

Winnipeg City Council Minutes for 1978

January 1978 – A late model executive automobile is to be purchased for the use of the Mayor for \$10,041.15.

January 1978 – Festival du Voyageur receives a grant of \$30,000.00 as it moves its location from Provencher Park to Whittier Park.

January 1978 – Five riding tractor/snowblowers are to be bought for five Community Centres in the East Kildonan-Transcona Community at a cost of \$18,000.00.

January 1978 – The Golf Professional at John Blumberg Golf Course is given an additional \$2,500.00 for running winter recreational programs at John Blumberg and Crescent Drive Golf Courses.

January 1978 – Council is told that 5,052 people toured the City Hall in 1977.

January 1978 – The Winnipeg Jets are told be refinanced under a tax shelter sale that will bring in an extra \$1,300,000.00.

January 1978 – The United Fire Fighters receive an 8.01 % wage increase.

January 1978 – The Council Meeting of January 18 recesses at 9:30 PM as Councillor Bill Norrie is taken by ambulance to the Health Sciences Centre. Councillor Jim Ragsdill goes with him to the hospital.

January 1978 – The City acquires an additional piece of property in the vicinity of Seven Oaks Avenue and Main Street for a park; the property is to be bought for \$70,000.00 and was originally part of the Inkster property.

January 1978 – Grants given out
Winnipeg Convention and Visitor Bureau - \$75,000.00
Winnipeg Economic Development Board - \$21,250.00 for the period April 1 to June 30 1978

January 1978 – Winnipeg is to borrow and issue debentures in the amount of \$50,000,000.00 in the Canadian money market.

February 1978 – The offices of the City Centre-Fort Rouge Community are to be located along with the License Division of the Finance Department at the northeast corner of the second floor of the Convention Centre.

February 1978 – Sister City agreement made with Mayors of other countries
Setagaya-ku, Japan – October 5, 1970
Reykjavik, Iceland – September 7, 1971

Minneapolis U. S. A. – January 31, 1973
Lviv, Ukraine – November 26, 1973

Informal agreements also exist with
Kuopio Finland
Beersheba, Israel
Taichung, Taiwan

February 1978 – Council tells a company interesting in making a monorail for Winnipeg that the City of Winnipeg is not interested in a monorail system at this time.

February 1978 – Winnipeg is to buy its own computer equipment instead of renting it. It is to spend \$382,223.00 buying the equipment; renting the same equipment for 1978 alone would cost \$211,103.00.

February 1978 – Annual contract fee for Poundkeeping Services for the Tuxedo-Charleswood area
1978-1979 - \$30,159.00
1979-1980 - \$31,232.00
1980-1981 - \$32,337.00

February 1978 – The City is to pay \$65,000.00 to buy a piece of land with a frontage of 116 feet and 375 feet deep at the north side of McIvor between Cranlea Path and Chornick Drive to enlarge North Kildonan Centennial Park.

February 1978 – Council buys the site of the former St. Boniface Landfill site at 70 Fournier Street for \$88,000.00. There is a gas hazard from methane gas leaking into the building. The cost to remedy the problem will cost \$150,000.00.

February 1978 – The Manitoba Chamber Orchestra is to receive a grant of \$1,500.00.

February 1978 – All public libraries in Winnipeg are to be fully amalgamated into one system as of January 1 1979.

February 1978 – The City is to buy the B. A. C. M. property at 1500 Plessis Road for a new Works and Operation Yard for District 4 at a cost \$3,250,000.00.

February 1978 – Indemnities for Councillors now \$11,128.00 per year made up of a basic indemnity of \$9,555.00 and a cost of living allowance of \$1,573.00. All standing committee chairman except for the Chairman of the Executive Policy Committee, receive an additional \$4,000.00 per year making their indemnity \$15,128.00 per year. The Chairman of Executive Policy Committee is to make \$28,128.00 per year.

February 1978 – Police Sector Salaries
Sergeant of Detectives - \$23,194.00 per year
Uniform Sergeants - \$22,276.00 per year

Detective Sergeants - \$21,358.00 per year
Patrol Sergeants - \$20,439.00 per year
Detectives - \$20,439.00 per year
Constable First Class - \$18,408.00 per year
Constable First Class after 12 years service - \$18,770.00 per year
Constable Second Class - \$17,031.00 per year
Constable Third Class - \$15,695.00 per year
Constable Fourth Class - \$14,318.00 per year
Civic Centres Constables - \$15,695.00 to \$17,031.00 per year
Storekeeper - \$20,439.00 per year
Operator Dispatcher - \$14,916.00 to \$17,490.00 per year
Detective Station Duty Officer - \$14,916.00 to \$17,490.00 per year
Chauffeur - \$14,290.00 to \$15,667.00 per year
Police Cadets - \$7,667.00 to \$10,213.00 per year

March 1978 – The total Capital Estimates for 1978 are \$71,456,716.00, which will require \$46,300,725.00 to be borrowed.

March 1978 – The Tuxedo Golf Course is to be bought at a cost of \$2,000,000.00.

March 1978 – Council approves a Transit System Logo, which is to be trademarked.

March 1978 – Grants given out for 1978
Men's Music Club - \$12,000.00
Contemporary Dancers - \$10,411.00
Manitoba Opera Association - \$10,411.00
Manitoba Theatre Centre - \$78,222.00
Rainbow Stage - \$78,222.00
Royal Winnipeg Ballet - \$78,222.00
Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra - \$78,222.00
Winnipeg Art Gallery - \$224,720.00

March 1978 – The user rate for ambulance service is increased to \$40.00 per trip from \$30.00 per trip. The estimated revenue for the Winnipeg Ambulance Service is \$1,542,409.00 for 1978 with total expenses of \$2,367,450.00 in 1978. A Winnipeg Ambulance Commission is to be created to run the service.

March 1978 – A indoor portable running track is to be purchased for \$140,000.00.

March 1978 – Council creates a new policy that all employees are required to pay their own professional fees that are required to practice their profession. Prior to this the City has been paying the professional fees of some of their employees.

March 1978 – La Verendrye Park is to be extended by the purchase of property at the northeast corner of Dollard and Tache at a cost of \$111,600.00.

March 1978 – Commercial space in the Portage and Main Pedestrian Concourse will be available for occupancy in August 1978.

