation at four Community Services neighbourhood-based service facilities.

The Community Services Department, Library Services Division is committed to providing the public with broad-based access to the Internet and other on-line database resources. Under terms of agreement with "Community Connections", Library Services will receive $142,164.00 to cover the costs of purchase and installation of thirty-six computers to enhance public access to the Internet in all of its library branches. These computers will be available for public use during regular library hours. Signage posted at the computers will acknowledge the contribution of "Community Connections".

The Library Services Division will provide funds from its approved operating budget to maintain computer equipment and train support staff. To ensure long-term sustainability of public Internet access, Library Services maintains a Library Reserve Fund for technology replacement. The Library Services Division will continue to seek grant assistance for information technology enhancement. Should full financial assistance not be available from external sources at the conclusion of the project in 2003, the City of Winnipeg will consider its ongoing participation at that time.

Three neighbourhood-based facilities, (Magnus Eliason Recreation Centre, St John's Leisure Centre, North End Centennial Pool) chosen for their location in high-needs neighbourhoods, and the Living Prairie Museum will receive a total of $28,000.00 to purchase and install one public access computer at each site. Under terms of the "Community Connections" agreement, public Internet access will be made available at least fifteen hours weekly at each site. When not in use for public access, sites will use the equipment to enhance their recreation and community services.

The grant funding will cover all costs associated with establishing and supporting public access sites at the four community use facilities to the end of 2003. Community Services will seek alternate sources to replace equipment and maintain public Internet access at community facilities beyond that time. Should external funding not be available at the conclusion of the Community Connections project in 2003, the City of Winnipeg will re-evaluate its participation in the project at that time.

The "Community Connections" initiative is designed to broaden public access to information through the Internet by increasing the number of access points in the community. The initiative expands the concept of public access sites to establishing networks of community groups and organizations that will create and contribute neighbourhood information to community Internet websites, expanding not only access to information, but opportunity to bring local interest stories and events to the world. The Community Services Department's Community Resource Coordinators are key players in the development of these local networks, which include schools, community centres, health clinics, and seniors' centres.

Under the terms of agreement with "Community Connections", Community Services is expected to launch their public access sites shortly after receiving Council approval and maintain them through to April 30, 2003.

City Council approval is required for the funding commitments contained within the "Community Connections" agreement.

The Financial Impact Statement is outlined on Appendix "A".

The Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services recommends:

I. That City Council approve the terms of the "Community Connections" Agreements.

II. That the City's ongoing commitment to the Community Connections Project will be re-evaluated when the external funding for the project concludes in 2003.

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

The Community Connections Agreement is on file in the office of the City Clerk.

Appendix "A" referred to in Clause 3 of the Report of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services dated October 11, 2001

	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Capital					
Capital Expenditures Required	$	$	$	$	$
Less: Existing Budgeted Costs					
Additional Capital Budget Required	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0
Funding Sources:					
Debt - Internal	$	$	$	$	$
External					
Grants (identify)					
Reserves, Equity, Surplus, Other					
Total Funding	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0
Total Additional Capital Budget Required	$ 0				
Total Additional Debt Required	$ 0				
Current Expenditures/Revenues					
Direct Costs	$146,000	$28,378	$28,378	$0	$0
Less: Incremental Revenue/Recovery	(146,000)	(24,164)	0	0	0
Net Cost / (Benefit)	$ 0	4,214	$28,378		
Less: Existing Budget Amounts		(4,214)	(28,378)		
Net Budget Adjustment Required	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0	$ 0

Additional Comments: Recovery is $170,164 from Community Connections. The Library Division's support costs are $22,588 annually for 36 computers; support costs of $5790 for the four community facility computers are included to Dec.31, 2003 (the Agreement concludes on April 30, 2003). The City's financial commitment to the project will be re-evaluated when the external funding concludes in 2003.

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