EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

MOTIONS

Minute No. 274
Moved by Councillor Gerbasi,
Seconded by Councillor Smith,

WHEREAS the Federal Government has announced in the recent budget that 18 million in funding for the Province of Manitoba can be used for Public Transit;

AND WHEREAS the Rapid Transit Task Force in 2005 recommended building Bus Rapid Transit with Phase One being the Southwest Corridor utilizing matching funding from the three levels of government;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Winnipeg endorses utilizing Manitoba's portion of the Federal transit money to build Phase one of BRT from downtown to Jubilee Avenue;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City of Winnipeg will negotiate a cost sharing agreement with the province in addition to using the recently announced Federal funding to be spent on phase one of the Southwest Bus Rapid Transit Corridor.

The Speaker ruled automatic referral to the Executive Policy Committee.

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

The motion to suspend the rule was put.

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

Yea: Councillors Gerbasi, Smith, Thomas and Vandal. 4

Nay: His Worship Mayor Katz, Councillors Browaty, Fielding, Leipsic, Nordman, Swandel and Lazarenko. 7

and the motion for suspension of the rule was declared lost

Executive Policy Committee – Motions (continued):

Minute No. 275
Moved by Councillor Gerbasi,
Seconded by His Worship Mayor Katz,

WHEREAS malaria is the leading killer of children in Africa, taking a child's life every 30 seconds;

AND WHEREAS on April 25, 2000, at the African Summit in Abuja, Nigeria, Africa Malaria Day was declared as April 25th as a commitment by all nations to halve the burden of Malaria by 2010;

AND WHEREAS April 25th is also known and recognized as World Malaria Day by the international community;

AND WHEREAS the United Nations acknowledges the importance of the need to halt and begin to reverse the incidence of malaria not only as a goal in itself, but as an essential path toward achieving all the Millennium Development Goals by the target year of 2015;

AND WHEREAS Canadian citizens make an immense contribution to improving quality of life in communities around the world through their efforts as volunteers and supporters of international cooperation and partnership;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg is committed to international cooperation and partnership to improve the quality of life of all people as demonstrated by its "Sister City's" projects;

AND WHEREAS the BUY-A-NET Malaria Prevention Group, a registered charitable Canadian citizen and volunteer driven initiative, based in Kingston with an active Winnipeg branch, believes that together, as united citizens against malaria, we can prevent malaria and alleviate the pain and suffering inflicted upon people [particularly children and pregnant women] in Africa through the procurement and distribution of long lasting insecticide treated bed nets and anti-malarial medicines free of charge, one village at a time;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg is known as "the Gateway to the West";

AND WHEREAS it takes so little to make a difference by providing nets to protect whole villages in Africa from malaria;

Executive Policy Committee – Motions (continued):

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Mayor Katz and City Council express support for the outstanding efforts of community groups such as BUY-A-NET for their work on Malaria Prevention.

Required to Stand as Notice of Motion in Accordance with Rule 17.1 of the Procedure By-law