Winnipeg

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
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SPECIAL MEETING
MARCH 20, 2008

MEMBERS PRESENT: His Worship Mayor Katz, Chairperson
Deputy Mayor Leipsic
Councillor Clement
Councillor O'Shaughnessy
Councillor Steeves
Councillor Swandel

COMMITTEE CLERK: Jo-Ann I. Park, Manager of the Decision Making Process
City Clerk's Department

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	DELEGATIONS		
218	Steve Wilson, Executive Director, Graffiti Art Programming Inc. Councillor Gerbasi, Fort Rouge–East Fort Garry Ward		See Minute 238
	OPERATING BUDGET REVIEW		
219	Rapid Transit Task Force Recommendation - Establishment of Reserve Fund for building a Rapid Transit System Council Referral 2007 02 02 TT-8	The Executive Policy Committee received as information the matter of establishing a Reserve Fund for building a Rapid Transit System. (See Minute 238)	Nil
220	Boys and Girls Clubs of Winnipeg Inc. – Annual Grant Council Referral 2007 03 21 PR-2	The Executive Policy Committee received as information the matter of an annual grant to the Boys and Girls Club of Winnipeg Inc. (See Minute 238)	Nil
221	Winnipeg Partnership Agreement – Aboriginal Component Council Referral 2007 03 21 FR-3	The Executive Policy Committee received as information the matter of the inclusion of funds for the Winnipeg Partnership Agreement's Aboriginal Component which will focus on improving education and employment opportunities for Winnipeg Aboriginal youth. (See Minute 238)	Nil
222	Ndinawemaaganag Endaawaad Inc. - Ndinawe Youth Resource Centre Council Referral 2007 06 20 FG-1.1(N)	The Executive Policy Committee received as information the matter of the source of funding for the $50,000.00 grant to fund the recreational component of the Ndinawe Youth Resource Centre. (See Minute 238)	Nil
223	Final Report of the Mayor's Economic Opportunity Commission Report 2007 06 22 GG-5	The Executive Policy Committee received as information the matter of the Final Report of the Mayor's Economic Opportunity Commission dated June 22, 2007. (See Minute 238)	Nil
224	Andrew Street Family Centre – Request for Additional Funding for Pritchard Place Drop In Program Council Referral 2007 07 18 PR-1	The Executive Policy Committee received as information the matter of additional annual funding of $5,700.00 for 2008 and 2009 to the Andrews Street Family Centre. (See Minute 238)	Nil

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225	Rossbrook House Inc. – Request for Additional Funding Report 2007 08 24 PR-1	The Executive Policy Committee received as information the report of the Director of Community Services dated August 24, 2007 regarding the request from Rossbrook House Inc. for additional funding. (See Minute 238)	Nil
226	Festival du Voyageur - Request for Additional Funding Communication 2007 10 19 FE(2008)	The Executive Policy Committee received as information the request from the Festival du Voyageur for additional funding in the amount of $10,000.00 for the construction, maintenance and operation of the River Trail. (See Minute 238)	Nil
227	Special Operating Agency (SOA) Transfer to City and Retained Earnings Minute 14, ASD, 2008 10 09 GL-5.6.1	The Executive Policy Committee received as information the matter of the Special Operating Agency (SOA) Transfer to City and Retained Earnings. (See Minute 238)	Nil
228	Riverbank Management Committee – Draft Budget for Year Ending December 31, 2008 SPC PD, Minute 79, 2008 01 29 E-5.1	The Executive Policy Committee received as information the January 29, 2008 recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development and the January 10, 2008 recommendation of the Riverbank Management Committee matter regarding the draft budget of the Riverbank Management Committee for the calendar year ending December 31, 2008. (See Minute 238)	Nil
229	Winnipeg Housing Steering Committee – Winnipeg Housing Policy - Winnipeg Housing and Homelessness Initiative Minute 3, WHSC, 2008 02 29 EX	The Executive Policy Committee received as information the February 29, 2008 recommendation of the Winnipeg Housing Steering Committee regarding an allocation of $2m for housing initiatives as part of the Winnipeg Housing Homelessness Initiative. (See Minute 238)	Nil
230	Pantages Playhouse Management Agreement – Additional Funding Minute 23, SPC DD 2008 03 04 F-6	The Executive Policy Committee received as information the request from the Performing Arts Consortium of Winnipeg for an increase to the management fee of $5,000.00. (See Minute 238)	Nil
231	Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services – Operating Budget Recommendation Minute 44, SPC PCS, 2008 03 10 FE(2008)	The Executive Policy Committee received as information the March 10, 2008 recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services pertaining to the Preliminary 2008 Operating Budget and Financial Plan for 2009 and 2010. (See Minute 238)	Nil