March 1978 – Car Allowance rates
First 5,792.4 Kilometers per year – 16.8 cents per kilometer
Next 5,792.4 Kilometers per year – 12.4 cents per kilometer
All additional kilometers – 11.2 cents per kilometer
Parking at all locations – 50 % of cost

March 1978 – Hourly rates to rent bicycles in Assiniboine and Kildonan Parks
Standard - \$1.75 per hour
Three Speed - \$2.25 per hour
Novelty - \$2.75 per hour
Three Speed with Baby Carrier - \$2.75 per hour
Ten Speed - \$3.00 per hour
Tandems - \$3.75 per hour
3 Wheeler - \$5.50 per hour
4 Wheeler - \$10.75 per hour

March 1978 – A system of Snow Emergency Routes is to be developed as a result of the November 1977 storm where more than 600 vehicles were snowbound on major streets hampering snow clearing and shutting down major access routes. More than 5,000 signs are to be ordered to indicate the snow emergency routes.

March 1978 – The Province freezes all City grants for the next two years.

March 1978 – Water rates are frozen but the sewer rate is raised to 41.5 cents per 100 cubic feet quarterly from 40.3 cents.

March 1978 – The rate for parking meters are increased from 20 cents per hour to 25 cents per half hour and 50 cents per hour. The parking rate for 15-minute parking areas such as around the Post Office is to be 25 cents.

April 1978 – Transit fares are to be increased for the first time since 1969 on July 1 1978.

Adults - 35 cents from 25 cents cash
Children, Seniors and Students – 15 cents from 10 cents
Monthly pass - \$12.50 from \$10.00
Birds Hill Park
 Adults - \$1.00 from 75 cents
 Children, Students, Seniors – 50 cents no charge
Identification Cards - \$1.50 from \$1.00
D. A. S. H. – 10 cents from no charge

April 1978 – The Dial – a Bus Service is to be discontinued in the Fort Richmond area as of June 25 1978

April 1978 – The Annual Current Estimates for 1978 - \$224,011,916.00 The Realty Tax is to bring in \$109,118,146.00.

Estimates of some Departments

City of Winnipeg Hydro

Revenue - \$49,427,800.00

Expenditures - \$38,856,870.00

Steam Heating System

Revenue - \$1,876,600.00

Expenditures - \$2,199,100.00

Transit System

Revenue - \$23,986,952.00

Expenditures - \$34,454,161.00

Waterworks System

Revenue - \$19,715,000.00

Expenditures - \$19,671,676.00

Sewage Disposal System

Revenue - \$12,340,000.00

Expenditures - \$12,285,337.00

General Operations Branch System

Revenue - \$18,580,721.00

Expenditures - \$18,226,744.00

April 1978 – The City is to delete 134 positions

Board of Commissioners – 1

Budget Bureau – 1

City Clerk – 1

Environmental Planning – 2

Finance – 6

Personnel – 1

Winnipeg Hydro – 36

Works and Operations – 85

April 1978 – The average family of two on welfare receive \$343.00 per month in total benefits; the average family of three \$407.00 per month and the average family of four \$497.00 per month.

April 1978 – The lease of the St. Boniface Golf Club is to be extended for another 20 years beyond its original termination date of December 31 2000 to December 31, 2020, to allow it to borrow money for expansion of its clubhouse. The original lease for the City owned lands goes back to October 1 1951. The Club paid \$1.00 per year up to 1960. Starting in 1961 to the present the Club has been paying \$1,000.00 per year; this rate is to continue to December 31, 2020.

April 1978 – Council reverses its decision and decides not to buy the Tuxedo Golf Course.

April 1978 – Lakewood Boulevard is being extended to join Route 165 (Bishop Grandin).

April 1978 – The Winnipeg and St. Boniface Harbour Commission which was created in 1912 which later included the former Cities of East Kildonan and West Kildonan is to be abolished and the powers transferred to a new body. The Federal Government is to transfer its assets to the new body.

April 1978 – Council determines that the central location for the St. Boniface-St Vital Community will be at the former St. Vital City Hall at 604 St. Mary's Road.

April 1978 – The Assiniboine-Fort Garry Community Offices are to be located at the second floor of 5006 Roblin Boulevard.

April 1978 – Council asks that the Provincial Minister responsible for the Liquor Control Commission to enforce the Liquor Control Act in the Main Street area, i. e. the serving of those already intoxicated.

April 1978 – The Salvation Army is to receive a grant of \$34,000.00 in 1978.

May 1978 – The Refuse Collection Cycle is to be changed to a Five-Day Cycle from a once a week basis in order to save money on overtime.

May 1978 – The Ukrainian Cultural and Educational Centre is to receive a grant of \$6,000.00 to cover costs associated with its expansion plans.

May 1978 – The City accepts a donation of a log cabin located at 2112 Henderson Highway and its move to 1940 Henderson Highway on the condition that the Province pay the full cost of its move and restoration. The owner claims the log cabin is 152 years old.

May 1978 – Council agrees to the hiring of welfare recipients as adult school crossing guards for those who are deemed to have a limited ability to obtain any kind of job.

May 1978 – A pedestrian corridor is to be built over Graham connecting the Eaton's Store and the former Eaton's warehouse.

May 1978 – Councillor Provost asks Mayor Steen to commence negotiations with the International Olympic Committee indicating the City of Winnipeg’s interest in bidding for the 1984 or 1988 or 1992 Summer Olympics Games.

May 1978 – As of January 1 1978, the operation of the St. Vital and Transcona Cemeteries were transferred from the jurisdiction of the District Engineers from District 4 and 5 to the Cemeteries Branch and joined with Brookside Cemetery.

Brookside Cemetery was established in October 1878 and contains 188.22 acres of land and contains 75,859 interments to the end of 1977

St. Vital Cemetery opened in September 1937 and was created by the former Municipality of St. Vital

Transcona Cemetery was created by the former Town of Transcona and opened in July 1914.

Both the St. Vital and Transcona Cemeteries have no perpetual care maintenance funds but these are to be established as of January 1, 1979. Council is to set aside the standard amount of 25 % of the plot sale to these funds.

Private Cemeteries charge the following

Cemetery	Single Plots	Opening and Closing
Glen Lawn	\$220.00	\$100.00
Glen Eden	\$230.00	\$100.00
Chapel Lawn	\$220.00	\$100.00 (summer) \$120.00 (winter)
Elmwood	\$225.00	\$100.00
St. Mary’s	\$290.00	\$90.00

Charges at City Owned Cemeteries for adults, single plots \$205.00, opening and closing charges, \$95.00 and upright markers \$330.00.

