## EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

## MOTIONS

**Minute No. 674**
Moved by Councillor Gerbasi,
Seconded by Councillor Smith,

WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg has a sister city relationship with the City of Chengdu in China;

AND WHEREAS since July 1999, when China's former president launched the "eradication" campaign against Falun Gong, hundreds of thousands of Falun Gong practitioners have been detained and tortured for their beliefs;

AND WHEREAS Chinese Communist Party (CCP) authorities have reportedly expressed the desire to have the practice of Falun Gong completely wiped out before the 2008 Beijing Olympics;

AND WHEREAS an independent investigation, conducted by former MP the Honourable David Kilgour and human rights lawyer David Matas, concluded on July 6 that "there has been and continues today to be large scale organ seizures from unwilling Falun Gong practitioners.";

AND WHEREAS the Kilgour-Matas report stated, "the government of China and its agencies in numerous parts of the country …since 1999 have put to death a large but unknown number of Falun Gong prisoners of conscience. Their vital organs, including hearts, kidneys, livers and corneas, were virtually simultaneously seized involuntarily for sale at high prices, sometimes to foreigners, who normally face long waits for voluntary donations of such organs in their home countries."

AND WHEREAS the number of organ transplants performed in China increased exponentially following the official crackdown on Falun Gong in 1999 with the report stating that about 41,500 organs transplanted in China in the last six years might have come from Falun Gong practitioners;

AND WHEREAS it is the responsibility of free and democratic nations to condemn the act of crimes against humanity and shameless disregard for human life wherever they occur;

AND WHEREAS it is also our responsibility as human beings to raise awareness necessary to stop horrific crimes against our fellow human beings no matter what the cost;

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AND WHEREAS the City of Oshawa passed the following resolution in April of 2006: " That the City of Oshawa write to the Prime Minister urging the Canadian government to take actions to rescue the surviving Falun Gong practitioners who face danger of being killed at any time and protect the rights of those in China".

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Winnipeg City Council send a letter of concern about the treatment of Falon Gong practitioners to our contacts in our Sister City of Chengdu, China;

AND BE IT FURTHEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Winnipeg City Council call on the Government of Canada to condemn the crime of harvesting organs from Falun Gong practitioners and other involuntary donors in China;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City of Winnipeg request the provincial government to tighten the Manitoba laws against organ trafficking and doctors should, for example, be required to report to their respective authorities any evidence that a patient has received an organ from a trafficked person abroad.

The Speaker ruled the motion out of order, in accordance with Rule 38.2 of the Procedure By-law.

Moved by Councillor Gerbasi,

That Rule 38.2 of the Procedure By-law be suspended to allow consideration of this motion.

Carried

The Speaker ruled that this motion be required to stand as Notice of Motion in accordance with Rule 17.1 of the Procedure By-law.

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**Minute No. 675**
Moved by Councillor Lubosch,
Seconded by His Worship Mayor Katz,

WHEREAS on June 29, 2005, Council allocated $3.9 million for the development of Bronx Park Community Centre as part of the approved $43 million Recreation and Leisure Facilities Project List;

AND WHEREAS Item 5 of the Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated July 19, 2006 recommends that the Bronx Park Community Centre project (a new facility to house Bronx Park Community Centre and the Good Neighbours Senior Centre) proceed with the $3.9 million in funding approved by Council on June 29, 2005;

AND WHEREAS on July 25, 2006, the East Kildonan-Transcona Community Committee approved a Community Incentive Grant in the amount of $200,000.00 (funded $175,000.00 from

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the North Kildonan Ward allocation and $25,000.00 from the Elmwood-East Kildonan Ward) to assist with the cost of the redevelopment of Bronx Park Community Centre

AND WHEREAS a shortfall of funding in the amount of $50,000 still exists;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1 That additional funding, in the amount of $50,000.00, allocated from the East Kildonan—Transcona Land Dedication Reserve, be approved to assist with the cost of the redevelopment project for the Bronx Park Community Centre.

