REPORT OF THE

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

DATED MARCH 10, 1999

On motion of His Worship Mayor Murray, the Report of the Executive Policy Committee, dated March 10, 1999, was considered.

1999 Current Tax Supported Estimates and Utilities Portion File FE(1999)

372 - 1. The 1999 Preliminary Current Estimates Overview was tabled at the Executive Policy Committee Meeting of February 16, 1999.

On March 1, 1999, copies of the Tax-Supported and Utility Operations booklets were available for distribution. From March 1 to 9, 1999, the Preliminary Current Estimates were considered by Community Committees and Standing Policy Committees.

On March 3, 1999, Executive Policy Committee heard representations from 12 delegations relative to the 1999 Current Estimates. On March 10, 1999, the Committee considered the recommendations of Community Committees and Standing Policy Committees regarding the Preliminary Current Estimates.

On March 10, 1999 the Executive Policy Committee tabled its recommendations for Council's consideration pertaining to the 1999 Current Estimates, including Utilities, and submits these recommendations, as outlined in Schedules "A" and "B", dated March 10, 1999.

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That the 1999 Tax Supported estimates as outlined in Schedule "A" be approved.

II. That the 1999 Utility Estimates as outlined in Schedule "B" be approved.

III. That the City's 1999 mill rate be frozen at 1998 levels - 33.479, and that By-law No. 7385/99, the by-law to establish the 1999 mill rate be given three readings.

IV. That the City's 1999 business tax rate be frozen at 1996 levels - 9.75%.

V. That the following amendments to Alarm By-law No. 4676/87 be approved effective May 1, 1999, namely:

a) That the proposed alarm permit fees ($20 for residential and $30 for commercial) apply to new alarm system installations, replacement alarm systems and for relocations;

b) That one false alarm be permitted within a 12 month period;

c) That the proposed fine of $75.00 be imposed for a second false alarm and thereafter each time a subsequent false alarm is activated; and that the 12 month grace period commence with the date of each false alarm; and

d) That if in the next 12 months there are no false alarms, the false alarm record be removed.

VI. That the Winnipeg Police Services' proposed exoneration processing fee of $30:

a) apply to those persons having a conditional discharge on their record; and

b) not apply to those persons found not guilty or acquitted, or having received an absolute discharge on their record.

VII. That the transfers to/from utility operations and reserves, as well as the fees and charges outlined in the tax-supported budget submission be approved.

VIII. That the Chief Administrative Officer be delegated the authority:

a) To make allocations to individual departments, including utility operations in the 1999 budget, necessary to realize the global salary and operating savings of $2,018,000 included in the corporate section of the 1999 tax-supported preliminary current estimates, (or to retain that amount in the corporate accounts) with the proviso that there is a neutral effect on the budget; and

b) To make the necessary transfers from the utility operations to the Tax Supported General Revenue Fund in 1999 related to these global savings initiatives.

IX. That the Enhanced Rooming House Program contained in the 1999 Current Estimates be included as a permanent program (line item) in the year 2000 and beyond.

X. That the City Solicitor be instructed to prepare the necessary by-laws to implement the above recommendations.

XI. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to effect the intent of the foregoing including the execution of any documents related thereto.

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

In amendment,

Moved by Councillor Lazarenko,
Seconded by Councillor Golden,

WHEREAS fires in the City of Winnipeg have increased 13% in the last year and emergency medical calls have increased 80% over the last two years;

AND WHEREAS the 1999 Preliminary Current Estimates project savings in the Fire Department by continuing current staff vacancies through 1999;

AND WHEREAS the savings proposal requires unstaffed apparatus to be placed in reserve and fifty-two fire fighter positions to be removed permanently from the staffing of the Fire Department;

AND WHEREAS no new hiring will occur in 1999;

AND WHEREAS in addition to the proposed elimination of four pieces of firefighting apparatus, staff shortages will keep five pieces of apparatus off duty each day;

AND WHEREAS the City is proposing to conduct a Fire Risk Assessment to determine fire service levels for the protection and safety of its citizens;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 1999 Current Estimates be amended to keep in service all current firefighting apparatus, through the addition of $1.1 million to the Fire Department budget for the purpose of overtime staffing and/or the hiring of new firefighters;

