REPORT OF THE

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

DATED JULY 5, 2000

On motion of His Worship Mayor Murray, the Report of the Executive Policy Committee, dated July 5, 2000, was considered clause by clause.

Moved by His Worship Mayor Murray,
That the Consent Agenda, Clauses 1,2,3,4,5,6,7 and 8, be adopted.

738 - Deputy Mayor Thomas asked to be recorded as having voted against Clause 4, in accordance with Rule 50.7 of the Procedure By-law.

The motion to adopt the Consent Agenda, Clauses 1,2,3,4,5,6,7 and 8 was put and declared carried.

Federation of Canadian Municipalities
Right-of-Way Defence Fund
File GC-5.1 (Vol. 45)

739 - 1. On January 28, 1998, Council approved Clause 3 of the Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated January 8, 1998 which made a contribution in the amount of $.03 cents (660,451 x $.03 = $19, 814) to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Right-of-Way Defence Fund.

The approval was to assist in financing the FCM intervention before the Canadian Radio and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) in a case which will affect all municipalities in Canada concerning the conditions under which telecommunications companies, including cable television and telephone companies, will be allowed to place their cable in municipal rights-of-way.

The CRTC has indicated that the present case before it, which arose out of a dispute between the City of Vancouver and Ledcore, will establish the general principles that will be applied in all future cases across Canada.

The FCM position is that municipalities must be able to control the quality and location of telecommunication infrastructure and the conditions of access to municipal rights-of-way and should receive compensation therefor, including both direct and indirect costs incurred and the value of the land used.

The FCM has, as well, produced a Model Agreement which has been of assistance to all municipalities regarding these issues.

Since Council approval was granted, extensive legal and economic research was conducted and submissions have been filed with the CRTC. Through the work of the FCM Telecommunications Sub-committee, which includes representatives of 11 of the larger cities in Canada (including Winnipeg), the FCM's submission to the CRTC represents the united position of all of those cities. While several municipalities also filed separate presentations, those submissions all supported the FCM position.

Following an intensive written interrogatory process which is almost complete, final arguments will be submitted to the CRTC by the end of this summer, with a decision expected early next year.

FCM has been a lead party in this test case before the CRTC which involves approximately 20 major municipal and telecommunications companies. The FCM Defence Fund does not have sufficient funds to enable it to last until the end of the proceedings.

The amount being requested is based on $.03 cents per capita and is on the same basis as the contribution approved by Council in 1998.

Several other municipalities have already agreed to contribute again on this basis, and Toronto, in fact, contributed $20,000 more than was asked for under the formula.

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The requested contribution represents excellent value given the long term implications and is minuscule in relation to what it would have cost the City of Winnipeg to participate on its own before the CRTC.

The contribution, if approved, will be funded as was the last one out of existing Winnipeg Hydro funds and there is therefore no additional financial impact.

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That Council approve a per capita contribution of $0.03 cents ($19,814.00) to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities "Municipal Right-of-Way Defence Fund", and that this grant be charged to Winnipeg Hydro Account No. 40-558601-010103.

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

Adopted by consent.

Proposed Closing of Part of Borebank Street South of Taylor Avenue
File DAC 28/99 (Vol. 1)

740 - 2. The Executive Policy Committee has been advised that Winnipeg Hydro has requested the closure of part of Borebank Street shown as "Proposed Closing" on Schedule "A", to accommodate the planned expansion of the Hydro sub-station at the south east corner of Taylor Avenue and Borebank Street.

The proposal has been considered by all interested City departments and public utilities. There are no objections to the closing. There are no utility lines in the street that will be affected by the expansion of the sub-station. The proposed closing was approved by the City Centre Community Committee at its February 15, 2000 public meeting.

The unusual configuration of the closing will allow the continued use of the street by all other adjacent property owners.

This report is submitted in accordance with the provisions of By-law No. 7325/98, a by-law to amend current procedures to allow certain street opening and closing applications to be submitted to the Executive Policy Committee for report to Council without the requirement to be reviewed by a Standing Policy Committee.

The following criteria must be met before the authority given in the by-law may be exercised:

1. The proposed closing must have been addressed at a public meeting and received approval from the Committee before which the public meeting took place.

