Agenda – Executive Policy Committee – March 10, 2010

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Item No. 4 Asset Management Program
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The following resolution is submitted to the Executive Policy Committee for consideration, namely:

WHEREAS on February 18, 2009, the City of Winnipeg Audit Department reported to City Council, though its report on Capital Project Management Audit, that "objective criteria be developed through consultation with Council and the Public Service to evaluate and prioritize capital projects to support a capital budget based on City wide priorities, sound asset management practices and projects where the greatest need and benefit is demonstrated";

AND WHEREAS on July 22, 2009, the City of Winnipeg Public Service reported to City Council that the City's existing and new strategic infrastructure deficits are estimated at a total of $7.4 billion over the next 10 years;

AND WHEREAS on January 20, 2010 the Federation of Canadian Municipalities released a poll which shows that 83% of Canadians believe that "the country's future prosperity will be at risk if we do not continue to improve and upgrade our infrastructure";

AND WHEREAS existing Asset Management (AM) programs worldwide focus on addressing infrastructure priorities by developing an asset inventory, evaluating asset conditions, and determining life cycle and cost replacement of assets;

AND WHEREAS other municipalities in North America have applied such Asset Management (AM) principles to assist decision-makers and citizens to plan for long-term investment and re-investment in infrastructure through capital budget processes;

AND WHEREAS Calgary's Corporate Asset Management Program includes a triple bottom line concept – assessing economic, social and environmental issues – in sectors including transportation, water and wastewater, and land use;

AND WHERAS over the last several years certain service areas within the City of Winnipeg have initiated asset management strategies, objectives and plans to support the provision of core services;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Winnipeg Public Service be directed to report back to the Executive Policy Committee in 180 days with a plan that includes:

(i) timelines and process for implementation of a City of Winnipeg asset management system that includes at minimum:

  (a) an asset inventory of all City of Winnipeg infrastructure;

  (b) a method for the ongoing evaluation of asset conditions; and

  (c) a method for the determination of life cycle and cost replacement of assets;

  (d) a flexible method for taking into account intergovernmental funding and other opportunities that may arise from time to time;

(ii) recommendations for incorporating a triple bottom line approach to all asset management decisions, in accordance with OurWinnipeg;

(iii) financial and human resource requirements; and

(iv) all other relevant considerations.