EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

MOTIONS

Minute No. 430
Moved by Councillor Gerbasi,
Seconded by His Worship Mayor Katz,

WHEREAS public transit provides essential and universal mobility to residents within Canada's urban areas;

AND WHEREAS public transit increases roadway capacity by offering people a transportation choice other than the automobile;

AND WHEREAS public transit reduces greenhouse gas emissions and air pollution;

AND WHEREAS transit infrastructure investment needs for Canadian transit systems in the period 2006 to 2010 stand at $20.7-billion, with over $5-billion of this amount not fundable under current programs;

AND WHEREAS municipalities have inadequate revenue tools to finance the full cost of transit infrastructure;

AND WHEREAS, in response to these challenges and opportunities, the Big City Mayors' Caucus of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities has developed a National Transit Strategy containing the following key elements:

a) investment in public transit in the form of sustainable federal funding in the amount of $2 billion per year;
b) a commitment to integrated land use and transportation planning by participating municipalities;
c) federal tax incentives for transit users;
d) research that promotes information sharing and innovation among transit systems and identifies policy approaches all governments can use to increase ridership;
e) appropriate accountability measures;

THEREFORE BE IT IS RESOLVED THAT City Council:

1. Endorses the National Transit Strategy put forward by the Big City Mayors' Caucus of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and;

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2. Directs the City Clerk to forward copies of this resolution to:
   - Stephen Harper, Prime Minister of Canada
   - Lawrence Cannon, Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities
   - all local Members of Parliament
   - the Federation of Canadian Municipalities
   - the Canadian Urban Transit Association

Required to stand as Notice of Motion in accordance with Rule 17.1 of the Procedure By-law

Minute No. 431
Moved by Councillor Vandal,
Seconded by Councillor Pagtakhan,

WHEREAS the 2007 Home Renovation Tax Assistance Program will have identical eligibility requirements as the 2006 program;

AND WHEREAS the HRTA programs' eligible assessed value has lagged behind the average resale value of the targeted homes in the City of Winnipeg;

AND WHEREAS the maximum annual tax credit available for an eligible residents has not changed since 1997;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Winnipeg consult with the home renovation industry before the 2008 HRTA program with an aim to:

1. Increase the eligible assessed value of the program to an average resale value of a pre 1982 home in Winnipeg;

2. Increase the annual tax credit available for eligible residents to an amount which will act as a significant incentive for renovating existing pre 1982 homes in existing neighborhoods.

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