REPORT OF THE

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

DATED MARCH 17, 1997

On motion of Her Worship Mayor Thompson, the Report of the Executive Policy Committee, dated March 17, 1997, was considered.

1997 and 1998 Current Tax Supported Estimates and Utilities Portion
File FE(1997 & 1998)

444 - 1. The Preliminary Estimates for 1997 & 1998, including Utilities, were tabled at the Executive Policy Committee Meeting of January 23, 1997. Executive Policy Committee tabled the following documents for consideration:

Book 1 OVERVIEW
Book 2 TAX-SUPPORTED
Book 3 UTILITY OPERATIONS
Book 4 CAPITAL ESTIMATES
Book 5 RESHAPING OUR CIVIC GOVERNMENT

Utility rates pertaining to Transit, Ambulance and Water and Sewer were adopted by Council at its meeting of November 20, 1996. The Capital Estimates for 1997 and the Five Year Capital Forecast 1998-2002, were adopted by Council at its meeting of February 12, 1997.

On January 27 through January 31, 1997, a Council seminar was conducted to allow Departments to present their budgets to Members of Council.

From February 11 through February 28, 1997, the Preliminary Current Estimates were deliberated at Community Committee and Standing Committee.

At its meeting of March 4, 1997, Executive Policy Committee heard 17 delegations and considered the recommendations of Community Committees and Standing Committees regarding the Preliminary Current Estimates, as outlined in Schedule “B”.

At its meeting of March 17, 1997 the Executive Policy Committee tabled its recommendations for Council’s consideration pertaining to the 1997 & 1998 Current Estimates, including Utilities, and submits these recommendations, as outlined in Schedule “A”, dated March 17, 1997, and entitled “Executive Policy Committee Budget Recommendations for 1997 and 1998".

The Executive Policy Committee recommends:

I. That the 1997 Current Estimates, as outlined in Schedule “A”, be approved and that By-law No. 7001/97, the by-law to establish the 1997 mill rate be given three readings;

II. That the 1998 Current Estimates, as outlined in Schedule “A”, be approved in principle and referred back to the Executive Policy Committee for submission of an appropriate mill rate by-law and compliance with any other statutory requirements and to be forwarded to Council for its consideration not later than March 31, 1998. (Note: Pursuant to Rule 16.4 of the Procedure By-law, Council hereby grants an extended period of time not later than March 31, 1998 for Executive Policy Committee to report back on this matter.)

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III. That the strategic initiatives for reshaping our civic government related to proposals for contracting out, cost reduction, restructuring, alternative service delivery, and cost recoveries be approved by Council, as outlined in Schedule "C", dated March 17, 1997, entitled *Reshaping Our Civic Government*, and that a work plan be developed and presented to Executive Policy Committee by May 15, 1997, for each of the 1997 and 1998 initiatives listed under the following headings:

- Contracting Out
- Cost Reduction
- Restructuring
- Alternative Service Delivery
- Cost Recovery

Each work plan shall include an implementation schedule which will ensure that all required preparatory work, including development of business plans, review of contractor proposals, definition of service standards and development of contract forms, is completed not later than mid-1998 for full implementation not later than January 2000.

IV. That the Financial Stability Plan pertaining to the Fiscal Stabilization Reserve and the Mill Rate Stabilization Reserve (as outlined in Schedule "D" and identified in Chapter 7 of Book 1 "Overview") be approved, and further that the initial funding for the Mill Rate Stabilization Reserve be provided by transferring one half of the balance of the former Future Tax Levies Reserve remaining after giving effect to the transfers to the General Revenue Fund specified in the 1997 and 1998 Tax Supported Budgets.

V. That any savings achieved in the utility operations as a result of the Vacancy Management Committee, the Expenditure Review Committee and the Fleet Management Initiative be transferred to the property tax general revenue fund.

VI. That the time allotment for parking meters be changed from the current 15 minutes for each $0.25 to 12 minutes for each $0.25 at a parking meter.

VII. That the following transit fares be approved, as proposed in the preliminary estimates:

TRANSIT FARE CATEGORY	1997 ADOPTED FARES (AS OF JAN./97)	1998 PROPOSED FARES (AS OF JAN./98)	INCREASE FROM 1997 TO 1998
Regular:			
Cash	$ 1.45	**$ 1.50**	$ 0.05
Ticket	1.40	**1.45**	0.05
Weekday Pass (Mon. - Fri.)	12.60	**13.05**	0.45
Super Pass (Mon. - Sun.)	14.00	**14.50**	0.50
Monthly Pass	53.90	**55.85**	1.95
Reduced:			
Cash	$ 0.85	**$ 1.50**	$ 0.65
Ticket	0.80	**0.85**	0.05
Super Pass (Mon. - Sun.)	8.00	**8.50**	0.50
Monthly Pass	30.80	**32.75**	1.95
Handi-Transit:			
Cash	$ 1.45	**$ 1.50**	$ 0.05
Ticket	1.40	**1.45**	0.05
Monthly Pass	53.90	**55.85**	1.95

VIII. That the ambulance emergency call user fee be increased by $20 to $250 effective January 1, 1998, (no change in stable patient transfer fee or treatment-no transport fee) as proposed in the preliminary estimates.