2. The proposed closing and sale (in this case, transfer of jurisdiction) must have been approved by the Director of Public Works.

3. The proposed closing must have been submitted to all affected City Departments and public utilities with no objections having been received.

4. Any conditions regarding engineering aspects (i.e. relocation of facilities) must have been mutually agreed to.

5. The terms and conditions of any easement agreements created by the proposed closing and sale must have been addressed.

6. The proposed closing must have been approved by the affected property owner(s).

7. The terms and conditions of any agreements concerning the proposed closing and sale must have been approved by the Director of the department that requested the closing and either the Standing Committee on Fiscal Issues, the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, or the Director of Property and Development Services, as is appropriate.

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All of these criteria have been met.

Winnipeg Hydro has reserved monies in its budget for the costs associated with this closing.

The closing of public streets requires a by-law pursuant to Section 495 of The City of Winnipeg Act.

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

1. That the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare the necessary by-law for submission to Council to effect the street closing in accordance with Schedule "A", Misc. Plan No. 10383/2.

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

Adopted by consent.

Proposed Closing of Part of the West Side of Owen Street North of Regent Avenue West File DAOC 2/99 (Vol. 1)

741 - 3. On March 24, 1999, Council approved DASZ 27/98, an application to subdivide the lands shown as "Karlo Trade Centre Ltd. Property" on Schedule "A". The applicants have applied to purchase the portion of Owen Street shown as "Proposed Closing" on Schedule "A" for the purpose of incorporation into the subdivision.

The closure of Owen Street was approved by the East Kildonan-Transcona Community Committee at its public meeting held in April of 1999.

In November of 1999, the (then) Committee on Property and Development approved the sale of the closed street for $8,833.00. Terms of the sale of the property include provisions for easements for the maintenance of a land drainage sewer and a bus stop area and for the protection of the trees on the site.

This report is submitted in accordance with the provisions of By-law No. 7325/98, a by-law to amend current procedures to allow certain street opening and closing applications to be submitted to the Executive Policy Committee for report to Council without the requirement to be reviewed by a Standing Policy Committee.

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3. The proposed closing must have been submitted to all affected City Departments and public utilities with no objections having been received.

4. Any conditions regarding engineering aspects (i.e. relocation of facilities) must have been mutually agreed to.

5. The terms and conditions of any easement agreements created by the proposed closing and sale must have been addressed.

6. The proposed closing must have been approved by the affected property owner(s).

7. The terms and conditions of any agreements concerning the proposed closing and sale must have been approved by the Director of the department that requested the closing and either the Standing Committee on Fiscal Issues, the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, or the Director of Property and Development Services, as is appropriate.

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All of these criteria have been met.

All of the costs associated with this closing will be borne by the applicant. The City of Winnipeg will realize $8,833.00 from the sale of this property.

The closing of public streets requires a by-law pursuant to Section 495 of The City of Winnipeg Act.

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

1. That the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare the necessary by-law for submission to Council to effect the street closing in accordance with Schedule "A", Misc. Plan No. 10569.

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

Adopted by consent.

Germanic Cultural Centre of Manitoba Inc., - 50 Dunkirk Drive
Files EP-2(Vol. 27) and FI-2(35)(Vol. 9)

742 - 4. On May 24, 2000, Council approved Clause 1 of the Report of the Executive Policy Committee date May 24, 2000, with respect to the Germanic Cultural Centre of Manitoba Inc., 50 Dunkirk Drive. Contained within the recommendations approved by Council, Recommendation No. V. states:-

V. That all agreements be executed by 4:30 p.m. on or before June 30, 2000.

On July 5, 2000, the Executive Policy Committee were apprised by the Administration that inasmuch as the expiry date of June 30, 2000 has passed for executing the agreements, an extension of time is required.

The Executive Policy Committee passed the following motion, namely;-

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Recommendation No. V. of Clause 1 of the Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated May 24, 2000, with respect to the Germanic Cultural Centre of Manitoba Inc., 50 Dunkirk Drive, which was adopted by Council at its meeting held on May 24, 2000, be changed to read as follows, namely:

V. That all agreements be executed by 4:30 p.m. on or before August 31, 2000.

and submits same to council for favourable consideration.

