Winnipeg

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
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APRIL 19, 2006

MEMBERS PRESENT: His Worship Mayor Katz, Chairperson
Deputy Mayor Pagtakhan
Councillor Clement
Councillor De Smedt
Councillor Magnifico
Councillor O'Shaughnessy
Councillor Steeves

COMMITTEE CLERK: Jo-Ann I. Park, City Clerk's Department

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		DELEGATIONS	
332	Wayne Helgason, Executive Director, accompanied by Harold Dyck, Chair of the Poverty Action Committee, both of the Social Planning Council Councillor Gerbasi, Fort Rouge-East Fort Garry Ward		See Minute 372
333	Councillor Lubosch, North Kildonan Ward		See Minute 342
334	Councillor Lubosch, North Kildonan Ward Reeve Phil Rebeck accompanied by Councillor Dave Gera, Ward IV, Rural Municipality of East St. Paul		See Minute 343
335	David Sanders, Senior Manager, Property Tax Services, Deloitte & Touche LLP		See Minute 344
336	Councillor Wyatt, Transcona Ward		See Minute 345
337	Councillor Swandel, St. Norbert Ward		See Minute 380
338	Ed Martins		See Minute 376
		REPORTS	
339	Winnipeg Housing Steering Committee – Review of Housing Initiatives Minute 1, WHSC, 2006 04 07 EX	The Executive Policy Committee received as information the recommendation of the Winnipeg Housing Steering Committee.	Nil
340	Winnipeg Housing Steering Committee – Federal Government Housing Programs Minute 2, WHSC, 2006 04 07 EX	The Executive Policy Committee received as information the recommendation of the Winnipeg Housing Steering Committee.	Nil
341	Proposal for an All Season Sport Facility at Kilcona Park Minute 148, EKTCC, 2006 04 11 PR-2(33)	The Executive Policy Committee received as information the recommendation of the East Kildonan-Transcona Community Committee.	Nil
342	Bunn's Creek Environmental Stewardship Association – Land Dedication Reserve Minute 174, EKTCC, 2006 04 11 EP-2	The Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the East Kildonan-Transcona Community Committee and recommends to Council: 1. That funding to assist with the cost of the Clean and Green project, in the amount of $30,000.00 be allocated from the East Kildonan-Transcona Land Dedication Reserve to the Bunn's Creek Environmental Stewardship Association. 2. That the criteria of the Council Policy for the Land Dedication Reserve Fund be waived for any expenditures which do not qualify.	Clerk of the Executive Policy Committee

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		3. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.	
343	Roadway rehabilitation of Glenway Avenue from Henderson Highway to Raleigh Street Minute 173, EKTCC, 2006 04 11 EP-1.5	The Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the East Kildonan-Transcona Committee, as amended, and referred the request from the Rural Municipality of East St. Paul that the City of Winnipeg match the Rural Municipality's funding in the amount of $40,000.00 to rehabilitate(oil) Glenway Avenue from Henderson Highway to Raleigh Street to the Director of Public Works to implement within the existing 2006 Operating Budget; however, if funding or implementation obstacles arise, the Director of Public Works is requested to report back.	Director of Public Works
344	Assessment Task Force Final Report, Administrative Response Report 2004 06 30 AA	The Executive Policy Committee concurred in the administrative recommendation, namely, that the administrative report dated June 30, 2004, be received as information. Further, the Executive Policy Committee directed that the Administration implement the Assessment Task Force recommendations as follows: Administration – Cost/Quality/Service • That an internal review of the procedures and methodologies of the Property Assessment Department be conducted in order to identify best practices throughout the industry. • That new customer service and public relations standards be implemented within the Property Assessment Department and that all staff be given training in these areas. • That an internal review of the assessment department's internal electronic security system be conducted, with a view of appearing more open to the public while maintaining minimum standards necessary for the security of information.	Chief Administrative Officer Acting Director of Assessment
		Further, the Executive Policy Committee recommends to Council: 1. That the City of Winnipeg enter into discussions with the Province of Manitoba regarding implementation of the Assessment Task Force recommendations as follows: <u>Legislative Framework</u>	Clerk of the Executive Policy Committee

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		A. That the definition of value for assessment purposes be changed to more closely resemble that outlined in the Alberta legislation in order to make the system fairer for all taxpayers and to reduce the costs of administering the overall assessment system including the costs incurred by taxpayers using the appeal process. B. That the City Assessor be allowed to amend the realty roll as the result of a preview or reconsideration period involving agreement between the assessor and property owner after the roll has been closed. C. That a reasonable legislative date for the submission of income and expense information to the City Assessor in a legislated format be established. <u>Transparency</u> A. That the City of Winnipeg Charter be amended to incorporate a change in the methodology used to determine business assessment to utilize a percentage of value occupied as contained in the Realty Assessment Roll (rather than establishing an annual rental value), resulting in the Realty and Business Assessment Rolls completed as part of a single process (including appeals). B. That property taxes be calculated on assessed values and percentages, based on categories, eliminating class portioning and mill rates. C. That the following process and time frame regarding finalization of the Property Assessment Roll be implemented (recognizing that a varied time frame would be required in the event of a shortened assessment cycle): (i) The City would prepare the Roll and issue notices as of May 31 or earlier as available. (ii) The Preview Process would be extended to all commercial properties. (iii) The Preview Process would occur from June 1 to August 31, and where the Preview Process fails to find a common ground, appeals could be filed during this period. (iv) Appeals may be filed anytime after notices have been received. (v) The Board of Revision hearing would take place from September 1	