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Moved by Councillor Prystanski,
Seconded by Councillor Timm-Rudolph,

WHEREAS the 1999 Executive Policy Committee draft budget recommends a $2,163,533 reduction for the Winnipeg Police Service through the Vacancy Management Program;

AND WHEREAS the decrease in funding represents a $987,545 variation from the 1998 budget;

AND WHEREAS the total decrease in funding represents approximately a 62 officer reduction;

AND WHEREAS the 1999 Executive Policy Committee draft budget also recommends to defer the 1999 police recruit class to the year 2000;

AND WHEREAS this deferment represents a further reduction of $541,948 to the police budget;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that funding of $987,545 be reinstated to bring the Winnipeg Police Service budget back to 1998 levels for vacancy management and that funding also be reinstated for the 1999 police recruit class of $541,948. The total to be reinstated is $1,529,493;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that since it is Executive Policy Committee's intention to change the Winnipeg City Council Budget process from a 2 year plan to a 3 year plan, that the funding for the Winnipeg Police Service be taken from Winnipeg Hydro as a one time expenditure.

The Speaker advised that with Council's concurrence, the rule would be suspended to allow Members of Council to table additional motions.

Moved by Councillor Timm-Rudolph,
Seconded by Councillor Prystanski,

THAT the clause be amended to increase the 1999 Public Works budget by $49,223 in order to re-establish the Graffiti Removal program to the 1998 level.

Moved by Councillor Timm-Rudolph,
Seconded by Councillor Angus,

WHEREAS snowfences prevent the large additional costs in snow removal from the dominant winds which bring significant snow packing which impact residents;

AND WHEREAS the budget is recommending a 65% reduction in snowfencing which will impact the areas of north, south, east and west parts of Winnipeg;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the clause be amended to re-instate the Public Works budget for snow fencing to the 1998 levels of funding (i.e. $200,000).

The Speaker called the Deputy Speaker, Councillor Lazarenko, to the Chair and left the Chamber.

The Speaker returned to the Chamber and resumed the Chair.

Moved by Councillor Golden,
That Rule 6.1 be suspended to allow Council to continue its deliberations beyond the hour of twelve o'clock noon.

Lost.

Council recessed at 11:58 a.m., and reconvened at 1:32 p.m., same members present.

Councillors Angus, Prystanski and Steek entered the meeting after Council had

reconvened.

The amendment proposed by Councillors Timm-Rudolph and Angus, regarding $200,000 to be reinstated to Public Works was put.

The Speaker called for the yeas and nays, which were as follows:-

Yea: Councillors Angus, Golden, Lazarenko and Timm-Rudolph. 4

Nay: Councillors Clement, De Smedt, Gerbasi, Lubosch, Prystanski, Smith, Steek, Deputy Mayor Thomas, Vandal, Eadie, His Worship Mayor Murray and Councillor O'Shaughnessy. 12

and the amendment was declared lost.

The amendment proposed by Councillors Timm-Rudolph and Prystanski, regarding $49,223 to be reinstated to Public Works was put.

The Speaker called for the yeas and nays, which were as follows:-

Yea: Councillors Golden, Lazarenko, Prystanski and Timm-Rudolph. 4

Nay: Councillors Angus, Clement, De Smedt, Gerbasi, Lubosch, Smith, Steek, Deputy Mayor Thomas, Vandal, Eadie, His Worship Mayor Murray and Councillor O'Shaughnessy. 12

and the amendment was declared lost.

The amendment proposed by Councillors Prystanski and Timm-Rudolph, regarding $1,529,493 to be reinstated to the Winnipeg Police Service was put.

The Speaker called for the yeas and nays, which were as follows:-

Yea: Councillors Golden, Lazarenko, Prystanski and Timm-Rudolph. 4

Nay: Councillors Angus, Clement, De Smedt, Gerbasi, Lubosch, Smith, Steek, Deputy Mayor Thomas, Vandal, Eadie, His Worship Mayor Murray and Councillor O'Shaughnessy. 12

and the amendment was declared lost.

The amendment proposed by Councillors Lazarenko and Golden, pertaining to the reinstatement of $1.1 million to Emergency Services was put.

