Agenda - Executive Policy Committee - September 18, 2002

Moved by Councillor

That Rule 9.3 of the Procedure By-law be suspended in order that the following item, which was received too late to be placed on the regular agenda, be considered by Committee.

ADDENDUM REPORTS

14. From the Director of Winnipeg Hydro
Report 2002/09/16

Transmission Line Relocation and Burial along Waterfront Drive and through North St. Boniface
File HG (Vol. 5)

Recommending:

1. That Council approve, in principle, on a 50/50 cost sharing arrangement with Manitoba Hydro, a project to relocate and bury a portion of the Manitoba Hydro high voltage transmission line emanating from Winnipeg Hydro Substation No. 6, running south along Waterfront Drive and easterly through North St. Boniface.

2. That a request for new funding for this project for up to $1.4 million be referred to the 2003 budget process.

WINNIPEG HYDRO

Re: Transmission Line Relocation and Burial along Waterfront Drive and through North St. Boniface

For Submission to: **Executive Policy Committee**

Submitted by: **Director of Winnipeg Hydro**

Report date: **September 17, 2002**

In Camera Item: **No**

Recommendation(s):

1	**That Council approve, in principle, on a 50/50 cost sharing arrangement with Manitoba Hydro, a project to relocate and bury a portion of the Manitoba Hydro high voltage transmission line emanating from the former Winnipeg Hydro Substation No. 6, running south along Waterfront Drive and easterly through North St. Boniface.**
2	**That a request for new funding for this project for up to $1.4 million be referred to the 2003 budget process.**

REPORT SUMMARY

KEY ISSUES:

The subject Manitoba Hydro high voltage transmission line creates significant adverse visual impacts along Waterfront Drive as well as in North St. Boniface. Relocating and placing the lines underground will eliminate these visual impacts.

Completion of this project will eliminate any possibility of having to proceed independently with the relocation/burial of the portion of the transmission line that runs parallel to Waterfront Drive.

IMPLICATIONS OF THE RECOMMENDATIONS:

General implications

- ☐ No
- ☐ For the organization overall and/or for other Departments
- X For the community and/or organizations external to the City
- ☐ Involves a multi-year contract

Comment:

Policy implications

- X No
- ☐ Yes

Comment:

Financial implications

- ☐ Within approved current and/or capital budget
- X Current and/or capital budget adjustment required

Comment: Requires a new appropriation of funds for 2003.

REPORT

RECOMMENDATION(S):

1 **That Council approve, in principle, on a 50/50 cost sharing arrangement with Manitoba Hydro, a project to relocate and bury a portion of the Manitoba Hydro high voltage transmission line emanating from Winnipeg Hydro Substation No. 6, running south along Waterfront Drive and easterly through North St. Boniface.**

2 **That a request for new funding for this project for up to $1.4 million be referred to the 2003 budget process.**

REASON FOR THE REPORT:

Council approval is required.

HISTORY:

On June 9, 1995, the Riel Community Committee forwarded to the Committee on Planning and Community Services a motion by the Old St. Boniface Residents Association, "That the Hydro lines in North St. Boniface be dismantled and placed underground". Initial estimates for the project were approximately $3.0 million, with Manitoba Hydro originally committing only $450,000 to assist with relocation costs.

DISCUSSION:

On 2002 04 09 Manitoba Hydro in a letter addressed to Councillor Vandal committed to fund this project on a 50/50 cost sharing basis. Subsequently, on 2002 07 19, Mr. Bob Brennan, President & CEO of Manitoba Hydro, stated that the estimated cost of the project is $2.5 million, excluding environmental and easement issues, and confirmed Manitoba Hydro's commitment to share the cost of the project on a 50/50 basis.

The estimated cost involves burying two 66 kV circuits from the intersection of St. Joseph Street and Darveau Road under the Red River to Winnipeg Hydro's No. 6 substation ($1,625,000) and relocating the overhead portion along the railway line to Provencher Boulevard ($875,000). This estimate does not include the costs associated with environmental or easements issues. An amount of $150,000 has been included in the $1.4 million estimate to accommodate these and other possible contingencies.

Completion of this project will eliminate any risk of having to proceed independently to bury/relocate the existing transmission line on the west side of the Red River running

parallel to Waterfront Drive. Although a detailed estimate has not been completed for burying/relocating only this portion of the line, the cost for this portion of the work could exceed $2.0 million and would not address any of the concerns of the St. Boniface residents.

Relocation of the line in North St. Boniface cannot be completed without relocation of the line on the west side of the Red River.

Financial Impact Statement

Date: September 10, 2002

Project Name:

First Year of Program **2003**

Transmission Line Relocation and Burial along Waterfront Drive and through North St. Boniface

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Capital					
Capital Expenditures Required	$ 1,400,000				
Less: Existing Budgeted Costs					
Additional Capital Budget Required	$ 1,400,000	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Funding Sources:					
Debt - Internal	$ 1,400,000				
Debt - External					
Grants (Enter Description Here)					
Reserves, Equity, Surplus					
Other (Enter Description Here)					
Total Funding	$ 1,400,000	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Total Additional Capital Budget Required	$ 1,400,000				
Total Additional Debt Required	$ 1,400,000				
Current Expenditures/Revenues					
Direct Costs					
Less: Incremental Revenue/Recovery					
Net Cost/(Benefit)	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Less: Existing Budget Amounts					
Net Budget Adjustment Required	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -

Additional Comments:

$ 2,800,000 project to be cost shared 50/50 with Manitoba Hydro.

Comptroller

IN PREPARING THE REPORT, THERE WAS CONSULTATION WITH AND CONCURRENCE BY:

N/A

THIS REPORT SUBMITTED BY:

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