May 1978 – The opening of the Carnegie Branch Library on William Avenue is to open on June 8 1978.

June 1978 – The Records and Archives are to be established in the Carnegie Library at 380 William as a one-year trial basis.

June 1978 – Senior Police Officers Salary Schedule
Administrative Assistant - \$723.00 to \$876.00 bi-weekly
Supervisor Bureau of Police Records - \$773.00 to \$937.00 bi-weekly
Inspector - \$1,099.00 to \$1,151.00 bi-weekly
Staff Inspector - \$1,200.00 to \$1,252.00 bi-weekly
Superintendent - \$1,301.00 to \$1,352.00 bi-weekly

June 1978 – Fee Schedule for City’s Weigh Scale operations at McPhillips and Logan
Vehicles with two axles from \$1.75 to \$2.50
Vehicles with three or more axles from \$2.50 to \$3.25

Individual axle weightings from \$1.50 to \$2.00
Extra copies of weigh certificates charge remains at 25 cents

June 1978 – A Park and Ride and Special Stadium Bus service is to begin for Blue Bombers games, the cost is to be 50 cents one way or 25 cents one way for monthly bus holders.

June 1978 – There are now 2,740 casual off street parking spots and 429 on street parking spots in the area bound by Main St., St. Mary's Avenue, Memorial Boulevard/Colony and Ellice. The hours of operation of the parking meters are from 9 AM to 6 PM. Monday to Saturday.

July 1978 – Wage Scale for Civic Nurses
Licensed Practical Nurses - \$419.00 to \$474.00 bi-weekly
Registered Nurse I - \$504.00 bi-weekly
Registered Nurse II - \$523.00 to \$602.00 bi-weekly
Registered Nurse III - \$543.00 to \$641.00 bi-weekly
Registered Nurse IV - \$562.00 to \$685.00 bi-weekly
Registered Nurse IV (a) - \$585.00 to \$713.00 bi-weekly
Registered Nurse V - \$607.00 to \$743.00 bi-weekly

July 1978 – Police Sector Salary Schedule
Sergeant of Detectives - \$942.26 bi-weekly
Uniform Sergeants - \$904.97 bi-weekly
Detective Sergeants - \$867.64 bi-weekly
Patrol Sergeants - \$830.31 bi-weekly
Detectives - \$830.31 bi-weekly
Constables First Class - \$747.80
Constable Second Class - \$673.18 to \$691.88 bi-weekly
Constable Third Class - \$598.02 to \$637.61 bi-weekly
Constable Fourth Class \$523.40 to \$581.66 bi-weekly
Civic Centre Constable - \$637.61 to \$691.88 bi-weekly
Storekeeper - \$830.31 bi-weekly
Operator-Dispatcher - \$605.96 to \$710.51 bi-weekly
Detective Station Duty Officer - \$605.96 to \$710.51 bi-weekly
Chauffeur - \$522.25 to \$636.46 bi-weekly
Police Cadets - \$311.47 to \$414.91 bi-weekly

July 1978 – Police Staff Sector
Signal Operator - \$554.00 to \$650.00 bi-weekly
Chief Mechanic - \$828.00 bi-weekly
Mechanic - \$767.00 bi-weekly
Assistant Mechanic - \$735.00 bi-weekly
Caretaker - \$639.00 bi-weekly
Assistant Caretaker - \$480.00 to \$544.00 bi-weekly
Senior Clerk - \$605.00 to \$646.00 bi-weekly

Clerk C - \$545.00 to \$590.00 bi-weekly
Clerk B - \$441.00 to \$526.00 bi-weekly
Clerk A - \$284.00 to \$423.00 bi-weekly
Office Cleaner - \$386.00 bi-weekly
Apprentice Mechanic - \$445.00 to \$663.00 bi-weekly
Terminal Operator - \$441.00 to \$526.00 bi-weekly
Storeman - \$555.00 bi-weekly
Technician Identification Assistant - \$436.00 to \$527.00 bi-weekly
Technician Identification Grade 1 - \$487.00 to \$591.00 bi-weekly
Technician Identification Grade 2 - \$527.00 to \$645.00 bi-weekly
Technician Identification Grade 3 - \$571.00 to \$696.00 bi-weekly

July 1978 – Council is told that 17 % of the City's Current Expenditures go towards debt repayment.

July 1978 – Staff salary of Staff at William Avenue Library
Librarian I - \$16,094.00 per year
Library Assistant II - \$13,260.00 per year
Clerk A - \$7,748.00 per year
Pages – 30 hours per week - \$5,680.00 per year

July 1978 – A portion of Erin Street has now been closed for two weeks now after a watermain break caused one quarter of a block of the street to cave in to a depth of 5 feet

July 1978 – A report of Council supports a designated system of a weather protected pedestrian system for Downtown Winnipeg.

July 1978 – The initial priority for the proposed Historical Buildings Committee is to be within Albert Street.

July 1978 – The official name of the St. Vital-Fort Garry Corridor Bridge over the Red River is 'The Fort Garry Bridge'. The official name of Route 165 east and west of the bridge is to be 'Bishop Grandin Boulevard'. The now demolished Grandin School located in the vicinity of the approach was named in honour of Bishop Grandin whose 150th anniversary will occur on February 8, 1979.

July 1978 – An overhead pedestrian walkway is to be built between Rupertsland Square via the Winnipeg Clinic to the Bay Parkade.

July 1978 – The Canadian Association for the Mentally Retarded is to receive a grant of \$69,500.00.

July 1978 – The Block Parents of Winnipeg are to receive a grant of \$7,500.00.

July 1978 – The maintenance of all the boulevards in Winnipeg are transferred to the responsibility of the Regional Park and Operations of the unified Parks and Recreation Department.

August 1978 – The City plans to spend \$3,500,000.00 for expanding the Winnipeg Arena by adding an upper deck and making other improvements. The City is to charge 25 cents on all admission to arena events to pay for the expansion. The Winnipeg Jets are to pay a minimum of \$400,000.00 in rent for the life of an eight-year lease.

August 1978 – The development of the All Seasons Estates south of McIvor, north of Springfield Road east of Gateway and west of Highway 59 is to begin soon.