Adopted by consent.

(See Minute No. 738 for opposition recorded by Deputy Mayor Thomas)

Expenditure from Land Dedication Reserve Fund - Request for Funding for the Winnipeg South Minor Baseball Association Charleswood Place Project - Assiniboia Community Committee
File EP-2 (Vol. 27)

743 - 5. The Executive Policy Committee has been advised that the Assiniboia Community Committee has recommended the allocation of $75,000.00 from the Assiniboia Land Dedication Fund to assist with Phase I of the high priority items of estimated unfunded costs of the Winnipeg South Minor Baseball Association Charleswood Place Project.

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The Executive Policy Committee concurs with the above and recommends that funds in the amount of $75,000.00 be approved from the Assiniboia Community Committee Land Dedication Reserve Fund for the project.

Adopted by consent.

Expenditure from Land Dedication Reserve Fund - Request for Funding for the Soccer Pitch at 414 Lindenwood Drive - Assiniboia Community Committee
File EP-2 (Vol. 27)

744 - 6. The Executive Policy Committee has been advised that the Assiniboia Community Committee has recommended the allocation of $31,075.00 from the Assiniboia Land Dedication Fund to assist with the cost of completing the sodding of the soccer field and approach from the club house at 414 Lindenwood Drive.

The Executive Policy Committee concurs with the above and recommends that funds in the amount of $31,075.00 be approved from the Assiniboia Community Committee Land Dedication Reserve Fund for the project.

Adopted by consent.

Expenditure from Land Dedication Reserve Fund - Installation of Fence Along the North Side of the Oakdale Drive Playground - Assiniboia Community Committee File EP-2 (Vol. 27)

745 - 7. The Executive Policy Committee has been advised that the Assiniboia Community Committee has recommended the allocation of $3,972.38 from the Assiniboia Land Dedication Fund to assist with the cost of installation of a fence, south of the property located at 720 Oakdale Drive, in order to separate it from the playground.

The Executive Policy Committee concurs with the above and recommends that funds in the amount of $3,972.38 be approved from the Assiniboia Community Committee Land Dedication Reserve Fund for the project.

Adopted by consent.

Personal Services Contract Extension - Winnipeg Committee for Safety
File GF-2.7.1 (Vol. 1)

746 - 8. On April 28, 1999, Council adopted Clause 5 of the Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated April 21, 1999, which approved the creation of the Winnipeg Committee for Safety mandated to support, assist, stimulate and mobilize the work of the community on safety concerns. Council also gave approval to the Committee for Safety to retain the services of a coordinator on a contract basis, similar to the Winnipeg Arts Advisory Council and the Access Advisory Committee Coordinators' contracts.

On July 23, 1999, the City of Winnipeg entered into a personal services contract with Angela Mulgrew for a one year period commencing August 9, 1999 and terminating August 8, 2000, for a fee for services of $35,000.00 per annum.

On June 14, 2000, the Winnipeg Committee for Safety was advised that the contract for the provision of services to the Committee by the Committee Assistant will terminate on August 8, 2000 and that Angela Mulgrew will not be able to provide services beyond the first week in December. Angela Mulgrew has, however, expressed an interest in continuing to provide service for a further four (4) month period until December 8, 2000.

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The Winnipeg Committee for Safety submitted the following motion for favourable consideration, namely:

> That the Winnipeg Committee for Safety recommends to the Executive Policy Committee that the contract for the Committee Assistant be extended, on a month-to-month basis, said extension to terminate no later than December 31, 2000.

On July 5, 2000, the Executive Policy Committee was apprised by Councillor J. Gerbasi, Chair, that Angela Mulgrew is willing to extend her contract for an additional one-year period.

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That the City of Winnipeg extend the personal services contract with Angela Mulgrew, for a one-year period, to terminate no later than August 8, 2001 at a rate of $35,000.00 per annum.

II. That the City Solicitor/Manager of Legal Services be instructed to prepare the necessary extension between the City of Winnipeg and Angela Mulgrew.

Adopted by consent.

