REPORT OF THE

STANDING COMMITTEE ON FISCAL ISSUES

DATED APRIL 9, 2002

On motion of Councillor Clement, the Report of the Standing Committee on Fiscal Issues, dated April 9, 2002, was considered.

Moved by Councillor Clement,
That the Consent Agenda, Clause 1, be adopted.

Carried.

Recommendations for Entertainment Funding By-law Exemptions - April 2002
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383 - 1. The Standing Committee on Fiscal Issues has been advised that in accordance with due process, the Corporate Finance Department has conducted a consistent and thorough review of all applications received for exemption from The Entertainment Funding By-law in accordance with the criteria set forth in the by-law and Schedule "B" thereto.

The financial impact of approving these applications for exemption from the entertainment funding tax is unknown. The tax revenue that could be generated from events hosted by these organizations cannot be quantified, as the events have not yet occurred.

Pursuant to its review, the Standing Committee on Fiscal Issues concurred in the administrative recommendation and recommends:

I. That the following amusements and/or places of amusement, which meet the criteria set forth in Schedule "B" of The Entertainment Funding By-law No. 7710/2000, be listed in Schedule "A" thereto, namely:

1. Mayworks Festival Inc.
2. 2002 North American Indigenous Games
3. Transcona Gardeners Club
4. Polish Dance Ensemble S.P.K. Iskry

II. That the City Solicitor/Manager of Legal Services be directed to prepare the necessary amending By-law in accordance with the foregoing for submission directly to Council for approval.

III. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the foregoing, including the execution of any documents related thereto.

Adopted by consent.

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CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

384 - On motion of Councillor Clement, By-law No. 8028/2002, a by-law of The City of Winnipeg to amend the Entertainment Funding By-law No. 7710/2000, was read a first, second and third time, the rule being suspended for the third reading, and was passed and ordered to be signed and sealed. File FL-6 (Vol. 25)

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QUESTION PERIOD

385 - With reference to Clause 8 of the Report of the Executive Policy Committee, dated April 17, 2002, Councillor Steek requested that the Chairperson find out what additional expenses were incurred for the outside legal costs and consultation, referenced in the clause, to which Councillor Clement agreed to do so.

Councillor Steek questioned if the Chair of Fiscal Issues supported the notion that where Council pays amounts in excess of $250,000.00 that there should be an opportunity for all Members of Council to be briefed by Legal Services before the issue is tabled, to which Councillor Clement concurred but noted that occasionally issues were time sensitive and there was not sufficient time to bring everyone together for a pre-briefing.