Minutes – Executive Policy Committee – March 17, 2008

DELEGATIONS

Minute No. 216

The following persons were heard with respect to the 2008 Preliminary Operating Budget. File FE(2008):

- Cindy Tugwell, Executive Director, Heritage Winnipeg, in support of increasing the annual grant to Heritage Winnipeg

- Mike Owen, Executive Director, Winnipeg Boys and Girls Club of Winnipeg Inc., in support of an annual increase in funding of $40,000.00 to the Winnipeg Boys and Girls Club of Winnipeg Inc., and submitted supporting documentation, including a PowerPoint presentation, which has been placed on file in the City Clerk's Department

- Paul Hesse, Winnipeg Rapid Transit Coalition, who submitted supporting documentation, including an electronic petition and a petition in support of funding the first phase of rapid transit purporting to contain the signatures of 1166 residents, which has been placed on file in the City Clerk's Department

- Nick Ternette who submitted supporting documentation which has been placed on file in the City Clerk's Department

- Molly McCracken, Executive Director, accompanied by Brian C. Grant, Housing Development Coordinator and a Board Member of West Broadway Development Corporation, in support of increasing municipal funding towards housing programs, and submitted supporting documentation which has been placed on file in the City Clerk's Department

- Thomas Novak, OMI, Manitoba Oblate Justice and Peace Committee, who submitted supporting documentation which has been placed on file in the City Clerk's Department

- Jim Baker, President and CEO, Manitoba Hotel Association, Inc., accompanied by Helen Halliday, General Manager, Delta Winnipeg, with respect to a Destination Marketing Fee and in opposition to the proposed implementation of a 5% hotel tax, and submitted supporting documentation, including a PowerPoint presentation, which has been placed on file in the City Clerk's Department

DELEGATIONS (continued)

- Laura Sims, Facilitator, and Raymond Sokalski, Teacher Collaborator, Kelvin High School, accompanied by Alex Allary, Ezra Bridgman, Anisa Isse, and Brianne Hellrung, Kelvin High School Students from Hopeful Aware Students Taking Action (HASTA), whom submitted a petition in support of funding the first phase of rapid transit purporting to contain the signatures of 31 residents which has been placed on file in the City Clerk's Department

- Sister Maria and Phil Chiapetta, Co-Executive Directors, accompanied by Stephen Andrews, Youth Participant, Rossbrook House Inc., in support of additional funding for RossBrook House Inc.

- Carol A. Phillips, Executive Director, accompanied by Heather Cram, Chair, Public Arts Program, Winnipeg Arts Council Inc., in opposition to the Public Art funding for 2008, and submitted supporting documentation, including a PowerPoint presentation, which has been placed on file in the City Clerk's Department

- Lisa Holowchuk, Executive Director, Exchange District Business Improvement Zone, and submitted supporting documentation which has been placed on file in the City Clerk's Department

- Sandy Hyman, Chairperson, Winnipeg Public Library Board, accompanied by Dr. Douglas MacEwen, Board Member, Winnipeg Public Library Board and Jane Fudge, Citizen Member, City Centre Community Library Advisory Committee, in opposition to the reduction in library funding

- Janine Halbesma, Acting Director of Provincial Affairs, Manitoba, Canadian Federation of Independent Business, in support of reinstating the reduction in business tax and in opposition to increasing commercial tipping fees

- Leo Ledohowski, President, Canad Inns, and Chair, Manitoba Hotel Association, in opposition to the proposed hotel tax

- David Angus, President, Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce, with respect to developing a multi-year balanced budget, laying out a business tax elimination strategy, deferring a decision to implement the 5% hotel tax, deferring the increase to commercial tipping fees, and the reduction in funding for the CentreVenture Development Corporation, and submitted supporting documentation which has been placed on file in the City Clerk's Department

DELEGATIONS (continued)

- Tony Carvey, Vice Principal, Fort Richmond Collegiate, Pembina Trails School Division, accompanied by Cameron Buchanan, Jane Gagnon, and Teresa Rogers, Parent Group Representatives, in support of new funding for a School Officer Resource Program for Fort Richmond Collegiate, and submitted supporting documentation which has been placed on file in the City Clerk's Department

- Eric Johnson, President, and Grant Johnson, Johnson Waste Management Ltd., accompanied by Robin Kersey, Thompson Dorfman Sweatman, in opposition to the proposed increase in commercial tipping fees, and submitted supporting documentation which has been placed on file in the City Clerk's Department

- Stefano Grande, Executive Director, accompanied by Doug Tesch, Treasurer, Downtown Winnipeg Business Improvement Zone, with respect to the issues of rapid transit, the proposed hotel tax and downtown planning, and submitted supporting documentation which has been placed on file in the City Clerk's Department

- Steve Wilson, Executive Director, accompanied by Dawn Klockow, Director of Finance, and Patrick Ross, Adult Artist, Graffiti Art Programming Inc., in support of the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services that the City of Winnipeg enter into a funding agreement with Graffiti Art Programming Inc. in the amount of $100,000.00 annually, and submitted supporting documentation which has been placed on file in the City Clerk's Department

- Manfred Hirsch, Paragon Industries Ltd., in support of the proposed increase in commercial tipping fees

- Ross Eadie with respect to transit, process and risk management issues, and submitted supporting documentation which has been placed on file in the City Clerk's Department

- Bill Knight, Bill Knight's Flooring, in opposition to the proposed increase in commercial tipping fees

- Zivan Saper, President, and Peter De Smedt, Vice-President, accompanied by Klaus Lahr, General Manager and Chief Operating Officer, Winnipeg Convention Centre, in support of the proposed hotel tax, and submitted supporting documentation which has been placed on file in the City Clerk's Department

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- Mike Davidson, President, Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 500, who submitted supporting documentation which has been placed on file in the City Clerk's Department

- Tom Sims

- Bob Kury with respect to funding for youth programming, and submitted supporting documentation which has been placed on file in the City Clerk's Department

- Harold Martinos, West Alexander Residents Association, who submitted supporting documentation which has been placed on file in the City Clerk's Department

- Larry Pelzer, President, Winnipeg Labour Council

- Cheryl-Anne Carr, Labour Election Committee, who submitted supporting documentation which has been placed on file in the City Clerk's Department.

Moved by Councillor Swandel,

That the delegations and presentations, pertaining to the Preliminary 2008 Operating Budget be received as information and that the matters brought forward be referred to the Operating Budget deliberations by the Executive Policy Committee on March 20, 2008.

Carried