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EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

DATED JULY 12, 2000

On motion of His Worship Mayor Murray, the Report of the Executive Policy Committee, dated July 12, 2000, was considered clause by clause.

Moved by His Worship Mayor Murray,
That the Consent Agenda, Clauses 1,2,3,4 and 5, be adopted.

Councillor Steek requested that Clauses 1 and 5 be pulled from the Consent Agenda.

The motion to adopt the Consent Agenda, Clauses 2,3 and 4 was put and declared carried.

Exchange District Waterfront Drive Preliminary Engineering
File G-3.1.2 (Vol. 7)

747 - 1. In March of 1999, the City completed the purchase of the former Transfer Tracks property between Lombard Avenue and Gomez Street at a total cost of $1,125,460.00.

In February of 2000, the CentreVenture Waterfront Committee finalized their Report entitled, “The Revival of Winnipeg’s Historic Waterfront”. The Report recommends the development of a scenic roadway fronting onto Juba Park and the Red River.

On June 7, 2000 the Executive Policy Committee (EPC) received an administrative Discussion Paper, approved the formation of an Exchange District East Steering Committee and $75,000.00 in funding to guide the planning process for the Economic Development Analysis, a District Management Plan, and the key features and character for the Waterfront Drive.

Also on June 7, 2000 the Executive Policy Committee recommended “that the Exchange District Waterfront Drive be considered as a unique Capital Project for the City of Winnipeg”.

On June 26, 2000, the Fiscal Issues Committee moved “that, inasmuch as funding for the Exchange District Waterfront Drive cannot be identified in the 2000 Capital Budget, the matter be referred to the 2001 Capital Budget deliberations, and may be revisited in the interim should alternative funding opportunities arise”.

The Executive Policy Committee has recently recognized the Exchange District Waterfront Drive as a unique capital project for the City of Winnipeg. While providing a physical link between St. Boniface, the Forks, the Exchange District, and Point Douglas, the project is also anticipated to spur economic development through job creation, an increase in business and associated sales tax revenues, and the improvement in real estate values. As the Waterfront Drive must be carefully considered in all aspects including; safety, river and park accessibility, as a linkage, as a significant capital project, as well as its ability to serve as a catalyst for economic development, the Executive Policy Committee established an Exchange District East Steering Committee chaired by the CentreVenture CEO. The Steering Committee shall guide the planning process for the economic development analysis, a District Management Plan, and the key features and character of the Waterfront Drive.

The Standing Committee on Fiscal Issues has recommended that the Waterfront Drive project be referred to the Capital Budget Process, and discussion has taken place regarding the inclusion of the project as a priority for the anticipated National Infrastructure Program, it must be feasible that construction of the Waterfront Drive could take place in the summer of 2001. The Chief Administrative Officer therefore requested that a critical path timetable be prepared in consideration of such an implementation schedule for the project.

An inter-departmental administrative Task Force determined that one of the significant technical issues affecting the timing of the Waterfront Drive construction is riverbank stability. There are significant deep-seated failures requiring extensive riverbank stabilization measures from just south of the Intake Structure (Harbourmaster’s

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Building) to north of the Alexander Docks. Solutions such as high-end rock filled caisson or granular shear key solutions are typically installed during river drawdown and freeze-up (January through February) in advance of any riverbank development.

Potentially compounding the timetable may be the need to receive Standing Committee approval of the riverbank stabilization contract award prior to January 2001. Such a contract may have to be awarded as a "First Call" prior to the approval of the 2001 Capital Program. Contract Awards greater than $1 M requires Standing Committee approval. In addition, environmental approvals potentially become more complex should the Federal Government provide funding for the project. Federal funding triggers Canadian Environmental Assessment Agency approval prior to construction.

The following Critical Path timetable summary assumes the construction of the entire Waterfront Drive from Lombard through to May Street / Higgins Avenue, although it could be staged over more than one year. This demonstrates how the timetable is largely influenced by Council's decision as to the extent of construction during the summer of 2001.