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		to November 30. (vi) During the month of December, final amendments to the Roll would occur, and the Roll would close on December 31. <u>Equity in Assessment and Taxation</u> A. That all properties be assessed. B. That only the level of government affected should have the authority to exempt properties from taxation. C. That The Centennial Projects Tax Status Act be repealed. D. That appropriate amendments be made to The Municipal Assessment Act and The City of Winnipeg Charter to provide for the fair and equitable taxation and assessment of utility companies. E. That MTS and other telecommunication companies pay full taxes on the market value of all their property assets (land and improvements) including their distribution infrastructure. Minutes – Executive Policy Committee – April 19, 2006 <u>Municipal Board</u> A. That the Municipal Board be restructured to provide a division which would operate solely as an Assessment Appeal Board. <u>Taxation</u> A. That the cost of education not be funded through property taxation, but through provincial general revenue. Until the education funding model is changed, the Province of Manitoba and the school divisions should be responsible for billing and collecting their own revenue from property taxes. B. That where an appellant is successful and the appeal results in a refund, refunds should be paid by the same parties (ie. the Province, the school boards, and the City) who were the recipients in proportion to their original share of the revenue.	

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		2. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.	
345	Transcona Recreation Park Facility (Buhler Recreation Park) - Request for City Contribution and Funding Option Report 2006 04 11 PR-2(33)	The Executive Policy Committee recommends to Council: 1. That the Plessis Road alignment, as presently identified in Plan Winnipeg Vision 2020, be confirmed as the location for the North/South Transportation Corridor, and that the City-owned property reserved for the Bradley Street alignment located south of Pandora Avenue West, as outlined on Misc Plan No. 12844/1, be declared surplus to the City's requirements. 2. That the net proceeds from the sale of the surplus North/South Transportation Corridor lands as outlined on Misc Plan No. 12844/1, to a maximum of $1.5 Million, be allocated to the Buhler Recreation Park project (formerly named the Transcona Recreation Park); and that the Council Policy Decision of October 6, 1982 (allocating the sale proceeds back for transportation purposes) be waived in this instance. 3. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.	Clerk of the Executive Policy Committee
346	Winnipeg Civic Employees Benefits Program – City Representative Report 2006 03 31 GU-3.9	The Executive Policy Committee concurred in the administrative recommendation and recommends to Council: 1. That Dave Wardrop, Director of Winnipeg Transit, be appointed to the Board of Trustees of the Winnipeg Civic Employees' Benefits Program (Pension Fund) and to the Board of Trustees of the Winnipeg Civic Employees Benefits Program (Disability Fund) for a term ending on December 31, 2008. 2. That Robert P. Gannon, former Chief Financial Officer, be appointed to the Board of Trustees of the Winnipeg Civic Employees' Benefits Program (Pension Fund) and to the Board of Trustees of the Winnipeg Civic Employees Benefits Program (Disability Fund) for a term ending on December 31, 2009. 3. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.	Clerk of the Executive Policy Committee

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347	Recognition of Olympic Athletes – Naming of Facilities, Park, Street Motion 2006 04 19 PR-2	The Executive Policy Committee, in recognition of the achievements of the Winnipeg athletes of the 2006 Torino Olympic Games, recommends to Council: 1. That the Sargent Park Recreation Complex be renamed the Cindy Klassen Recreation Complex. 2. That the new indoor track to be constructed at the Cindy Klassen Recreation Complex be named the Olympian Indoor Track in honour of all Winnipeg's Olympic athletes. 3. That the street currently identified as "Recreation Road" in Appendix A be named "Cindy Klassen Way". 4. That the park currently identified as "new park" in Appendix A be named "Olympic Park". 5. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.	Clerk of the Executive Policy Committee
STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS			
348 - 370	Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development Report dated April 4, 2006	The Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendations for Items 1 to 23 of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development and forwarded the items to Council.	Clerk of the Executive Policy Committee
371, 373	Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services Report dated April 10, 2006	The Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation for Item 1 and 3 of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services and forwarded the items to Council.	Clerk of the Executive Policy Committee
372		The Executive Policy Committee laid over Item 2 of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services for thirty (30) days.	Chief Administrative Officer Director of Community Services
374 - 380	Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works Report dated April 11, 2006	The Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation for Items 1 to 7 of the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works and forwarded the items to Council.	Clerk of the Executive Policy Committee
381	Standing Committee on Fiscal Issues Report dated September 13, 2005	The Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendations for Item 1 of the Standing Committee on Fiscal Issues and forwarded the items to Council.	Clerk of the Executive Policy Committee
	Standing Committee on Fiscal Issues No April Report	Nil	Nil
	Standing Policy Committee on Downtown Development No April Report	Nil	Nil

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