August 1978 – Councillors are concerned that Borger Industries Ltd have constructed an asphalt plant at 751 Lagimodiere without the proper zoning of the land.

August 1978 – The selling price of City owned land in the Murray Industrial Park is raised to \$39,500.00 per acre.

August 1978 – The cost of bicycle licenses is to be raised to \$2.00 from \$1.50 as of January 1 1979.

August 1978 – Ice rental charges for indoor arenas as of September 1 1978

Public Skating

children, students, seniors – 40 cents or 6 tickets for \$2.00
adults 18 years and older – 75 cents or 6 tickets for \$4.00
family pass (immediate members) - \$10.00

Ice rental rates

Resident groups and organization 17 years old and under - \$10.00 per hour
Residents groups and organization 18 years old and over - \$40.00 per hour
Non-resident groups - \$50.00 per hour

Schools

No master agreement - \$15.00 per hour
With master agreements – free
Parks and Rec sponsored programs - \$15.00 per hour

Off Season Rental Rates (no ice)

Commercial, Religious Political

If Admission Charged

Hourly - \$25.00
8 Hour duration - \$175.00
12 Hour duration - \$250.00
Per week - \$1,750.00
Per month - \$5,500.00

Gate split – 10 %

No admission charged

Hourly - \$20.00
8 Hour duration - \$150.00
12 Hour duration - \$200.00
Per week - \$1,400.00
Per Month - \$4,900.00

Recreational and Service Organizations

If admission charged

Hourly - \$10.00
8 Hour Duration - \$75.00
12 Hour Duration - \$100.00
Per Week - \$700.00
Per Month - \$2,400.00

If no admission charged

Hourly - \$7.50
8 Hour Duration - \$50.00
12 Hour Duration - \$85.00
Per Week - \$550.00
Per Month - \$1,900.00

August 1978 – The Federal Government is to build a Taxation Data Centre on land north of Regent and east of Lagimodiere Boulevard.

September 1978 – Mr. N. W. Diakiw is to be appointed as Chief Commissioner as of October 15 1978 to replace the retiring D. I. MacDonald.

September 1978 – The City is to buy the York Tire Ltd property at 150 Warman Road for \$1,027,000.00 due to methane gas escaping from the site, which was part of the former St. Boniface Landfill site.

September 1978 – Allegations are made against Councillor Lorne Leech regarding land transactions and a possible conflict of interest.

September 1978 – Council reports a surplus of \$6,250,000.00 in 1977 but also overexpenditure of \$3,256,408.00 due to the purchasing of properties at the former St. Boniface Landfill site and accounting changes in regards to the Winnipeg Ambulance Services.

September 1978 – The City building at 545 Watt Street is to be renovated to properly house the Parks and Recreational Department Offices and the Works and Operation functions moved to the new location on Plessis.

The former East Kildonan City Hall at 755 Henderson Highway is to house the Community Clerk and Finance Department function on the south section of the main floor. The Welfare Department is to be consolidated on the north part of the main floor. The second floor is to be for the purpose of Community Committee meetings and other public meetings. The existing small rooms at the rear of the second floor currently being used by the Community Clerk and a small meeting room are to be used for accommodating small meetings. The original Council Chamber is to be restored to its former size by removing the partitions.

The City properties at 141 Regent, 401 Pandora and Vulcan Avenue are to be sold.

September 1978 – The Bronx Park Community Club addition has now been completed at a cost of \$136,316.00.

September 1978 – Kilkenny Park in Fort Richmond is officially renamed King's Park.

September 1978 – A Council report on the drowning that occurred at the Provencher Park Swimming Pool on May 27 1978 recommends that warning signs be placed on the surrounding fence. The drowning occurred when the individual climbed the fence illegally after the pool was closed for the evening and drowned with no one in attendance.

September 1978 – Sterling properties are acquiring the property required to build a new shopping centre (St. Vital).

October 1978 – A master plan for Whittier Park is brought to Council, one of the proposals calls for a Fort to be built on the site.

October 1978 – The maximum speed limit for backlanes is set at 30 km/ph.

October 1978 – The Deacon Booster Pumping Station is to be built at a cost of \$4,868,642.00 and is to be in operation by the Spring of 1980.

November 1978 – Council is to limit borrowings to a maximum of \$50,000,000.00 for the next 5 years.

November 1978 – Mr. W. H. Finnbogason is appointed the new Commissioner of Works and Operations at a starting salary of \$49,790.00 per year.

November 1978 – The Safeway Store at Broadway and Donald closes as of November 4 1978.

November 1978 – Rental rates for 981 Elgin Avenue for the 8 four room 550 square foot suites owned by the City

Income per month	Monthly rent
\$500.00 to \$549.00	\$75.00
\$550.00 to \$599.00	\$82.50
\$600.00 to \$649.00	\$90.00
\$650.00 to \$699.00	\$97.50
\$700.00 to \$749.00	\$105.00
\$750.00 to \$799.00	\$112.50
\$800.00 to \$849.00	\$120.00
\$850.00 to \$899.00	\$127.50

November 1978 – Parking Rate Changes for Centennial Library Parking Garage

	Current Rate	Proposed Rate
Monthly	\$42.50	\$45.00
Casual		
First ½ hour	35 cents	40 cents
Second ½ hour	35 cents	40 cents
Each additional ½ hour or portion	45 cents	50 cents
Daily Maximum 8 AM to 6 PM	\$3.00	\$3.50
Evenings after 6 PM	\$1.00	\$1.25

November 1978 – The second stage of the creation of a major park and recreational site is to be created. The 4-acre site is to have a running track and skating track around a soccer/football field the work is to cost \$120,300.00.

November 1978 – The 1978 landfill disposal costs are fixed at \$7.90 per ton. The 1979 costs are expected to be \$8.10 per ton. The cost of incinerator disposal is \$12.39 per ton in 1978 and \$12.49 per ton in 1979.

November 1978 – Bishop Grandin and the Fort Garry/St. Vital Bridge is now open.

November 1978 – The alterations to the Municipal Hospital Buildings have cost \$232,382.00.

November 1978 – The local improvement rates for watermains and wastewater sewers are to be increased for 1979; the new rates are to rise

Watermains

From \$11.00 per foot of frontage to \$22.50 per foot frontage or from 8 ¼ cents per square foot of land to 17 cents per square foot of land whichever is higher

Wastewater sewer

From \$11.00 per foot of frontage to \$18.00 per foot of frontage or from 8 ¼ cents per square foot to 13 ½ cents per square foot whichever is higher.