Critical Path for Spring 2001 Construction:

1.	EPC recommends approval of the Exchange District East Steering Committee Report	September 13, 2000
2.	Council Approves funding for the Project (may be First Call on Riverbank Stabilization)	September 20, 2000
3.	Riverbank Stabilization Tender Package advertised	November 6, 2000
4.	Tender Award by Standing Committee (if necessary)	November 28, 2000
5.	Riverbank Stabilization Works	January / February 2001
6.	Waterfront Drive (including underground) Tender advertised	March 5, 2001
7.	Tender Award by Standing Committee (if necessary)	April 10, 2001
8.	Construction Start	May 14, 2001
9.	Construction Completion / Open to Traffic	October 12, 2001

As it may be a Council priority for the Waterfront Drive project to proceed in its entirety, and because the feasibility of construction is dependent upon the need to implement significant stabilization works in January and February of 2001, the administration is recommending the approval of funding for the preliminary engineering. This will enable the geotechnical engineering analysis to begin in time to allow for environmental and other approvals, to start the detailed design and tender the stabilization works, as well as provides more accurate cost estimating for the project.

The 1996 Nairn Avenue - Grey Street to Panet Road Capital Account in the amount of $120,000.00 is surplus and cash flow forecast. This Account could be cancelled and replaced with a Waterfront Drive Capital Account to undertake preliminary design and Geotechnical engineering for the project.

Another alternative is that Council may authorize the Director of Public Works to set up a suspense account to charge the engineering in advance of the Waterfront Drive project proposed for 2001.

The capital funding identified from the Nairn Avenue project (up to $120,000.00) has been declared surplus by the Public Works Department. There is no financial impact to the City as the funds had previously been cashflowed.

The alternative proposed would authorize the Director of Public Works to set up a suspense account for $100,000.00 to charge the preliminary engineering. This alternative would require Council to approve a 2001 Capital project including a minimum of $100,000.00 in order to reimburse and cancel the suspense account.

Council approval is required for the establishment of a new Capital Project. Council may cancel an existing capital project that has been cash flow forecast and replace it with a new project.

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

1. That Council approve the Exchange District Waterfront Drive as a "unique" Capital Project for the City of Winnipeg.

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2. That Council cancel the previously cashflowed 1996 Nairn Avenue- Grey Street to Panet Road Capital Account in the amount of $120,000.00 and replace it with a Waterfront Drive Capital Account to undertake preliminary design and Geotechnical Engineering for the project.

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

Carried.

Proposal to Create an Urban Economic Development Strategy Committee
File CR-5 (Vol. 1)

748 - 2. On December 15, 1999, Council ruled automatic referral of the following motion to the Executive Policy Committee, under Rule 16.1 of the Procedure By-law No. 5400/90:

Moved by Councillor Angus,
Seconded by Councillor De Smedt,

WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg is desirous of increasing its tax base, job creation and new business development;

AND WHEREAS there are opportunities for economic development in the City of Winnipeg;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Policy Committee explore creation of an "Urban Economic Development Strategy Committee";

AND BE IT ALSO RESOLVED that the Executive Policy Committee recommend to Council the structure, terms of reference and reporting relationships for the Committee's operation.

On July 5, 2000, the Executive Policy Committee considered the Economic Development Strategy Committee and the Homegrown Economic Development Strategy Reports dated June 30, 2000 and passed the following motion:

That the matter be approved in principle and be circulated to all stakeholders involved for a report back to the Executive Policy Committee in September.

Inasmuch as these economic development strategies have been approved in principle by the Executive Policy Committee on July 5, 2000, the Executive Policy Committee recommends that the motion be filed.

Adopted by consent.

Appointment of a Representative to the Employee Benefits Board
File GU-3.9 (Vol. 17)
[c/r GC-7 (Vol. 30)]

749 - 3. On January 26, 2000, Council adopted Clause 21, of the Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated January 19, 2000, which directed that Mr. Jim Linton, Director of Winnipeg Hydro, be re-appointed as one of six representatives on the Employee Benefits Board for a term to expire on December 31, 2000.

Inasmuch as Mr. Jim Linton is retiring, the Executive Policy Committee passed the following motion:

That Mr. Barry MacBride, Director of Water and Waste be appointed to the Employee Benefits Board to replace Mr. Jim Linton for a term to expire on December 31, 2000.;

and submits same to Council for favourable consideration.

