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REPORTS

Item No. 1 Infrastructure Funding Council – New Relationships: A New Order, A balanced approach to funding Municipal Infrastructure in Manitoba

The Infrastructure Funding Council has submitted its report entitled "New Relationships: A New Order, A balanced approach to funding municipal infrastructure in Manitoba" dated May, 2011.

The following resolution is submitted to the Executive Policy Committee for consideration:

WHEREAS Winnipeg's existing infrastructure deficit is $3.8 Billion;

AND WHEREAS Winnipeg's new infrastructure deficit (strategic projects needed to fuel growth on the further and satisfy expanding population demands) is estimated at $3.6 Billion;

AND WHEREAS, 94% of Manitobans see infrastructure as a high priority (according to a poll of 1000 citizens in 2009);

AND WHEREAS The Government of Canada refunds 100% of GST to The City of Winnipeg;

AND WHEREAS in recognition of the above facts on May 21, 2010, the City of Winnipeg and the Association of Manitoba Municipalities ("AMM") jointly established the Infrastructure Funding Council ("IFC") which was given a mandate to develop a comprehensive infrastructure funding strategy which includes:

- recommendations regarding internal infrastructure funding options within the control of the municipalities, including a priority ranking of such options
- recommendations regarding external infrastructure funding options requiring intergovernmental negotiation and/or approval, including a priority ranking of such proposed options
- an implementation plan for the recommendation external options
- supporting background information and documentation for all recommended;

WHEREAS the Infrastructure Funding Council has produced a report strongly encouraging actions on the part of all three levels of government;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City directs the public service to review all of the recommendations of the IFC;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT The City of Winnipeg receives:

1. From the Province of Manitoba – a dedicated infrastructure funding (for all AMM members) equal to 1% of existing PST (over and above 2011 provincial budget allocation);

2. From the Province of Manitoba - the Rebate of PST paid by municipalities to the provincial government;

3. From the Government of Canada - Permanent (and indexed) transfers to municipalities of the federal Gas Tax Fund.