REPORT OF THE

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

DATED DECEMBER 11, 2000

On motion of His Worship Mayor Murray, the Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated December 11, 2000, was considered.

2001 – 2002 Tax Supported Estimates and Utilities Portion
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88 - 1. On November 29, 2000, the Executive Policy Committee tabled the changes to the 2001 – 2002 Preliminary Current Estimates adopted in principle and forwarded a copy to all Members of Council for their review.

The budget process for the 2001- 2002 Tax Supported Estimates and Utilities Portion was also tabled, namely:

- December 6, 2000, the Executive Policy Committee presents the budget to the public and hears public delegations at The Winnipeg Convention Centre from 1:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- December 11, 2000, Executive Policy Committee tables final budget recommendations.
- December 12, 2000, Council conducts final review and makes final recommendations.

On December 5, 2000, the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services met to consider the 2001 – 2002 Preliminary Current Estimates.

On December 6, 2000, the Executive Policy Committee heard representations at The Winnipeg Convention Centre from the following delegations relative to the 2001 – 2002 Current Estimates, namely:-

1. Nick Ternette, Private Citizen, presented a copy of a communication (undated) for the record.
2. Mr. Paul Moist, President of C.U.P.E., Local 500, presented a copy of a brief dated December 6, 2000 for the record.
3. Mr. Doug Clark, Executive Director of the Downtown B.I.Z., presented a copy of a communication dated December 5, 2000 for the record.
4. Mr. Dave McDowell, President of Heritage Winnipeg Corporation, presented a copy of their business plan entitled “Planning for the Next Decade” for the record.

On December 7, 2000, the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development met to consider and review the 2001 – 2002 Preliminary Current Estimates.

On December 11, 2000, the Executive Policy Committee considered the recommendations of the Standing Policy Committees and tabled recommendations for Council’s consideration pertaining to the 2001 – 2002 Current Estimates including Utilities.

For the information of Council, the Executive Policy Committee has requested Administration to review and report back no later than January 30, 2001 on the following:

- The issues raised by the Director of Planning, Property and Development in his report dated November 19, 2000;
- Re-assignment of the Heritage Property Tax Credit charges of $200,000.00 to the Heritage Tax Credit Reserve Account;
- The charging of salaried staff time to the Land Operating Reserve Fund for work related to land inventories; and
- Previous assignment of planning works to various departments for consolidation of planning functions.

The Executive Policy Committee also referred the proposal to change on-street parking charges from $1.00 for one hour of parking to $1.00 for 48 minutes of parking to the Alternate Service Delivery Committee to achieve the same financial results as budgeted after receiving a comprehensive report on parking initiatives.

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The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That the 2001 Current Estimates as outlined in Schedule "A" be approved.

II. That the 2002 Current Estimates, as outlined in Schedule "A", be approved in principle and referred back to the Executive Policy Committee for submission of appropriate mill rate by-laws and compliance with any other statutory requirements and forwarded to Council for its consideration not later than March 31, 2002.

III. That the City's 2001 mill rate be reduced to 32.140, and that By-law No. 7727/2000 to establish the 2001 mill rate be given three readings.

IV. That the City's business tax rate for 2001 remain frozen at 1996 levels – 9.75%.

V. That the transfers to/from utility operations and other funds, as well as the fees and charges outlined in the tax-supported budget submission be approved.

VI. That the Chief Administrative Officer be delegated the authority to make allocations in the 2001 and 2002 budget to reflect Council's decisions relating to the pension surplus/contribution holiday.

VII. That the Standing Committee on Fiscal Issues be responsible for monitoring the operating budgets subsequent to their approval by Council.

VIII. That the City continue to negotiate with the Province for cost sharing of services and/or the authority to introduce alternative sources of revenue in order to reduce reliance on property tax revenue, including a new 2001 grant in the amount of $384,431 for a long-term enhanced Fire/Arson Investigation Unit of five investigators which will increase the staff complement by five.

IX. That the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare the necessary by-laws to implement the above recommendations.

X. That as an interim measure, funds in the amount of $203,511.00 be reinstated for temporary salaries in the Library Services Division for the 2001 Current Estimates offset by a corresponding one-time reduction in the contribution to the Library Reserve.

XI. That the Proper Officers of the City of Winnipeg be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the above recommendations.

Moved by His Worship Mayor Murray,
Adoption of the clause.