Adopted by consent.

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Administrative Appointment to the Winnipeg Enterprises Corporation
File F-5 (Vol. 20) [c/r GC-7 (Vol. 30)]

750 - 4. On January 26, 2000, Council adopted Clause 24 of the Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated January 19, 2000 which directed that Mr. J. Linton, Director of Winnipeg Hydro be re-appointed as the representative from the City Administration, to the Winnipeg Enterprises Corporation.

Inasmuch as Mr. J. Linton is retiring, the Executive Policy Committee passed the following motion:

That Mr. R. P. Gannon, Chief Financial Officer be appointed as the representative from the City Administration to the Winnipeg Enterprises Corporation to replace Mr. J. Linton for the balance of the term to expire on December 31, 2000;

and submits same to Council for favourable consideration.

Adopted by consent.

Integration of Winnipeg Hydro with the Water and Waste Department
File GP-1.6 (Vol. 4)

751 - 5. On July 5, 2000, the Executive Policy Committee approved the following recommendation for forwarding to Council:

> That Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to develop a strategic implementation plan and accountability framework within sixty (60) days to integrate Winnipeg Hydro and the Water and Waste Departments.

In order to ensure that the proposed plan is both complete and effective, the Administration is requesting that the submission deadline be set at November 1, 2000. The approval of the Executive Policy Committee is required to amend the proposed deadline noted in its recommendation to Council.

The Administration believes that the rationale for the proposed amalgamation is a strong one. The Cuff Report, issued in October 1997, clearly identified a process of organizational restructuring as essential to improved efficiency and effectiveness. In particular, the report noted, "The City needs to recognize that there are likely to be considerable opportunities for cost savings through amalgamations of like functions . . . " (p.102).

The amalgamation of service providers in the utility sector has been undertaken in a number of other jurisdictions. Examples include the amalgamation of Manitoba Hydro and Centra Gas, and the City of Edmonton's consolidation of power, water, and natural gas services under EPCOR.

Both organizationally and in the context of the emerging business climate, this is an opportune time to implement a proposal of this kind. Most importantly, the proposed amalgamation reflects the priority Council has placed upon achieving more affordable government. In this regard, more efficient service delivery and savings realized through economies of scale would be key goals of a prospective implementation plan.

The Administration will work quickly to develop a strong implementation plan and accountability framework. A November 1, 2000 submission date will afford sufficient time for analysis and planning, to maximize the advantages of the proposed reorganization.

Costs to prepare the implementation plan will be absorbed by the two utilities.

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The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That Council direct the Chief Administrative Officer to develop a strategic implementation plan and accountability framework by November 1, 2000, to integrate Winnipeg Hydro and the Water and Waste Departments.

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

Moved by Councillor Smith,
That the clause be referred to the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works.

The motion to refer the clause was put and declared lost.

In amendment,

Moved by Councillor Angus,
Seconded by Councillor Lazarenko,
That the clause be amended by adding at the end thereof, the words "for consideration by Council".

Council recessed at 11:54 a.m., and reconvened at 1:37 p.m., same members present, the Speaker in the Chair.

Councillors Clement, De Smedt, Lubosch and Prystanski entered the meeting after Council had reconvened.

The amendment was put and declared carried.

The motion for the adoption of the clause, as amended, was put.

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

Yea: Councillors Lazarenko, Angus, Clement, De Smedt, Gerbasi, Golden, Lubosch, Prystanski, Steek, Thomas, Timm-Rudolph, Vandal, Eadie, His Worship Mayor Murray and Councillor O'Shaughnessy. 15

Nay: Councillor Smith. 1

and the motion for the adoption of the clause, as amended, was declared carried.

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DATED JULY 19, 2000

On motion of His Worship Mayor Murray, the rule was suspended and the Report of the Executive Policy Committee, dated July 19, 2000, was considered clause by clause.

Compensation for Heavy Rainfall - Flooding in July 2000
File PD (Vol. 14) [c/r GG-2 (Vol. 25)]

752 - 1. On July 12, 2000 Executive Policy Committee requested information on the damage caused by the heavy rainfall which has been experienced over the past week.

