3. On June 23, 1999, Council adopted the recommendation of 2 reports of the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works dated May 31, 1999 titled: 1) Secondary Diking Enhancements - Community Ring Dikes - Policy on Funding and Maintenance; and 2) Canada-Manitoba-City of Winnipeg Agreement on Secondary Diking Enhancements.

In November 1999, the Canada-Manitoba-City of Winnipeg Agreement on Secondary Diking Enhancements was finalized.

On September 26, 2001, Council approved the Priorities for the Secondary Diking Enhancements Program, including the Lord Avenue and Parkwood Place community ring dike projects.

Pursuant to Section 392.1(2)(b) of The City of Winnipeg Act, Council may by by-law designate a committee of the council to conduct one or more public hearings as required by the local improvement district legislation.

The Canada-Manitoba-City of Winnipeg Agreement of Secondary Diking Enhancements is a funding agreement that provides a total of $11.135 million towards secondary diking projects. Canada and Manitoba are each contributing $5.2 million and the City of Winnipeg is contributing $735,000.00. The funding is allocated to a Community Ring Dike Sites Feasibility Study ($400,000.00), and design and construction of individual flood proofing projects ($4,400,000) and community ring dikes ($6,335,000). Pursuant to the Council order on June 23, 1999, the City's share of community ring dike costs is to be recovered from the benefiting property owners through the local improvement process.

On September 26, 2001, Council adopted "The Priorities for the Secondary Diking Enhancements Program", which included the Lord Avenue and Parkwood Place Community Ring Dike projects. The total estimated cost of the Lord Avenue Community Ring Dike is $1.393 million, and the City's share is 10% or $139,300.00. The total estimated cost of the Parkwood Place Community Ring Dike is $265,000.00 and the City's share is $26,500.00.

The City of Winnipeg Act provides a mechanism for conducting district local improvements. In the cases of the Lord Avenue Community Ring Dike and the Parkwood Place Community Ring Dike, the benefiting properties are readily identifiable and have been consulted on flood mitigation options through a series of public meetings. An informal community vote has been undertaken in each project area that indicates a willingness to proceed with each of the projects for construction of the community ring dikes and those works necessarily incidental thereto.

A series of local improvement initiatives have been initiated for other community ring dike projects under the Canada-Manitoba-City of Winnipeg Agreement on Secondary Diking Enhancements, namely the Grande Pointe/Hallama Drive project, Kingston Crescent/Row project and Kilkenny Drive North project. The Riel Community Committee was designated as the District Proposal Committee for these projects since these projects are within the Riel Community. Similarly, the Lord Avenue Community Ring Dike and the Parkwood Place Community Ring Dike projects are within the Riel Community and therefore the Riel Community Committee has been recommended as the District Proposal Committee for each of those local improvement districts.

The next step in the process will be the conduct of public hearings by the District Proposal Committee where the property owners again have an opportunity for input into the process. This is followed by amendments to the District Proposal if deemed necessary by the District Proposal Committee who will then provide its advice and recommendations to Council. If Council gives first reading to the District Proposal it then proceeds to the "notice of objection" stage in the process. This is the opportunity for the property owners to cast their vote against increased flood protection in their respective communities.

The Financial Impact Statement for this project is shown on Attachment "A" and has been prepared in accordance with the recommendation adopted by Council on December 13, 2000.

The Standing Policy Committee on Public Works recommends:

I. That Council direct the Administration to prepare a Local Improvement District Initiation Bylaw for the Lord Avenue Community Ring Dike Local Improvement District that will designate the Councillors of the Riel Community Committee as the committee of Council (District Proposal Committee) to conduct public hearings as required for the Lord Avenue Community Ring Dike Local Improvement District.

II. That Council direct the Administration to prepare a Local Improvement District Initiation Bylaw for the Parkwood Place Community Ring Dike Local Improvement District that will designate the Councillors of the Riel Community Committee as the committee of Council (District Proposal Committee) to conduct public hearings as required for the Parkwood Place Community Ring Dike Local Improvement District.

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

Attachment “A” referred to in Clause 3 of the Report of Standing Policy Committee on Public Works dated April 2, 2002

Financial Impact Statement **Date:** March 15, 2002

COMMENTS: The City's share of the projects is to be recovered through the Local Improvement process, therefore there is no financial impact.

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