IX. That following a previously approved Council plan and to reduce the need for debt financing, the 1998 water and sewer rates tabled in the preliminary estimates be adopted in principle as the 1998 operating budgets for these two utilities have been based on this rate structure. As water and sewer rates are currently under review, these may require change by Council once the review is complete.

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X. That a grant of up to $750,000 be approved in 1997 to support the Winnipeg Airport Authority, in accordance with previously approved Council policy.

XI. That Council approve a one-time change in the City's practice with respect to repayment of the General Reserve for internal financing of capital projects by waiving the interest payment to the General Reserve in 1997 to reflect financing requirements of the adopted 1997 Capital budget, and that the following targets for contributions to the General Reserve in future years be approved in principle in order to assure that the Council approved target of $61 million in internal financing is achieved by the year 2004:

1998	$38.4 million
1999	$41.5 million
2000	$44.8 million
2001	$48.4 million
2002	$52.2 million
2003	$56.4 million
2004	$61.0 million

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

Moved by Her Worship Mayor Thompson,
Adoption of the clause.

Moved by Councillor Golden,
That Council go into Committee of the Whole.

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

Yea: Councillors Golden, Lazarenko, Lubosch, Murray, Vandal and Angus. 6

Nay: Councillors Prystanski, Clement, O'Shaughnessy, Phillips, Silva, Steek, Timm-Rudolph, Deputy Mayor Eadie and Her Worship Mayor Thompson. 9

and the motion that Council go into Committee of the Whole was declared lost.

Moved by Councillor Murray,
That Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Recommendation No. III.

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

Yea: Councillors Golden, Lazarenko, Lubosch, Murray, Steek, Thomas, Vandal and Angus. 8

Nay: Councillors Prystanski, Clement, O'Shaughnessy, Phillips, Silva, Timm-Rudolph, Deputy Mayor Eadie and Her Worship Mayor Thompson. 8

and the motion that Council go into Committee of the Whole to consider Recommendation No. III was declared lost, in accordance with Rule 58 of the Procedure By-law.

Moved by Councillor Vandal,
That each recommendation of the clause be deliberated by Council separately.

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

Yea: Councillors Golden, Lubosch, Murray, Thomas, Vandal and Angus. 6

Nay: Councillors Prystanski, Clement, Lazarenko, O'Shaughnessy, Phillips, Silva, Steek, Timm-Rudolph, Deputy Mayor Eadie and Her Worship Mayor Thompson. 10

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and the motion that each recommendation of the clause be deliberated by Council separately was declared lost, not having received the required two-thirds vote of the members present in accordance with Rule 3 of the Procedure By-law.

Moved by Councillor Golden,
That Rule 44 of the Procedure By-law be suspended to allow Councillor Murray to continue to address Council regarding the clause.

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

Yea: Councillors Golden, Lubosch, Murray, Steek, Thomas and Vandal. 6

Nay: Councillors Prystanski, Clement, O'Shaughnessy, Phillips, Silva, Timm-Rudolph, Deputy Mayor Eadie, Her Worship Mayor Thompson and Councillor Angus. 9

and the motion to suspend Rule 44 of the Procedure By-law was declared lost,

Council recessed at 12 noon, and reconvened at 1:38 p.m., same members present.

Councillor Steek entered the meeting after Council had reconvened.

Moved by Councillor Vandal,
That Rule 44 of the Procedure By-law be suspended to allow Councillor Murray and all other speakers to have five minutes of additional time to address the clause.

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

Yea: Councillors Golden, Lazarenko, Lubosch, Murray, Thomas, Vandal and Angus. 7

Nay: Councillors Prystanski, Clement, O'Shaughnessy, Phillips, Silva, Timm-Rudolph, Deputy Mayor Eadie and Her Worship Mayor Thompson. 8

and the motion to suspend Rule 44 of the Procedure By-law was declared lost, not having received the required two-thirds vote of the members present in accordance with Rule 3 of the Procedure By-law.