A combination of elevated soil moisture, high river levels, and the numerous occurrences of heavy rainfall, have all contributed to many City of Winnipeg properties experiencing overland flooding conditions and/or water and sewer backup in basements.

In past years, 1984 and in 1993, the City of Winnipeg experienced somewhat similar situations. With each of these situations, the City made a request to the Province, that a disaster financial assistance program be made available. In both 1984 and 1993, programs were established. In 1984 there were 1680 claim forms submitted (as of January 1985) and of these, 263 awards had been processed at an average of $1,126.66 each. In 1993 there were approximately 6,700 claim forms submitted, with approximately 6,100 awarded compensation.

Over the past several weeks the City of Winnipeg, along with many other regions in Manitoba, have experienced several severe rainfall events. In most of these situations, area's experienced above normal rainfalls within a brief period of time. Total accumulations as of April 1 to July 13, are 175% of normal precipitation for the City of Winnipeg.

Currently, City of Winnipeg residents are being asked to call the Water and Waste Call Centre number (986-5858) during regular working hours. After hours and on weekends, they are asked to call Emergency Services (986-2626). The Call Centre will have a staff person attend the property to check and make sure the situation is not caused by the City sewer line being blocked or damaged.

Starting from July 7th through to 9:00 a.m. on July 13th, the Water and Waste Call Centre has recorded the following information

226 properties with rain water in their basements, and
102 properties with sewer backup.

It should be noted that some residents will not call the City and report their situation.

In order to access disaster financial assistance, the City of Winnipeg must have a Resolution from City Council. The Resolution is then forwarded to the Manitoba Emergency Management Organization, who then forwards it on to the Minister of Government Services.

On forwarding the resolution, the City of Winnipeg is responsible for distributing the "Applications for Assistance Re: Losses or Damages" to City residents. A disaster assistance program, if declared, allows city residents to recover up to 80% of eligible costs. Once the resident has completed the form, they are to return it to the city and the city will forward them to the Provinces' Disaster Financial Assistance Office who will then prepare a report for the province to determine whether a program will be established. The City of Winnipeg is not involved whatsoever in the determination of eligible claims or determining if a program is established.

Under the public sector section, if approved, municipal costs identified by departments (to date this information has been requested but unidentified) will be matched up against eligibility criteria. Eligible costs incurred must first exceed one dollar per capita. A per capita cost-sharing formula created by the province will apply and is outlined in Appendix "B".)

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The guidelines regarding eligible costs for both the public and private sector are outlined in Appendix "C" Public Sector; and Appendix "D" Private Sector.

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That Council be requested to endorse the following resolution, namely:

WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg has experienced significant rain which has resulted in significant damage to real and personal property within the City;

AND WHEREAS in order for the Manitoba Emergency Management Organization to consider any requests for disaster assistance, a resolution must be passed by the municipality;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Winnipeg request the Province of Manitoba to provide disaster financial assistance in accordance with their established policy.

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

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

Carried.

Appointments to the CentreVenture Board of Directors
File EP-1.2.3 (Vol. 1) [c/r FR-3.2 (PA-14)

753 - 2. On July 19, 2000, the Executive Policy Committee passed the following motion:

WHEREAS Council on May 13, 1999 endorsed the creation of CentreVenture and its Board of Directors as follows:

The Mayor or his designate as Chairperson;

and the following citizen members for a one year term to expire on June 1, 2000, namely:

Ida Albo
Cheryl Ashton
Brad Hughes
Duane Shuttleworth
David Asper
Gary Hilderman
Lloyd McGinnis

AND WHEREAS inasmuch as the Board of Directors appointments have now expired, it is imperative that the City of Winnipeg appoint/re-appoint a new Board of Directors as soon as possible to continue on with the activities and responsibilities of CentreVenture;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the following be appointed/re-appointed to the CentreVenture Board of Directors, namely:

David Asper, Chairperson
Mayor Glen Murray, Honorary Chairperson (ex officio)
Ida Albo
Ginny Devine
John Hodgert
Charles (Chuck) Loewen
Lloyd McGinnis

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for either a one or two year term which is to be determined at the first Board Meeting of CentreVenture, with the remaining two vacancies to be filled in the fall.

and submits same to Council for approval.