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232	Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works – Operating Budget Recommendation Minute 78, SPC IRPW, 2008 03 11 FE(2008)	The Executive Policy Committee received as information the March 11, 2008 recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works pertaining to the Preliminary 2008 Operating Budget and Financial Plan for 2009 and 2010. (See Minute 238)	Nil
233	Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development - Operating Budget Recommendation Minute 122, SPC PD, 2008 03 13 FE(2008)	The Executive Policy Committee received as information the March 13, 2008 recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development pertaining to the Preliminary 2008 Operating Budget and Financial Plan for 2009 and 2010. (See Minute 238)	Nil
234	Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development – Planning, Development and Building Fees By-law - Planning, Development and Building Fees By-law - Full Cost Recovery Methodology Minute 124, SPC PD, 2008 03 13 EX	The Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development and submitted the matter to Council. (See Minute 238)	Nil
235	East Kildonan - Transcona Community Committee - Recreation Programming for Young People Minute 130, EKT CC, 2008 03 10 PR-2	The Executive Policy Committee received as information the March 10, 2008 recommendation of the East Kildonan-Transcona Community Committee pertaining to the addition of $500,000.00 for recreation programming. (See Minute 238)	Nil
236	East Kildonan - Transcona Community Committee - Parks and Open Space Service Levels Minute 131, EKT CC, 2008 03 10 PR-7	The Executive Policy Committee received as information the March 10, 2008 recommendation of the East Kildonan-Transcona Community Committee regarding the parks and open space service levels. (See Minute 238)	Nil
237	East Kildonan - Transcona Community Committee - Sidewalk and Curb Maintenance and Renewal Minute 129, EKT CC, 2008 03 10 SC-3.12	The Executive Policy Committee received as information the March 10, 2008 recommendation of the East Kildonan-Transcona Community Committee to add $700,000.00 to the 2008 Operating Budget for the maintenance and renewal of sidewalks and curbs across the entire City of Winnipeg. (See Minute 238)	Nil
238	Executive Policy Committee – Final Recommendation - 2008 Operating Budget Motion 2008 03 20	The Executive Policy Committee recommends to Council: 1. That the 2008 Operating Budget as outlined in the following financial	Manager of the Decision Making Process

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	FE(2008)	summary and as reflected in the Service Based View tabled at the Executive Policy Committee on March 20, 2008, and as amended by Recommendation 2, be approved. 2. That the following adjustments to the 2008 Operating Budget, as tabled at the Executive Policy Committee on March 6, 2008, be made: A. That the management fee paid to the Performing Arts Consortium of Winnipeg for managing the Pantages Playhouse Theatre be increased by $5,000.00 to $115,000.00 per annum; B. That a grant of $25,000.00 for 2008 be approved for Swim Manitoba; C. That the December 11, 2007 recommendation from the City of Winnipeg Museums Board regarding 2008 funding for museums be adopted and that the preliminary budget be adjusted accordingly; D. That an amount of up to $500,000.00 be earmarked for the Graffiti Art Programming Inc. in 2008, and be utilized as a base for an endowment fund under the stewardship of The Winnipeg Foundation; E. That the budget expenditures be increased by $50,000.00 for the City's collection costs for hotel tax and that an offsetting increase be included in the hotel tax revenue budget; F. That the annual grant for the Boys and Girls Clubs of Winnipeg Inc. be increased by a further $20,000.00 for 2008; G. That the grant for Heritage Winnipeg be increased to $20,000.00 (from $12,000.00); with corresponding offsets to corporate accounts. 3. That the 2009 and 2010 Projections on the Preliminary Financial Plans for those years, as tabled at the Executive Policy Committee on March 6, 2008, and as reflected in the Service Based View tabled at the Executive	

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Policy Committee on March 20, 2008, and as amended by Recommendation 2, be adopted in principle.

4. That the City's mill rate remain fixed at the 2007 level of 25.448.

5. A. That the City's business tax rate remain unchanged at 7.75% for 2008; and

   B. That the 15% limit on business tax increases resulting from the 2006 General Assessment be extended to 2008.

6. A. That a by-law establishing a 5% hotel tax effective June 1, 2008 be enacted.

   B. That once enacted by Council the bylaw be forwarded to the Lieutenant Governor in Council for approval as required by The Municipal Revenue (Grants and Taxation) Act.

