Minutes – Executive Policy Committee – November 16, 2005

REPORTS

Minute No. 23 Citizen Committees - Access, Equity and Safety Issues
Files CR-3, CR-1 and GF-2.7.1

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee recommends to Council:

1. That the Access Advisory Committee be given a five-month timeframe to develop an action plan to assist the City to deal with access issues, to be presented to the Executive Policy Committee for its consideration on or before April 19, 2006, and that the Committee be dissolved effective April 19, 2006.

2. That the Citizen Equity Committee be given a five-month timeframe to develop an action plan to assist the City to deal with equity issues, to be presented to the Executive Policy Committee for its consideration on or before April 19, 2006, and that the Committee be dissolved effective April 19, 2006.

3. That the 2006 budgets for the Access Advisory Committee and the Citizen Equity Committee be pro-rated to reflect only the period from January 1, 2006 to April 19, 2006, and that monies for the period from April 19, 2006 to December 31, 2006 be re-allocated through the budget process.

4. That Council affirm its commitment to provide sign language interpreter services by ensuring that appropriate funding is maintained in the annual operating budget.

5. That the Winnipeg Committee for Safety be immediately dissolved and its annual $69,000 budget be applied towards grassroots community safety initiatives; the specifics of which shall be determined through the budget process, and that the Committee be given an opportunity to provide its input/suggestions on the budget re-allocation towards community safety initiatives.

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

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor O'Shaughnessy,

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.

Carried

Moved by Councillor O'Shaughnessy,

WHEREAS Council has established three citizen committees to advise Council and its various committees on access, equity and safety issues (namely, the Access Advisory Committee, the Citizen Equity Committee, and the Winnipeg Committee for Safety);

AND WHEREAS Council remains strongly committed to the principles of access, equity and community safety, and believes that it is time to take results-based, action-oriented steps to address these issues;

AND WHEREAS established procedures for ongoing citizen input in the democratic process currently exist through Council's committee structure, which includes community committees, standing policy committees, the Executive Policy Committee, and Council itself;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

(i) the Access Advisory Committee be given a five-month timeframe to develop an action plan to assist the City to deal with access issues, to be presented to the Executive Policy Committee for its consideration on or before April 19, 2006, and that the Committee be dissolved effective April 19, 2006;

(ii) the Citizen Equity Committee be given a five-month timeframe to develop an action plan to assist the City to deal with equity issues, to be presented to the Executive Policy Committee for its consideration on or before April 19, 2006, and that the Committee be dissolved effective April 19, 2006;

(iii) the 2006 budgets for the Access Advisory Committee and the Citizen Equity Committee be pro-rated to reflect only the period from January 1, 2006 to April 19, 2006, and that monies for the period from April 19, 2006 to December 31, 2006 be re-allocated through the budget process;

(iv) Council affirm its commitment to provide sign language interpreter services by ensuring that appropriate funding is maintained in the annual operating budget;

DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

(v) the Winnipeg Committee for Safety be immediately dissolved and its annual $69,000 budget be applied towards grassroots community safety initiatives; the specifics of which shall be determined through the budget process, and that the Committee be given an opportunity to provide its input/suggestions on the budget re-allocation towards community safety initiatives.

Carried