In amendment,

Moved by Councillor Steek,
Seconded by Councillor Smith,

WHEREAS The City of Winnipeg is forecasting a yearend surplus of approximately 5.8 million dollars for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2000;

AND WHEREAS the Standing Committee on Fiscal Issues at its special meeting of December 5, 2000, appropriated $500,000 for thin bituminous overlay and $500,000 for tree planting;

AND WHEREAS many fire departments throughout Canada currently use thermal imaging cameras in fighting fires;

AND WHEREAS the Fire Paramedic Service report of December 1, 2000 "sees the use of thermal imaging cameras as an additional life saving tool for fire fighters and a safety tool that minimizes the risks involved in fighting fires;

AND WHEREAS the safety of fire fighting personnel and citizens of Winnipeg must be a priority;

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT $50,000 from the above noted thin bituminous overlay and $50,000 from tree planting be reallocated to fire services to assist in the purchase of three thermal imaging cameras.

With the concurrence of the seconder, Councillor Smith, and with the permission of Council, Councillor Steek withdrew his motion.

Moved by Councillor Steek,
That Council go into Committee of the Whole.

Councillor Clement called for the yeas and nays, which were as follows:-

Yea: Councillors Prystanski, Smith, Steek and Timm-Rudolph. 4

Nay: Councillors Clement, De Smedt, Gerbasi, Lubosch, Steeves, Deputy Mayor Thomas, Vandal, Eadie, His Worship Mayor Murray and Councillor Lazarenko. 10

and the motion that Council go into Committee of the Whole was lost.

In amendment,

Moved by Councillor Lubosch,
Seconded by Councillor Steek,

WHEREAS the Community Incentive Grant Program (CIGP) is an effective grant program available for use by Community groups to replace and/or purchase play structures and other recreation equipment for children's recreation in public areas;

AND WHEREAS CIGP is a matching grant program that multiplies total project funding by providing incentive to community organizations and other levels of government to contribute funds to community projects;

AND WHEREAS the proposed funding level for 2001 and 2002 will effectively be less than the year 2000 funding because of administrative changes;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Community Services Department continue to administer the CIGP fund and that the funding available for each community in 2001 and 2002 be the same as that in 2000.

In amendment,

Moved by Councillor Clement,
Seconded by His Worship Mayor Murray,

WHEREAS Council has voted to amend the funding with respect to the Community Incentive Grant Program (CIGP);

AND WHEREAS the cost associated with the CIGP funding is $68,996.00;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the $68,996.00 required funding be charged to budget account 001113 and that the mill rate by-law be approved as submitted without amendment.

The amendment proposed by Councillors Lubosch and Steek was put.

Councillor Lubosch called for the yeas and nays, which were as follows:-

Yea: Councillors Lubosch, Prystanski, Smith, Steek, Timm-Rudolph and Lazarenko. 6

Nay: Councillors Clement, De Smedt, Gerbasi, Steeves, Deputy Mayor Thomas, Vandal, Eadie and His Worship Mayor Murray. 8

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and the amendment was declared lost.

With the concurrence of the seconder, His Worship Mayor Murray, and with the permission of Council, Councillor Clement withdrew his motion.

The motion for the adoption of the clause was put.

Councillor Clement called for the yeas and nays, which were as follows:-

Yea: Councillors Clement, De Smedt, Gerbasi, Lubosch, Steeves, Deputy Mayor Thomas, Vandal, Eadie, His Worship Mayor Murray and Councillor Lazarenko. 10

Nay: Councillors Prystanski, Smith, Steek and Timm-Rudolph. 4

and the motion for the adoption of the clause was declared carried.

(See Minute No. 90 for attachment)

CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

89 - On motion of His Worship Mayor Murray, the following by-laws were read a first, second and third time, the rule being suspended for the third reading of each by-law, and were passed and ordered to be signed and sealed, namely:

By-law No. 7727/2000, a by-law of The City of Winnipeg to levy a rate upon the assessed value of all the real property liable to taxation in the City to raise certain sums required for the 2001 annual estimates. FE(2001) (Vol. 1)

By-law No. 7746/2000, a by-law of The City of Winnipeg to prescribe the annual rate of business tax to be levied in 2001 and to fix the time for payment of licenses in lieu of business tax. File FL-1 (Vol. 11)

Councillor Timm-Rudolph asked to be recorded as having voted against all three readings of By-law No. 7727/2000, in accordance with Rule 50.7 of the Procedure By-law.