7. That the transfers to/from utility operations, reserves, and other funds as well as the fees and charges outlined in the 2008 Preliminary Operating Budget be approved, including:

   A. Emergency medical service fees effective April 1, 2008 as follows:

Proposed Emergency Medical Service Rates (Per Call)		
(in dollars)	Present Rate	April 1, 2008
Emergency Medical Service		
Basic Rate (not subsidized)	550	560
Regional Rate (provincial subsidized)	413	420
City Rate (city and provincial subsidized)	275	280
Interfacility Transfer Service		
Basic Rate (not subsidized)	398	406
Regional Rate (provincial subsidized)	299	305
City Rate (city and provincial subsidized)	199	203
Treatment No Transport Service - Basic		

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Rate		
Basic Rate (not subsidized)	234	238
Regional Rate (provincial subsidized)	176	179
City Rate (city and provincial subsidized)	117	119
Treatment No Transport Service - Advanced Care	418	426
Basic Rate (not subsidized)	214	320
Regional Rate (provincial subsidized)	209	213
City Rate (city and provincial subsidized)		

B. A surcharge of $150.00 on calls requiring Advanced Life Support (ALS) procedures be approved effective April 1, 2008.

8. That the $500,000.00 for Public Art previously approved in the 2008 Adopted Capital Budget be reduced to $100,000.00 on a one-time basis to reduce debt and finance charges in the tax-supported operating budget.

9. That the former restrictions on charges to the Snow Clearing Reserve in any one year be rescinded, and that no minimum balance be required (previously set at $5 million) before any charges can be made to the Reserve.

10. A. That a "Rapid Transit Infrastructure Reserve" be established in accordance with Section 289 of The City of Winnipeg Charter;

B. That the Director of Transit be designated as the Fund Manager;

C. That the purpose of the reserve be to accumulate funds and subsequently to expend on future costs incurred on account of public transit infrastructure, including the construction of rapid transit corridors contemplated in the future; and

D. That a transfer to the Transit Infrastructure Reserve of $2,750,000.00 be approved in 2008 as an initial City contribution to this new reserve.

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		11. That the Public Service be directed to include budgets for reserves in the budget documents commencing with the 2009 budget process. 12. That the Public Service consider alternative operating arrangements for Building Services, Civic Accommodations and Real Estate including a special operating agency and recommend the preferred approach. 13. That the Public Service be instructed to move to a full-cost recovery model through amendments to the Planning, Development, and Building Fees By-law. 14. A. That a new proposed Planning, Development and Building Fees By-law, which moves towards a full cost recovery methodology, incorporating the following changes be adopted: i. The second paragraph in page two of Attachment "F" to the report of the Acting Director of Planning, Property and Development dated March 6, 2008 be amended by deleting Category B (Major – standard conditions some issues and time required) and Category C (Complex - extensive staff time reviews – public meetings, etc.) and all the proposed corresponding fees. B. That the planning, development and building fees and charges contained within this by-law continue to be increased at a rate equivalent to the increase in Consumer Price Index (CPI), unless a review indicates otherwise. C. That the new Planning, Development and Building Fees By-law come into effect May 1, 2008 in order to provide notice to the industry to adjust for the 2008 construction season. D. That the Winnipeg Public Service report back by December 2008 with a detailed review of the impact of the fee increases and a comprehensive review of the cost of services for Building Permits and Land Development Applications. E. That all fees and charges contained within this by-law be reviewed	

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		at least once every three (3) years. 15. That the Chief Administrative Officer be delegated the authority to restate the budget subsequent to adoption to allocate amounts to departments to reflect Council's ratification of collective agreements as well as cost reduction measures, on a budget neutral basis. 16. That the City Solicitor/Manager of Legal Services be instructed to prepare the necessary by-laws to implement the above recommendations. 17. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the foregoing, including the execution of any documents related thereto.	
		REPORTS	
239	2008 Mill Rates for the Education Support Levy and Special Levy Report 2008 03 17 FL-3	The Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Winnipeg Public Service and recommends to Council: 1. That in compliance with the mandatory provisions of The Public Schools Act, the necessary by-laws required to fix and impose taxes sufficient to meet that portion of the cost of education required to be raised through levies on assessable property within the City of Winnipeg in 2008 be adopted. 2. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.	Manager of the Decision Making Process