December 1978 – The rate for steam heat is to rise to 64 cents per 1000 pounds of steam an increase of 15 % due to the rising cost of coal.

December 1978 – The general admission charges for City owned swimming pools are to increase to

Adult 18 and older - \$1.00

Student, junior high and high school students – 70 cents

Child 12 and under – 25 cents

Senior Citizens – 50 cents

Special Tickets

Adult – 5 for \$4.50

Students – 5 for \$3.00

Child – 5 for \$1.00

Senior Citizen – 5 for \$2.25

City of Winnipeg Sponsored Instructional Programs for ½ hour lesson

18 and over – 90 cents

17 and under – 70 cents

Pre School - \$1.00

Non resident of Winnipeg - \$2.00

Senior Citizen – 50 cents

Parent and child – 70 cents

December 1978 – Commercial Rental rate for Pedestrian Concourse at Portage and Main

First 300 square feet - \$17.00 per foot per annum

Next 200 square feet - \$10.00 per foot per annum

Additional space - \$6.00 per foot per annum

These rates are to rise by 5 % effective August 1 1979

December 1978 – The Festival du Voyageur is to receive an interest free loan of \$100,000.00, repayable in four years, this in response to the Festival's debt accumulated debt of \$139,321.00 Since 1974 the City and the Province have been providing 50 % of the revenue for the Festival. The total revenue of the Festival has risen from \$100,000.00 in 1974 to \$450,000.00 in 1978.

December 1978 – The general inflation rate is 9 % for 1978.

December 1978 – Mr. A. Milroy is appointed the General Manager of Personnel at a salary of \$41,782.00 per year.

December 1978 – The street around the new Taxation Centre is to be named Reenders Drive named after long time residents of the area Mr. and Mrs. Reenders.

December 1978 – Winnipeg Square Parking Garage Rate increase
Monthly from \$40.00 to \$45.00

Casual

First ½ hour from 40 cents to 50 cents
Second ½ hour from 40 cents to 50 cents
Each hour after from 50 cents to 60 cents
Daily Maximum from \$3.25 to \$3.50
Evening Rate from \$1.00 to \$1.50

Civic Centre Carpark increases for the 454 stall
Monthly from \$32.00 to \$35.00

Casual

First ½ hour from 35 cents to 40 cents
Each additional hour from 35 cents to 40 cents
Daily Maximum from \$2.00 to \$2.25
Evening from 75 cents to \$1.00
Motorcycles designated area only from 25 cents to 50 cents

December 1978 – A Winnipeg Library Board is to be established with responsibility for all library services in Winnipeg.

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January 1979 – Street name changes

Oakhill Boulevard to Grandmont Boulevard

Pineview Way to Berard Way

Hallmark Bay to Gosselin Bay

Portwood Place to Dubois Place

Southbend Crescent to Champagne Crescent

Allenwood Place to Lamirande Place

Oakcreek Crescent to Nolin Avenue

Royal Oak Bay to Bonin Bay

January 1979 – The City is authorized to borrow up to \$80,000,000.00 from the Royal Bank for 1979. In 1978 the City only used \$26,100,000.00 out of the \$80,000,000.00 authorized for that year.

January 1979 – Council approves the issuing of debentures totaling \$25,000,000.00 in American funds at an interest rate of 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ %.

January 1979 – The City is to receive \$30,000,000.00 in unconditional block funding from the Province for 1979.

January 1979 – Electrical rates are to increase by 14.5 % as of February 1 1979. The new basic residential rate is to be

Service Charge - \$3.15 per month

First 225 kWh used each month – 3.6 cents per kWh

Over 225 kWh – 2.53 cents per kWh

February 1979 – The total 1979 Capital Estimates are \$75,423,996.00, which will require \$49,949,711.00 in borrowing.

February 1979 – A typical cost of lighting a backlane such as the one between Linden and Greene from Roch to Watt in East Kildonan is \$3,300.00.

February 1979 – The estimated parking meter revenue for 1979 is \$1,300,000.00.

Council is to spend \$90,000.00 to replace parking meters damaged by vandalism with vandal resistant heavy -duty units. Vandalism damage to parking meters in 1977 and 1978.

1977 - \$26,470.00

1978 - \$59,500.00

February 1979 – Street name changes

Windsor Avenue to Charleswood Road

Sparrow Street and Cedric Street to Sparrow Road

Lechman Place to Lyric Place

Trans Canada Highway east of St. Anne's Road to Fermor Avenue

February 1979 – Police Detective Hugh G. McTaggart is fired from the Police Department.

February 1979 – McLeod Avenue is to be widened west of Brunswick Street.

February 1979 – The City Incinerator at Henry and Maude is to be closed on or about April 30 1979. It would require over \$5,000,000.00 for the incinerator to meet the current air quality standards. Ashes from the incinerator have been disposed of on a site ½ mile west of Highway # 8 north of the Perimeter Highway in West St. Paul.

February 1979 – Citizen members of the Winnipeg Parking Authority are to receive \$25.00 per meeting.

February 1979 – All of the street Fire Alarm Boxes and all of the Police Call Boxes are to be removed as they are deemed to be unnecessary.

February 1979 – The City's Parks and Recreational Department operates 18 indoor arenas in Winnipeg. The indoor arenas to be operated during the summer months with ice include

St. James Civic Centre

Incinarena (Terry Sawchuk)

Maginot

Century

Eric Coy

Pioneer

Keewatin

The Pioneer and Keewatin arenas are new to the list for 1979.

Hourly Ice Rental rates for the months May to August

Instructional Schools - \$50.00 per hour

Casual Rentals

Resident Groups - \$35.00 per hour

Non –resident Groups - \$50.00 per hour

March 1979 – There are complaints from citizens that Portage and Main is now closed to pedestrians.

March 1979 – Council brings forward a freedom of information by-law.

March 1979 – The Winnipeg Taxation Centre north of Regent is to open in October 1979.

March 1979 – Councillors are now to receive an indemnity of \$11,795.89 plus an additional \$3,000.00 per year for being members of a standing committee. Since the size of Council was reduced from 50 members to 29 members all councillors are members of a standing committee. After the 1980-election councillor's indemnity are to increase bases on the industrial average published by Statistics Canada.

