Agenda - Executive Policy Committee - April 23, 2003

REPORTS

Item No. 3. Civic Environmental Committee 2002 Annual Report
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ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION:

That this report be received as information.

COMMITTEE REPORT

RE: Civic Environmental Committee 2002 Annual Report

FOR SUBMISSION TO:	**Executive Policy Committee**
ORIGINAL REPORT SIGNED BY:	**Councillor Gord Steeves, Chair, Civic Environmental Committee**
REPORT DATE:	**April 7, 2003**

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That this report be received as information.

Report Summary

Key Issues:

- This report provides an overview of the Civic Environmental Committee's activities in 2002

Implications of the Recommendation(s):

General implications:
X None
? **For the organization overall &/or for other departments**
? **For the community and/or organizations external to the City**
? **Involves a multi-year contract**
Comment(s):

Policy implications:
X No
? **Yes Comment(s):**

Environmental implications:
? **No**
X Yes Comment(s): The annual report contributes to increased public understanding of the Civic Environmental Committee's activities and its role.

Human Resources implications:
X No
? Yes Comment(s):

Financial implications:

X **Within approved current and/or capital budget**

? **Current and/or capital budget adjustment required**

Comment(s):

Report

REASON FOR THE REPORT:

The Civic Environmental Committee is mandated by Council to produce an annual report.

HISTORY:

On December 19, 2001 Council approved the establishment of a Civic Environmental Committee to provide advice and report on environmental and sustainable development issues to City Council. The Committee has an extensive mandate that includes a requirement to submit an annual report to Council on the State of the Environment and Sustainability.

DISCUSSION:

As required the Civic Environmental Committee has developed its annual report for 2002. The 2002 annual report is the first report of the Civic Environmental Committee. This report can be considered a transitional report with respect to format and content. A key aspect of the CEC's mandate is to engage citizens, Council and the administration on environmental issues and to promote solutions that result in improved environmental quality and long-term sustainability. The CEC undertook, supported and participated in many environmentally related events, activities and initiatives in 2002. The Annual Report focuses on the Committee's activities in 2002 as it worked to understand its role and undertake various initiatives to begin to advance its required mandate.

The committee recognizes that as it advances its mandate and continues to work with the administration and Council on various initiatives that the Annual Report will change. The Committee expects that the Annual Report will evolve over time to become more of a monitoring and reporting document on trends and progress toward key objectives and targets of Council on environmental issues. As the committee continues to develop its comprehensive long term strategy, future annual reports will become more of a "State of the Environment Report" that will describe progress made on priority areas identified in the strategy and the various action plans developed from the strategy. Such a format will allow Council and the public to understand what progress has been made on various environmental issues and will also allow for Winnipeg to review and revisit it's priorities over time as initiatives are undertaken.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

There is no financial impact. Costs associated with the production of the Annual Report are covered within current approved budget for the Civic Environmental Committee.

IN PREPARING THIS REPORT THERE WAS CONSULTATION WITH, AND CONCURRENCY BY:

The Civic Environmental Committee and the Internal Administrative Advisory Committee, which includes: Public Works Department, Water and Waste Department, Community Services Department, Property Planning and Development, Corporate Finance and Winnipeg Transit

THIS REPORT SUBMITTED BY:

Civic Environmental Committee

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