Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated July 10, 2002

Approval of Funding from the Heritage Investment Reserve Fund for the Preservation of the T. Eaton Building Tyndall Stone Storefront Display Window Bays
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4. On July 10, 2002, the Executive Policy Committee passed the following motion, namely:

WHEREAS the T. Eaton building on Portage Avenue, first opened in 1905, has been recognized as a significant landmark and meeting place for generations of Winnipeg residents;

AND WHEREAS the once great store closed its doors on October 19, 1999 and the current ownership announced in March, 2000, that the building would be demolished;

AND WHEREAS on May 22, 2001, the True North Project Group established a Heritage Advisory Task Group to recommend ways that the history of the Eaton's store could be appropriately recognized, interpreted, preserved and incorporated to enhance and enrich the new Sports and Entertainment Centre facility planned for the site;

AND WHEREAS True North is acting upon the recommendations of the Heritage Advisory Task Group;

AND WHEREAS the Advisory Group recommended that True North reclaim only a portion of the distinctive Tyndall stone storefront display window bays for incorporation into the True North Facility;

AND WHEREAS City policy requires the promotion of high standards of urban design by encouraging the integration of public art and aesthetics into the downtown landscape;

AND WHEREAS the City has undertaken a Feasibility Study on the technical possibilities and cost of preserving a more extensive portion of the Eaton's storefront display window bays as a public art piece;

AND WHEREAS the City has received an estimate of $90,000.00 for the salvage, stockpiling on pallets, delivery, and storage of the storefront display window bays for future adaptive reuse;

AND WHEREAS the Heritage Investment Reserve Fund has the financial capacity to provide the funding for this worthwhile endeavour;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Winnipeg approve $90,000.00 from the Heritage Investment Reserve Fund for the preservation of portions of the Eaton's Tyndall Stone façade and that the Planning, Property, and Development Department actively pursue potential sites, concepts, strategic partnerships, and funding sponsorship for the adaptive re-use of the façade as a component of a public space or as it may be incorporated into a future significant project.