EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

Moved by Councillor Wyatt,
Seconded by Councillor Smith,

WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg's existing regional road and bridge infrastructure funding deficit is now estimated at $115 million annually over the next ten years, in order to maintain an appropriate level of condition;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg's new strategic regional road and bridge infrastructure funding deficit is now estimated at $173 million annually over the next ten years, in order to maintain an appropriate level of condition;

AND WHEREAS when combined, in order to maintain an appropriate level of condition for existing and new strategic regional road and bridge infrastructure, an additional $288 million is required annually over the next ten years;

AND WHEREAS the projected capital budget for 2010 will see funding for regional streets fall from a high of $23 million in 2007 to a low of $6.2 million, due to lack of overall funding for all areas of infrastructure renewal;

AND WHEREAS a drop in funding in the City of Winnipeg Capital Regional Street Rehabilitation Budget is unacceptable and may seriously jeopardize the economic well being and standard of living of all Manitobans;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Manitoba announced on May 25th, 2009, that the annual provincial budget for highway and bridge renewal has more than doubled since 2006, allowing the Province to project that in the first three years of their 'historic' highway plan alone, an estimated $1.3 billion will be invested;

AND WHEREAS in actual terms, the 2009 Provincial highway renewal budget has increased from $423 million to $545 million, which represents an over 30 per cent increase from 2008, and more than triple the level of investments made in 1999;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Manitoba is responsible for Provincial highways that are located in every other municipality in Manitoba;

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT City Council call on the Province of Manitoba to fully fund the entire existing regional road and bridge system, as well as any future new strategic road and bridge infrastructure, in the City of Winnipeg, to an appropriate level of condition;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT should the Province of Manitoba refuse to fully fund Winnipeg's regional road and bridge system, that the City of Winnipeg formally request an amendment to the City of Winnipeg Charter Act in order to transfer, for the nominal cost of $1.00, all regional roads and bridges located inside the City of Winnipeg to the Province of Manitoba on the condition that they will now be charged for the full care, custody, and control of the said infrastructure to an appropriate condition level.