In amendment,

Moved by Councillor Murray,
Seconded by Councillor Thomas,

BE IT RESOLVED that these previously committed expenditures and 1997 budget line items be rescinded:

- $175,000 for the proposed organizational review
- $205,000 from Corporate Communications - Strategic Communications
- $400,000 from funds committed for Winter Cities travel
- $150,000 from Winter Light Parade allocation
- $250,000 from tax relief for large lot owners
- $30,000 from the proposed Millennium Party account

- Total reductions of $1,210,000

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that $1,178,912 be added to maintain children's social assistance rates.

The Speaker noted that to address Resolve Nos. 3, 4 and 6 pertaining to $400,000, $150,000 and $30,000, would require a suspension of the rule, in that these resolves pertained to matters not within the deliberation of the Current Estimates.

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Moved by Councillor Murray,
That the Rule be suspended to allow Council to consider Resolve Nos. 3, 4 and 6.

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

Yea: Councillors Golden, Lubosch, Murray, Thomas and Vandal. 5

Nay: Councillors Prystanski, Clement, Lazarenko, O'Shaughnessy, Phillips, Silva, Steek, Timm-Rudolph, Deputy Mayor Eadie, Her Worship Mayor Thompson and Councillor Angus. 11

and the motion to consider Resolve Nos. 3, 4 and 6 separately was declared lost, not having received the required two-thirds vote of the members present in accordance with Rule 3 of the Procedure By-law.

The Speaker advised that the motion proposed by Councillors Murray and Thomas would read as follows:

Moved by Councillor Murray,
Seconded by Councillor Thomas,

BE IT RESOLVED that these previously committed expenditures and 1997 budget line items be rescinded:

- $175,000 for the proposed organizational review
- $205,000 from Corporate Communications - Strategic Communications
- $250,000 from tax relief for large lot owners

- Total reductions of $630,000

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that $1,178,912 be added to maintain children's social assistance rates.

The Speaker called the Deputy Speaker, Councillor Prystanski, to the Chair in order to participate in the debate.

The Deputy Speaker called Deputy Mayor Eadie to the Chair in order to participate in the debate.

The Speaker here resumed the Chair.

The amendment proposed by Councillors Murray and Thomas was put.

The Speaker advised that Council would consider the four resolves in the amendment separately.

Resolve No. 1, regarding the deletion of $175,000 for the proposed organizational review was put.

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

Yea: Councillors Golden, Lazarenko, Lubosch, Murray, Thomas and Vandal. 6

Nay: Councillors Prystanski, Clement, O'Shaughnessy, Phillips, Silva, Steek, Timm-Rudolph, Deputy Mayor Eadie, Her Worship Mayor Thompson and Councillor Angus. 10

and Resolve No. 1, regarding the deletion of $175,000 was declared lost.

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Resolve No. 2, regarding the deletion of $205,000 for Corporate Communications - Strategic Communications was put.

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

Yea: Councillors Golden, Lubosch, Murray, Phillips, Steek, Thomas and Vandal. 7

Nay: Councillors Prystanski, Clement, Lazarenko, O'Shaughnessy, Silva, Timm-Rudolph, Deputy Mayor Eadie, Her Worship Mayor Thompson and Councillor Angus. 9

and Resolve No. 2, regarding the deletion of $205,000 was declared lost.

Resolve No. 3, regarding the deletion of $250,000 for tax relief for large lot owners was put.

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

Yea: Councillors Golden, Lubosch, Murray, Thomas and Vandal. 5

Nay: Councillors Prystanski, Clement, Lazarenko, O'Shaughnessy, Phillips, Silva, Steek, Timm-Rudolph, Deputy Mayor Eadie, Her Worship Mayor Thompson and Councillor Angus. 11

and Resolve No. 3, regarding the deletion of $250,000 was declared lost.

Resolve No. 4, regarding the addition of $1,178,912 for children's social assistance rates was put.

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

Yea: Councillors Golden, Lazarenko, Lubosch, Murray, Thomas and Vandal. 6

Nay: Councillors Prystanski, Clement, O'Shaughnessy, Phillips, Silva, Steek, Timm-Rudolph, Deputy Mayor Eadie, Her Worship Mayor Thompson and Councillor Angus. 10

and Resolve No. 4, regarding the addition of $1,178,912 was declared lost.

The motion for the adoption of the clause was put.

At the request of Councillor Murray, Council considered the recommendations separately, in reverse order commencing with Recommendation No. XI.

Recommendation No. XI was put.

