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13. 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 $450,000.00 to assist with relocation costs.

On April 9, 2002, Manitoba Hydro in a letter addressed to Councillor Vandal committed to fund this project on a 50/50 cost sharing basis. Subsequently, on July 19, 2002, 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 ($1,625,000.00) and relocating the overhead portion along the railway line to Provencher Boulevard ($875,000.00). This estimate does not include the costs associated with environmental or easements issues. An amount of $150,000.00 has been included in the $1.4 million estimate to accommodate these and other possible contingencies.

The Financial Impact Statement is outlined on Attachment "A"

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.

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. 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.

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

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

Attachment "A" referred to in Clause 13 of the Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated September 18, 2002

Financial Impact Statement

Date: September 10, 2002

Project Name: **First Year of Program** **2003**

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	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