EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

MOTIONS

Minute No. 151
Moved by Councillor Wyatt,
Seconded by Councillor Gerbasi,

WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg has budgeted approximately $3.5 million in Capital dollars towards the purchase of a Police Helicopter;

AND WHEREAS Council has now been informed that today's annual operating costs of the said helicopter are approximately $1.3 million a year and subject to inflationary cost increases;

AND WHEREAS Council will consider requesting the Province of Manitoba to fund these said operating costs and future inflationary cost increases;

AND WHEREAS within the most recent collective agreement with the Winnipeg Police Association, the City of Winnipeg has obtained the ability to establish a Police Cadet Unit of up to 200 Cadets;

AND WHEREAS the Cadets will improve service to the citizens of Winnipeg by increasing the Winnipeg Police Service's (WPS) police presence in Downtown Winnipeg and other neighbourhoods in Winnipeg, assist the WPS in day to day duties as determined by the WPS, and will provide these services above and beyond the existing level of service at an economical cost to ratepayers when compared to conventional policing costs;

AND WHEREAS the Cadets will assist the WPS in its succession planning by acting as a potential pool of new recruits for the regular police service, thus further strengthening the existing WPS;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Winnipeg request the Province of Manitoba to directly fund 50 new Police Cadet positions, including any future inflationary cost increases for the salaries and services of the said positions;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that funding for another 50 new Police Cadet positions be included in the City of Winnipeg 2010 Operating Budget, thus establishing the total complement target for the new Police Cadet Unit in 2010 to be 100 Cadets.

Automatic Referral to the Executive Policy Committee in accordance with Rule 16.1 of the Procedure By-law

Executive Policy Committee - Motions (continued):

Minute No. 152
Moved by Councillor Wyatt,
Seconded by Councillor Vandal,

WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg has either frozen or cut property taxes for the last 12 years;

AND WHEREAS Winnipeg's existing infrastructure deficit has skyrocketed to over $380 million in 2009 dollars;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg has requested new tax revenues from the Province of Manitoba but has so far refused to consider its own property tax increase;

AND WHEREAS had the City of Winnipeg raised property taxes at the rate of inflation (2% a year or less) for the last 12 years, Winnipeg would have approximately $190 million in additional tax revenues today;

AND WHEREAS in his 2009 State of the City speech, Mayor Katz clearly outlined that Winnipeg's municipal property taxes are now some of the most competitive in Canada when compared to other big cities;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg's official position has been to call on the Province of Manitoba to remove the archaic practice of collecting Education Taxes on property;

AND WHEREAS the existing situation is not sustainable and requires immediate leadership from City Hall;

AND WHEREAS the local street renewal budget (residential streets) has consistently hovered in the $10 to $15 million range annually, not withstanding the fact that the local street and lane annual infrastructure deficit was estimated in 2009 to be $79 million;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council request that the 2010 Operating Budget include a 2% increase in property taxes, raising approximately $8.5 million, and that all such funds be dedicated to the 2010 Local Street Renewal Budget, therefore amending and increasing the 2010 Capital Budget with these additional funds.

Automatic Referral to the Executive Policy Committee in accordance with Rule 16.1 of the Procedure By-law

Executive Policy Committee - Motions (continued):

Minute No. 153
Moved by Councillor Wyatt,
Seconded by Councillor Lazarenko,

WHEREAS the Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) holds its Annual Convention of municipalities every year at the end of November;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg is a member of the AMM and should therefore encourage its members of Council to attend the annual convention;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg has unintentionally scheduled meetings of Council and Committees during the schedule of the four day AMM convention, making it difficult for members of Council to fully participate in the convention;

AND WHEREAS the AMM establishes the date of the convention at least two years in advance of the convention making it possible for the City of Winnipeg to schedule of all of its regular meetings to avoid a conflict with the convention dates;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council establish a precedent that no meetings of Council, including Committees of Council, be scheduled during the four day AMM convention schedule;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Winnipeg Public Service be requested to amend the 2010 Schedule of Council and Committee Meetings and that the amended schedule be forwarded to Council for consideration at the earliest opportunity.

Automatic Referral to the Executive Policy Committee in accordance with Rule 16.1 of the Procedure By-law

Executive Policy Committee - Motions (continued):

Minute No. 154
Moved by Councillor Wyatt,
Seconded by Councillor Smith,

WHEREAS Council amended the 2009 capital budget and increased funding for local sidewalk renewals by $600,000 from $400,000 to 1,000,000;

AND WHEREAS in the 2010 capital budget, Council did not maintain the $1,000,000 level of funding, but again approved only $400,000 for the funding for local sidewalks renewals;

AND WHEREAS funding for sidewalk renewals is included in both the capital and operating (current) budgets of the city and both include similar mandates, specifically the renewal of sidewalks;

AND WHEREAS, according to the Winnipeg Public Service, we are underfunding the renewal of our regional sidewalk network in both our capital and operating budgets by $500,000 and underfunding the renewal of our local sidewalk network in both our capital and operating budgets by $1,000,000, for a total of $1,500,000 of underfunding;

AND WHEREAS as per the proposed operating (current) budget for 2010 and approved capital budget for 2010, Winnipeg funds regional / local sidewalk renewal in both budgets by a total of $2,344,393;

AND WHEREAS notwithstanding this existing level of funding, according to the Winnipeg Public Service, the underfunding of sidewalk renewals by $1,500,000 is a part of Winnipeg's Infrastructure deficit and directly contributes to the growth of Winnipeg's infrastructure debt;

AND WHEREAS an increase of funding by another $1,500,000 a year for sidewalk renewals would, in effect, actually eliminate the infrastructure deficit for sidewalks, thus setting a positive precedent as we work towards addressing the remaining infrastructure challenge;

AND WHEREAS Council found resources to add $3.5 million to the 2010 capital budget to purchase a police helicopter in the name of making our city safer;

AND WHEREAS the deplorable state of many of our city's sidewalks poses a real safety hazard to pedestrians, especially for seniors and our youth;

Executive Policy Committee - Motions (continued):

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council include $1.5 million in additional funding for sidewalks, specifically $500,000 more for regional sidewalk renewal and $1 million more for local sidewalk renewal, in the 2010 Operating Budget, and that this would be in addition to the $900,000 approved in the 2010 capital budget for regional/local sidewalk renewals and in addition to the $1,444,393 as proposed in the 2010 operating (current) budget, for a grand total of $3,844,393 for regional/local sidewalk renewals.

Automatic Referral to the Executive Policy Committee in accordance with Rule 16.1 of the Procedure By-law