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Item No. 1 The City of Winnipeg License By-law No. 6551/95 - Massage Therapists
File EL-1

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On March 7, 2005, the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development concurred in the administrative recommendation and submits the following to Council:

1. That The City of Winnipeg License By-law No. 6551/95, with respect to massage therapists, be amended by adding the following educational institution to the list of registered educational institutions recognized under the License By-law, namely:

   A. Registered Educational Institutions

      i. Foothills College of Massage Therapy Inc., Calgary, Alberta

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

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On March 7, 2005, the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development concurred in the administrative recommendation and submitted the matter to the Executive Policy Committee and Council.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

RE:	License By-Law No. 6551/95 – Massage Therapists
FOR SUBMISSION TO:	Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development
ORIGINAL REPORT SIGNED BY:	Ursula Stelman, Director Community Services Department
REPORT DATE:	February 9, 2005

RECOMMENDATION(S):

- That City Council amend the License By-law No. 6551/95, with respect to massage therapists, by adding the following educational institution to the list of registered educational institutions recognized under the License By-law, namely:

  a) Registered Educational Institutions
     1. Foothills College of Massage Therapy Inc., Calgary Alberta

REPORT SUMMARY:

Key Issues:

- Within the License By-law 6551/95, massage therapists are distinguished from the general license category of "massagists" by providing evidence that the applicant has successfully completed the requirements of a training program in massage therapy and has received accreditation from a registered educational facility named in the By-law.

- This is a routine report recommending that a recognized School of Massage Therapy be added to the list of registered educational institutions recognized under the License By-law 6551/95.

Implications of the Recommendation(s):

General implications:

X **None**
For the organization overall &/or for other departments
For the community and/or organizations external to the City
Involves a multi-year contract
Comment(s):

Policy implications:

X **No**
Yes Comment(s):

Environmental implications:

X **No**
Yes Comment(s):

Human Resources implications:

X **No**
Yes Comment(s):

Financial implications:

X **Within approved current and/or capital budget**
Current and/or capital budget adjustment required
Comment(s):

REASON FOR THE REPORT:

Council approval is required for any additions to the License By-law list of recognized educational institutions and regulatory bodies for massage therapy, thereby enabling applicants who have graduated from or are registered with these institutions to be licensed as a massage therapist in the City of Winnipeg.

HISTORY:

Council, at its meeting held March 24, 1993, adopted Clause 8 of Report "A" of the Committee on Finance and Administration dated March 1, 1993 with respect to amendments to the License By-law No. 6551/95 (4007/85) relating to the licensing of massage therapists. Effective September 1, 1993, massage therapists are distinguished from the general license category of "massagists" by providing evidence that the applicant has successfully completed the requirements of a training program in massage therapy and has received accreditation from a

registered educational facility named in the By-law. That report recognized that additional schools over and above those initially identified likely existed and stated "minor amendments to the By-law may be necessary in future to address such situations".

DISCUSSION:

Graduates from the Foothills College of Massage Therapy have made application to the City of Winnipeg for licensing as a "massage therapist". The applicants have supplied the necessary documentation indicating successful completion of a program of study in anatomy, physiology, kinesiology, biology, physical therapy and other related fields of study; or have provided the registration with the respective regulatory bodies. The educational institution to be added is recognized with the respective provincial government.

Before recommending the addition of a school, the practice has been to review criteria with respect to both the school and the applicant, including such elements as curriculum, program content, hours of study, other related training and work experience, and membership in a massage therapy association.

This report is recommending that this school be added to the list of recognized schools of massage therapy in the License By-law to enable the graduates to be licensed as a massage therapist.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

There is no financial impact associated with this report.

Financial Impact Statement

Date: February 9, 2005

Project Name: License By-Law No. 6551/95 – Massage Therapists

First Year of Program **2005**

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
Capital					
Capital Expenditures Required	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Less: Existing Budgeted Costs	-	-	-	-	-
Additional Capital Budget Required	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Funding Sources:					
Debt - Internal	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
External	-	-	-	-	-
Grants (Identify)	-	-	-	-	-
Reserves, Equity, Surplus, Other	-	-	-	-	-
Total Funding	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Total Additional Capital Budget Required	$ -				
Total Additional Debt Required	$ -				
Current Expenditures/Revenues					
Direct Costs	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Less: Incremental Revenue/Recovery	-	-	-	-	-
Net Cost/(Benefit)	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Less: Existing Budget Amounts	-	-	-	-	-
Net Budget Adjustment Required	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -

Additional Comments:

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

"Original signed by"
Clive Wightman, BA, CGA
Manager of Finance and Administrative Services

IN PREPARING THIS REPORT THERE WAS CONSULTATION WITH, AND CONCURRENCY BY:

- Legal Services

THIS REPORT SUBMITTED BY:

Community Services Department
Prepared by: Bryan Verity, Chief License Inspector
File No.