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

Carried.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

754 - On motion of His Worship Mayor Murray, By-law No 7641/2000, an initial borrowing by-law of The City of Winnipeg to authorize the borrowing of money by the issue and sale of debentures of the City in the principal amount of $80,946,219.10 for the purpose of repaying in full the principal of the Debentures issued and sold pursuant to By-law Nos. 5552/90 and 5553/90, was read a second and third time, and was passed and ordered to be signed and sealed. File FC-2 (Vol. 18)

On motion of His Worship Mayor Murray, By-law No. 7672/2000, a by-law of The City of Winnipeg to close part of Owen Street north of Regent Avenue West, was read a first, second and third time, the rule being suspended for the third reading, and was passed and ordered to be signed and sealed. File DAOC 2/99

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QUESTION PERIOD

755 - Councillor Timm-Rudolph referred to the provincial infrastructure program and advised that it was her understanding that the program funding will no longer be based on population, but will identify locations and regions in Canada with high unemployment figures. Councillor Timm-Rudolph questioned if there had been any discussion or dialogue with other Canadian cities regarding this.

His Worship Mayor Murray advised that he has nothing in writing nor has he heard anything verbally that would suggest that the program relates to population or region of the country and took the question under advisement.

Councillor Timm-Rudolph requested an investigation of the rumours with regard to the formula inasmuch as they had recently been confirmed by Ann McLennan, MP from Edmonton, to which His Worship responded in the affirmative.

Councillor Prystanski questioned why a Winnipeg Development Agreement application for funding from the Ka-Wanni-Beek Eagles Community Group had not been before Executive Policy Committee for consideration.

His Worship responded that his office had inquired about the matter, but no response had been received as to the status of the particular proposal.

Councillor Prystanski requested that the Mayor undertake to find out why department administration was not responding back in a timely fashion to which His Worship responded that he would try to get an answer before the end of the meeting.

Councillor Steek questioned if there would be a detailed accounting of all revenues and expenses with regard to the Blue Bomber Kick Off held at Portage and Main on the evening of July 13, 2000.

His Worship replied that a complete expenditure report would be available in approximately three weeks.

Councillor Lubosch referred to the report of the Ad Hoc Committee to Review Smoking and Environmental Tobacco Smoke in Indoor Public Places which Executive Policy Committee had referred back to the administration for a subsequent report. He asked what issues the Executive Policy Committee had referred to the administration to review and report on.

His Worship addressed several of these issues and stated that the opinion that a period of 60 days, during the prorogued period of Council, was not unduely long for the administration to come back with additional information for decision making on this important public policy issue.

Councillor Smith questioned why WDA grants in the Spence Neighbourhood get delayed at the informal Executive Policy Committee meetings.

His Worship responded that WDA applications have not been held up, but did advise of one application that was being held until September due to incomplete information.

Councillor Smith questioned why WDA grant applications approved by the Spence Neighbourhood are not considered at the public Executive Policy Committee meetings to which His Worship responded that they are. His Worship further advised that he would be proposing a government support services model for Council this fall so every Councillor would be able to track the status of reports.

Councillor Golden referred to a recent letter from the Mayor to Minister Caldwell regarding development on Princess Street for the Red River College campus and requested an update as to when the project would start to unfold.

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His Worship advised that nothing has been said about the project, because two major problems were discovered. His Worship advised that as of April, there was no business plan on how it was to be financed and how it was going to be operated and further advised that the Provincial Government recently found out that there was no funding in place to build the building nor had it been budgeted for. His Worship stated that the Province delayed making an announcement on the project in view of this.

Councillor Golden noted that the proposal call submitted for the project contained requirements that the developer provide the capital and that no capital was required by the government, only operating costs which included the lease payments.

His Worship responded that it was his understanding the proposal involved the payment of the building through a lease back system, but that there was simply no money budgeted for this.

Councillor Golden questioned when a final decision on the project would be available to which His Worship replied it was his understanding that the Provincial Government was looking at a decision in September.