2. That the criteria of the Council Policy for the Land Dedication Reserve Fund be waived for any expenditures which do not qualify.

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

Moved by Councillor Lubosch,

That the rules be suspended to allow consideration of this motion at this time.

Carried

The motion was put and declared carried.

**Minute No. 676**
Moved by Councillor Lazarenko,
Seconded by Councillor O'Shaughnessy,

WHEREAS on July 25, 2006, the Lord Selkirk-West Kildonan Community Committee recommended that funding to assist with the field expansion and retaining wall project in the amount of $40,000.00 be allocated from the Lord Selkirk-West Kildonan Land Dedication Reserve to the Luxton Community Centre;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council concur in the recommendation of the Lord Selkirk-West Kildonan Community Committee, and adopt the following:

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1. That funding to assist with the field expansion and retaining wall project in the amount of $40,000.00 be allocated from the Lord Selkirk-West Kildonan Land Dedication Reserve to the Luxton Community Centre.

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

Moved by Councillor Lazarenko,
That the rules be suspended to allow consideration of this motion at this time.

Carried

The motion was put and declared carried.

**Minute No. 677**
Moved by Deputy Mayor Pagtakhan,
Seconded by Councillor O'Shaughnessy,

WHEREAS on July 25, 2006, the Lord Selkirk-West Kildonan Community Committee recommended that funding to assist with the purchase of a tractor and accessories in the amount of $5,000.00 be allocated from the Lord Selkirk-West Kildonan Land Dedication Reserve to the Sinclair Park Community Centre and the Council Policy criteria for the Land Dedication Reserve be waived in this instance;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council concur in the recommendation of the Lord Selkirk-West Kildonan Community Committee, and adopt the following:

1. That funding to assist with the purchase of a tractor and accessories project in the amount of $5,000.00 be allocated from the Lord Selkirk-West Kildonan Land Dedication Reserve to the Sinclair Park Community Centre.

2. That the criteria of the Council Policy for the Land Dedication Reserve Fund be waived for any expenditures which do not qualify.

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

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Moved by Councillor Pagtakhan,

That the rules be suspended to allow consideration of this motion at this time.

Carried.

The motion was put and declared carried.

**Minute No. 678**
Moved by Deputy Mayor Pagtakhan,
Seconded by Councillor Magnifico,

WHEREAS the Council of Caribbean Organizations of Manitoba has requested the City of Winnipeg endorse an application to the Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund (MRIF) for development of a Caribbean Cultural Centre;

AND WHEREAS on July 19, 2006 Executive Policy Committee received as information an administrative report that outlined the scope of this project;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg has a long history of supporting the development of cultural centres that celebrate the diversity of our city's population;

AND WHEREAS funding has been approved from the Land Dedication Reserve and Community Incentive Grant Program for the Council of Caribbean Organizations of Manitoba by

Council on March 22, 2006 and the Lord Selkirk-West Kildonan Community Committee on February 21, 2006;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Winnipeg endorse the application for funding from the Council of the Caribbean Organization of Manitoba through the Municipal Rural Infrastructure Fund for a Caribbean Cultural Centre and that the criteria of the Council Policy on MRIF be waived in this instance.

Automatic Referral to Executive Policy Committee in accordance with Rule 16.1 of the Procedure By-law

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**Minute No. 679**
Moved by Councillor Benham,
Seconded by Councillor Wyatt,

WHEREAS on October 19, 2005, City Council adopted the Rapid Transit Task Force Report;

AND WHEREAS the report recommended City Council establish a reserve for building rapid transit and that $5.5 million be added to the reserve each year;

AND WHEREAS that was not done in 2006;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT City Council now indicate its strong support for setting aside $5.5 million for Bus Rapid Transit in the 2007 and subsequent capital budgets.

Automatic Referral to Executive Policy Committee in accordance with Rule 16.1 of the Procedure By-law