The Speaker called for the yeas and nays, which were as follows:-

Yea: Councillors Golden, Lazarenko, Prystanski and Timm-Rudolph. 4

Nay: Councillors Angus, Clement, De Smedt, Gerbasi, Lubosch, Smith, Steek, Deputy Mayor Thomas, Vandal, Eadie, His Worship Mayor Murray and Councillor O'Shaughnessy. 12

and the amendment was declared lost.

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The motion for the adoption of the clause was put.

The Speaker advised that each recommendation would be voted on separately, in reverse order, commencing with Recommendation IX.

Recommendation IX, “Enhanced Rooming House Program” was put and declared carried.

Councillor Timm-Rudolph asked to be recorded as having voted against Recommendation IX, in accordance with Rule 50.7 of the Procedure By-law.

Recommendation VIII, “Global Savings” was put and declared carried.

Recommendation VII, “Transfer to/from utility operations and reserves” was put and declared carried.

Recommendation VI, “Winnipeg Police Services” was put and declared carried.

Recommendation V, “Alarm Permit Fees” was put.

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

Yea: Councillors Clement, De Smedt, Gerbasi, Lazarenko, Lubosch, Smith, Steek, Deputy Mayor Thomas, Vandal, Eadie, His Worship Mayor Murray and Councillor O’Shaughnessy. 12

Nay: Councillors Angus, Golden, Prystanski and Timm-Rudolph. 4

and Recommendation V, “Alarm Permit Fees” was declared carried.

Recommendation IV, “Business Tax Rate” was put and declared carried.

Councillor Golden asked to be recorded as having voted against Recommendation IV, in accordance with Rule 50.7 of the Procedure By-law.

Recommendation III, “Mill Rate” was put and declared carried.

Councillor Golden asked to be recorded as having voted against Recommendation III, in accordance with Rule 50.7 of the Procedure By-law.

Recommendation II, “Utility Rates” was put and declared carried.

Councillor Golden asked to be recorded as having voted against Recommendation II, in accordance with Rule 50.7 of the Procedure By-law.

Recommendation I, “Tax-Supported Estimates” was put and declared carried.

Councillors Angus, Golden, Lazarenko and Prystanski asked to be recorded as having voted against Recommendation I, in accordance with Rule 50.7 of the Procedure By-law.

Recommendations X and XI were put and declared carried.

(See Minute No. 374 for attachments)

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CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

373 - On motion of His Worship Mayor Murray, the following by-laws were read a first and second time, namely:

By-law No. 7385/99, a by-law of The City of Winnipeg to levy a rate upon the assessed value of all the real property liable to taxation in the City to raise certain sums required for the 1999 annual estimates. File FE (1999)

By-law No. 7386/99, a by-law of The City of Winnipeg to amend By-law Nos. 4676/87, 1996/78 and 3219/82 and to impose certain fees and charges. File FE(1999)

His Worship Mayor Murray moved that this constitute the first and second readings of By-law Nos. 7385/99 and 7386/99, which motion was carried.

Councillors Golden, Lazarenko and Timm-Rudolph asked to be recorded as having voted against the first and second readings of By-Law Nos. 7385/99 and 7386/99, in accordance with Rule 50.7 of the Procedure By-law.

Moved by His Worship Mayor Murray,
That the rule be suspended and By-law Nos. 7385/99 and 7386/99 be read a third time.

The Speaker called for the yeas and nays, which were as follows:-

Yea: Councillors Angus, Clement, De Smedt, Gerbasi, Lubosch, Smith, Steek, Deputy Mayor Thomas, Vandal, Eadie, His Worship Mayor Murray and Councillor O'Shaughnessy. 12

Nay: Councillors Golden, Lazarenko, Prystanski and Timm-Rudolph. 4

and the motion to suspend the rule to allow By-law Nos. 7385/99 and 7386/99 to be read a third time was declared carried and By-law Nos. 7385/99 and 7386/99 were read a third time.

His Worship Mayor Murray moved that this constitute the third reading of By-law Nos. 7385/99 and 7386/99 and that same be passed and ordered to be signed and sealed, which motion was carried.