March 1979 – Car Allowances

	Rates per kilometre	
	1978	1979
First 5,792 km	16.8 cents	18.0 cents
Next 5792 km	12.4 cents	13.7 cents
All additional kilometres	11.2 cents	12.4 cents
Parking at office	50 % of cost	50 % of cost

March 1979 – Grants given out

Manitoba Theatre Centre - \$80,000.00
 Winnipeg Art Gallery - \$230,000.00
 Salvation Army - \$35,000.00
 Age and Opportunity Centre - \$82,000.00
 Winnipeg Convention and Visitors Bureau - \$79,500.00

March 1979 – The basic retaining fee for the golf pro at John Blumberg Golf Course is to rise from \$18,500.00 to \$20,000.00 per year. It will be increased to \$21,000.00 if the cross-country ski program for the Windsor Park Golf Course is ready for the 1979-1980 season.

March 1979 – A new public golf course (Harbour View) is being developed for the northeast corner of the City.

March 1979 – Green Fees increases at City owned Golf Courses

18 Holes at Kildonan, Windsor Park and John Blumberg
 Regular Adult from \$4.00 to \$4.50
 Junior 16 and Under from \$2.00 to \$2.25
 Senior 65 and over from \$2.00 to \$2.25
 Twilite from \$2.25 to \$2.50

9 Holes at Crescent Drive and John Blumberg

Regular Adult from \$2.25 to \$2.50
 Regular Adult- 2nd round same day from \$1.75 to \$2.00
 Junior from \$1.00 to \$1.25
 Senior from \$1.00 to \$1.25

1979 Proposed Operating Budgets for Golf Courses

Revenue
 Kildonan Park - \$307,940.00
 Windsor Park - \$357,930.00

Crescent Drive - \$144,261.00
John Blumberg - \$242,425.00
North East (Harbour View) –

Expenditures

Kildonan Park - \$237,865.00
Windsor Park - \$249,255.00
Crescent Drive - \$122,567.00
John Blumberg - \$317,595.00
North East (Harbour View) - \$50,250.00

March 1979 – The Garry Street Comfort Station is to be closed the average number of daily users, men 187 and women 60. Many of the male users have been bus drivers.

March 1979 – Camera and an audio system are to be installed in the tunnel between the Parkade and the Concert Hall at a cost of \$28,000.00. Doors were installed at either end of the tunnel in the Fall of 1978 and the doors are locked between Midnight and 7 AM. There have been reports of indecent acts, glue sniffing, vandalism, children riding bicycles and skate boards, people sleeping, graffiti, people dumping ash trays. The cleaning staff has been cleaning up excrement on an average of twice a week.

March 1979 – Transit fares are to be increased as of May 1 1979.

Adult Fare from 35 cents to 40 cents
Students and children from 10 cents to 15 cents
Seniors remain at 10 cents
Monthly pass from \$12.50 to \$14.00

March 1979 – Annual Current Estimates for 1979 - \$255,761,198.00 with \$117,558,366.00 from realty taxes requiring a mill rate of 71.736.

The City is also required to levy \$113,412,297.00 for the various school boards in Winnipeg an increase of 11.6 % over 1978 and \$27,038,270.00 for the Public School Finance Board.

March 1979 – Students by School Division as of January 31 1979

Winnipeg – 34,570
St. James-Assiniboia – 16,680
River East – 12,365
St. Boniface – 7,672
Seven Oaks – 6,865
Fort Garry – 6,691
Transcona – Springfield – 6,452
Assiniboine South – 5,949
Norwood – 2,110
Seine River – 1,163

March 1979 – The user rate for ambulance service is to increase from \$40.00 to \$50.00 per trip as of April 1 1979 and then to \$60.00 per trip as of October 1 1979.

March 1979 – Rainbow Stage is to receive a grant of \$78,222.00 for 1979 while the Royal Winnipeg Ballet is to receive \$80,000.00.

April 1979 – Mr. F. N. Steele is appointed the new City Solicitor at a salary of \$46,046.00 per year.

April 1979 – Winnipeg is awarded a N. H. L. franchise.

April 1979 – The Knights of Columbus are to obtain the site of the former Concordia Hospital for a period of 50 years at \$1.00 per year. They are to build a new building within 2 years and fully landscape the park area within 5 years.

April 1979 – The new Police Radio Dispatch system is to come into operation as of July 1 1979 the system is also to include the Fire and Ambulance Services; the total cost of the system is \$4,114,236.00.

April 1979 - Council continues to hold back some of the money to be paid to the contracts for the Portage and Main Underground Concourse which officially opened on February 23 1979 because of some small problems.

April 1979 – Priority seating for disabled passengers is begun for transit buses, these seats are located at the front of all buses.

April 1979 – Council allocates \$10,000.00 for a dike on the westbound lane of Portage Avenue at Sturgeon Creek due to expected high water levels.

April 1979 – Fines are to be raised for various parking violations

No Stopping – Snow Route - remain at \$25.00

No Stopping Anytime from \$5.00 to \$15.00

No Stopping 7 AM to 9 AM and or 4 PM to 6 PM – remain at \$15.00

No Stopping Bus Stop from \$5.00 to \$15.00

No Parking Anytime/No Parking – Loading Zone from \$5.00 to \$10.00

Double Parking from \$5.00 to \$10.00

No Parking- Street Cleaning – from \$5.00 to \$10.00

One Hour Parking 3 AM to 6 AM – remain at \$10.00

Limited time parking- signed or metered from \$3.00 to \$5.00

Any Parking Violation not specified from \$3.00 to \$5.00

April 1979 – McIvor Avenue is to be paved from Henderson Highway to Raleigh.

April 1979 – Council gives the Board of Commissioners the authority to deal with the flood conditions as the Red River is expected to reach 1950 levels outside of the City of Winnipeg. Dikes are to be built in low-lying areas.

May 1979 – A mobile advertising sign is now to cost \$20.00 for a period of 60 days or part there of. The sign by-law is to be the same for the entire City.

May 1979 – The official beginning of the Yellowhead Interprovincial Highway is to begin in Winnipeg as Portage Avenue is to be considered the official beginning at Portage and Main.

May 1979 – Council expresses its thanks to all those who helped in the flood emergency.