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

Yea: Councillors Prystanski, Clement, Lazarenko, Lubosch, O'Shaughnessy, Phillips, Silva, Steek, Timm-Rudolph, Vandal, Deputy Mayor Eadie, Her Worship Mayor Thompson and Councillor Angus. 13

Nay: Councillors Golden, Murray and Thomas. 3

and Recommendation No. XI was declared carried.

Recommendation No. X was put and declared carried.

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Recommendation No. IX was put.

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

Yea: Councillors Prystanski, Clement, Lazarenko, Lubosch, Murray, O'Shaughnessy, Phillips, Silva, Steek, Timm-Rudolph, Vandal, Deputy Mayor Eadie, Her Worship Mayor Thompson and Councillor Angus. 14

Nay: Councillors Golden and Thomas. 2

and Recommendation No. IX was declared carried.

Recommendation No. VIII was put.

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

Yea: Councillors Prystanski, Clement, Lazarenko, Lubosch, O'Shaughnessy, Phillips, Silva, Steek, Timm-Rudolph, Deputy Mayor Eadie, Her Worship Mayor Thompson and Councillor Angus. 12

Nay: Councillors Golden, Murray, Thomas and Vandal. 4

and Recommendation No. VIII was declared carried.

Recommendation No. VII was put.

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

Yea: Councillors Prystanski, Clement, Lazarenko, Lubosch, O'Shaughnessy, Phillips, Silva, Steek, Timm-Rudolph, Vandal, Deputy Mayor Eadie, Her Worship Mayor Thompson and Councillor Angus. 13

Nay: Councillors Golden, Murray and Thomas. 3

and Recommendation No. VII was declared carried.

Recommendation No. VI was put.

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

Yea: Councillors Prystanski, Clement, Lazarenko, Lubosch, O'Shaughnessy, Phillips, Silva, Timm-Rudolph, Vandal, Deputy Mayor Eadie, Her Worship Mayor Thompson and Councillor Angus. 12

Nay: Councillors Golden, Murray, Steek and Thomas. 4

and Recommendation No. VI was declared carried.

Recommendation No. V was put.

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

Yea: Councillors Prystanski, Clement, Lubosch, O'Shaughnessy, Phillips, Silva, Steek, Timm-Rudolph, Vandal, Deputy Mayor Eadie, Her Worship Mayor Thompson and Councillor Angus. 12

Nay: Councillors Golden, Lazarenko, Murray and Thomas. 4

and Recommendation No. V was declared carried.

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Recommendation No. IV was put.

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

Yea: Councillors Prystanski, Clement, Lazarenko, Lubosch, Murray, O'Shaughnessy, Phillips, Silva, Steek, Timm-Rudolph, Vandal, Deputy Mayor Eadie, Her Worship Mayor Thompson and Councillor Angus. 14

Nay: Councillors Golden and Thomas. 2

and Recommendation No. IV was declared carried.

Recommendation No. III was put.

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

Yea: Councillors Prystanski, Clement, O'Shaughnessy, Phillips, Silva, Steek, Timm-Rudolph, Deputy Mayor Eadie, Her Worship Mayor Thompson and Councillor Angus. 10

Nay: Councillors Golden, Lazarenko, Lubosch, Murray, Thomas and Vandal. 6

and Recommendation No. III was declared carried.

Recommendation No. II was put.

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

Yea: Councillors Prystanski, Clement, Lazarenko, Lubosch, O'Shaughnessy, Phillips, Silva, Steek, Timm-Rudolph, Deputy Mayor Eadie, Her Worship Mayor Thompson and Councillor Angus. 12

Nay: Councillors Golden, Murray, Thomas and Vandal. 4

and Recommendation No. II was declared carried.

Recommendation No. I was put.

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

Yea: Councillors Prystanski, Clement, Lazarenko, Lubosch, O'Shaughnessy, Phillips, Silva, Steek, Timm-Rudolph, Vandal, Deputy Mayor Eadie, Her Worship Mayor Thompson and Councillor Angus. 13

Nay: Councillors Golden, Murray and Thomas. 3

and Recommendation No. I was declared carried.

Recommendation No. XII was put and declared carried.

Councillors Golden and Thomas asked to be recorded as having voted against Recommendation No. XII, in accordance with Rule 50.7 of the Procedure By-law.

(See Minute No. 446 for attachments)

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

CONSIDERATION OF BY-LAWS

445 - On motion of Her Worship Mayor Thompson, By-law No. 7001/97, 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 1997 annual estimates, was read a first, second and third time, the rule being suspended for the third reading, and was passed and ordered to be signed and sealed. File FE (1997 & 1998)

Councillors Golden and Thomas asked to be recorded as having voted against all three readings of By-law No. 7001/97, in accordance with Rule 50.7 of the Procedure By-law.