May 1979 – New Police Salary Schedule, the increase is 10.89% including benefits

Sergeants of Detectives - \$27,096.00 per year

Uniform Sergeants - \$26,024.00 per year

Detective Sergeants - \$24,951.00 per year

Patrol Sergeants - \$23,877.00 per year

Detectives - \$23,877.00 per year

Constable First Class after 10 years - \$22,149.00 per year

Constable First Class - \$21,504.00 per year

Constable Second Class - \$19,359.00 per year

Constable Third Class - \$17,197.00 per year

Constable Fourth Class - \$15,051.00 per year

Civic Centre Constables \$18,336.00 to \$19,897.00 per year

Operator-Dispatchers - \$17,426.00 to \$20,432.00 per year

Detective Station Duty Officer - \$17,426.00 to \$20,432.00 per year

Chauffeur - \$15,018.00 to \$18,302.00 per year

Police Cadets - \$8,957.00 to \$11,932.00 per year

May 1979 – Council at its May 16 meeting expresses its sorrow at the death of Mayor Robert Steen

May 1979 – Two parking meter repairmen are to be hired at \$12,376.00 each per year.

May 1979 – The official staff positions at the Municipal Hospitals are to be reduced by 82.5 positions. This will not involve any layoffs as this number as already been reached by attrition.

May 1979 – Seven positions at the Northeast Sanitary Landfill Site (Kilcona Park) are to be changed from temporary to permanent.

1 Foreman - \$608.00 biweekly

1 Weighmaster - \$525.00 biweekly

1 Equipment Operator IV - \$582.00 biweekly

1 Equipment Operator II – \$525.00 biweekly

3 Skilled Labourers - \$495.00 biweekly

May 1979 – A 1979 Modular Ambulance Unit is to be purchased for \$34,510.35 including tax.

May 1979 – The agreement is renewed for the operation of the miniature train at Assiniboine Park. The admission charge for a ride is to increase from 40 cents to 50 cents per ride.

May 1979 – The name of the Cadboro Shooting Range located on the site of the former Fort Garry Nuisance Grounds is to be renamed Bridgewater Park after the former Fort Garry Police Chief.

May 1979 – There are an increasing number of complaints about young people sniffing in the parks in the core area late at night.

May 1979 – A 14 storey 105 suite senior citizens' apartment block at the southeast corner of Henderson Highway and Kingsford.

June 1979 – The trophy presented to the winner of the Manitoba Marathon is to be called the Mayor Robert Steen Memorial Trophy for the first Manitoba Marathon, which is taking place for the first time in June 1979.

June 1979 – Land bounded by McGillivray to the north, Waverley on the east, Brady Road on the west and by the Lot 16 Drain (Linden Ridge, Fort Whyte) is considered for a zoning change for residential development by Cairn Homes

June 1979 – Memorial Park in Fort Garry is to be renamed Gary Hobson Memorial Park.

June 1979 – A bicycle route on Wolseley Avenue is being considered.

June 1979 – The south side of Bishop Grandin is to be widened between Dakota and St. Mary's Road.

June 1979 – The paving of McIvor with 8-inch thick pavement between Henderson Highway and Raleigh is to cost \$828,000.00.

June 1979 – The Park and Ride Special Bus Service which began July 18 1978 from 4 shopping centres to Winnipeg Stadium for Blue Bombers games is to continue for 1979.

June 1979 – Meadowood Drive is to be opened between Dakota and St. Mary's Road for the construction of the St. Vital Shopping Centre.

June 1979 – A pedestrian corridor is to be installed on Pembina Highway south of Manahan.

June 1979 – Land is purchased at 642 Burnell Street for \$38,000.00 to build a new fire hall, which is expected to cost \$654,000.00 to build.

June 1979 – Castlewood Homes Ltd is to develop land bordered by Bonner, Knowles, Henderson Highway and Raleigh for residential development.

June 1979 – A sports injury centre is to be established in the Reh-Fit Building on Taylor Avenue.

June 1979 – Council is to borrow and issue debentures worth \$486,491.31 for the Sewage Disposal System.

June 1979 – Councillor Pearl McGonigal is appointed as Deputy Mayor with the election of Bill Norrie to the Office of Mayor. The election for mayor cost the City of Winnipeg \$200,000.00

June 1979 – Mr. H. R. R. Klapecki is appointed the new Assistant City Solicitor at a salary of \$1,673.00 biweekly. Mr. John Russell is appointed the new Chief Librarian at a salary of \$1,400.00 biweekly.

June 1979 – The City pays all of the burial expenses for the late Mayor Robert Steen.

June 1979 – An agreement is signed with the Amalgamated Transit Union to raise wages and long service pay by 10.98%.

June 1979 – The fee schedule for the weigh Station at McPhillips and Logan is to be revised

Vehicle with two axle assemblies from \$2.50 to \$3.00

Vehicle with three or more axle assemblies from \$3.25 to \$3.50

Individual axle assemblies from \$2.00 to \$2.25

Extra copies of weight certificates remain at 25 cents

June 1979 – A suitable portrait of Mayor Steen is to be included in the Council Chambers at a cost of \$1,500.00.

June 1979 – The Canadian Association for the Mentally Retarded is to receive a grant of \$69,500.00 for 1979.

June 1979 – Council sells the City District Yard containing 6.86 acres on the north side of Vulcan east of Gateway Road to A. A. DeFehr Manufacturing Ltd for \$308,700.00.

June 1979 – The Transcona National Football Association receives a grant of \$4,000.00 for equipment and the East Side Eagles Football Club receives a grant of \$3,000.00 for equipment.

June 1979 – New fee schedule for outdoor swimming pools

General Admission

Adults (Adults over 18) - \$1.00

Students (Jr. High and High School Students with card) – 70 cents

Child (12 and under) – 25 cents
Senior Citizens (65 and over) – 50 cents
Special Tickets
Adults 5 tickets for \$4.50
Students 5 tickets for \$3.00
Child 5 tickets for \$1.00
Senior 5 tickets for \$2.25

July 1979 – The Vaughan Street-St. Mary Pedestrian Overpass is to cost \$450,000.00.

July 1979 – The Canadian Union of Public Employees Local 500 receives an increase of 10% and the Winnipeg Association of Public Service Officers also receives a 10% increase.

July 1979 – The new contract for the Canadian Corps of Comissionaires for parking duties will pay the Corporals \$5.32 per hour, Meter Patrol Member \$5.09 per hour and the Mobile Patrol Member \$6.27 per hour.

July 1979 – The Winnipeg Folk Arts Council is given a grant of \$15,000.00 to help in the funding of Folklorama.

July 1979 – Council is to borrow and issue debentures worth \$7,000,000.00.

July 1979 – Council proposes a by-law to prohibit the sale of sniff products to minors.

August 1979 – Council is to borrow \$1,400,000.00 to make improvements to the Wilkes Avenue Reservoir and Hurst Pumping Station.

August 1979 – Mr. W. J. Swail is appointed General Manager of Parks and Recreation at a salary of \$1,607.00 biweekly. Mr. R. J. Fergusson is appointed the new City Clerk at a salary of \$1,603.00 biweekly.

August 1979 – The staff sector of the Winnipeg Police Association receive a pay increase of 10.24%.

April 1979 – A pedestrian retail bridge is to be built over Graham Avenue connecting the two sections of the proposed Eaton's Place.

September 1979 – The Winnipeg Civic Nurses Association receive a pay increase of 10.25% increase in 1979 and a further 8.12% increase in 1980.

September 1979 – Social Assistance rates are to be increased by 8.3%, the new allowance are

Food Allowance Per Month

Ages 0 to 4 years old - \$45.00 per month
Ages 5-9 years old - \$55.00 per month
Ages 10-17 years old - \$74.00 per month
Adults - \$72.00 per month

Adjustments for Food Allowance

1 Person add \$18.00 per month
2 Persons add \$7.00 per person per month
3 persons add \$3.00 per person per month
4 persons no change
5 persons subtract \$3.00 per person per month
6 persons and over subtract \$6.00 per person per month

Clothing Allowance

Ages 0-4 years old - \$10.00 per month
Ages 5-9 years old - \$12.00 per month
Ages 10-17 years old - \$14.00 per month
Adults - \$15.00 per month

Household and Personal Allowance

Each Single person or head of family - \$8.00 per month
Second and Third Person in family - \$2.00 per month
Fourth and each additional person in family - \$1.00 per month

Personal Allowance

Each single person or head of family - \$11.00 per month
Spouse of each head of family - \$11.00 per month

Rent

Family Size	Basic Allowance	Additional if heated or furnished
1 Person	\$82.00	\$15.00

2 Persons	\$159.00	\$23.00
3 Persons	\$172.00	\$27.00
4 Persons	\$185.00	\$30.00
5 Persons	\$205.00	\$30.00
6 Persons	\$218.00	\$34.00
7 Persons	\$228.00	\$34.00
8 Persons	\$237.00	\$38.00
9 Persons or more	\$249.00	\$42.00

Heating Fuel

Rooms	Spring-Fall		Winter	
	Gas	Electric/Oil	Gas	Electric/Oil
1 Room	\$14.00	\$18.00	\$20.00	\$28.00
2 Rooms	\$17.00	\$23.00	\$28.00	\$36.00
3 Rooms	\$20.00	\$28.00	\$36.00	\$46.00
4 Rooms	\$24.00	\$31.00	\$43.00	\$58.00
5 Rooms	\$26.00	\$35.00	\$51.00	\$66.00
6 Rooms	\$28.00	\$39.00	\$59.00	\$78.00
7 Rooms	\$30.00	\$41.00	\$64.00	\$87.00
8 or more Rooms	\$33.00	\$44.00	\$73.00	\$97.00

Utilities

	Hydro	Water
1 Person	\$12.00	\$4.00
2 Persons	\$14.00	\$5.00
3 Persons	\$23.00	\$6.00
4 Persons	\$24.00	\$7.00
5 Persons	\$27.00	\$8.00
6 Persons	\$31.00	\$9.00
7 Persons	\$35.00	\$10.00
8 Persons or more	\$37.00	\$11.00

In the case of a single person in board and lodging the actual costs to \$187.00 per month plus \$15.00 per month in clothing and \$19.00 per month in household and personal allowance.

September 1979 – The zoning is changed at the southwest corner of Hawthorne and Henderson Highway so a credit union may be built at the site.

September 1979 – Mr. Harold K. Irving Q.C. is appointed the new Chairman of the Board of Revision at \$300.00 per month.

September 1979 – The Royal Bank is reappointed for another 5 years as the City's banker effective January 1980.

October 1979 – Mrs. Meryl G. McCullough is appointed Deputy City Clerk at \$1,475.00 biweekly.

October 1979 – Spots for parking spaces for the physically handicapped are to be created in all parking lots.

October 1979 – Land is to be rezoned north of Regent Avenue for the construction of a regional shopping centre (Kildonan Place).

October 1979 – The log cabin which was donated to the City and moved from 2112 Henderson Highway and moved to 1940 Henderson Highway is to be moved Birds Hill Provincial Park and be restored by the Province of Manitoba.

November 1979 – The former Bank of Commerce building at 389 Main Street and the former Bank of Hamilton Building located at 395 Main Street are listed as Grade 1 buildings on the Buildings' Conservation List.

November 1979 – The Winnipeg Ambulance Employees receive an immediate 10% increase in their wages and a further 10% increase on January 1 1980.

November 1979 – Traffic lights are to be installed at Johnson and Roch at a cost of \$30,000.00.

November 1979 – The Records Centre and Archives Operations at 380 William are to become part of the City's Clerk's Department.

November 1979 – Mr. Robert Hayes is appointed Acting Deputy Clerk at a salary of \$1,280.00 bi-weekly.

November 1979 – The City of Winnipeg asks the Provincial Government prohibiting police strikes.

November 1979 – The total City Budget for snow clearing and snow removal in 1979 was \$6,857,229.00 but it is estimated a total of \$8,392,229.00 will be needed to finish out the year.

November 1979 – A shopping centre is approved for the east side of Molson at Concordia.

December 1979 – New salaries paid to Commisionaires for regulate parking

Corporal – \$5.93 per hour

Meter Patrol - \$5.58 per hour

Mobile Patrol - \$6.76 per hour

December 1979 – The Winnipeg Housing Rehabilitation Corporation is to be reactivated.

December 1979 – Council authorizes borrowing up to \$80,000,000.00 for capital purposes for 1980.

December 1979 – The City of Winnipeg to share the cost of landscaping the riverbank property behind St. Boniface Hospital, the City is to spend \$73,500.00 and the Hospital \$77,500.