Minutes – Executive Policy Committee – June 1, 2011

REPORTS

Minute No. 302 Infrastructure Funding Council – New Relationships: A New Order, A balanced approach to funding Municipal Infrastructure in Manitoba

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee resolved that the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to review all of the recommendations of the Infrastructure Funding Council.

The Executive Policy Committee further resolved that the City of Winnipeg receives:

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

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

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

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

The Chairperson called Deputy Mayor Swandel to the Chair in order to move the following motion:

Moved by His Worship Mayor Katz,

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 Infrastructure Funding Council;

DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT The City of Winnipeg receives:

1. From the Province of Manitoba – a dedicated infrastructure funding (for all Association of Manitoba Municipalities 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;

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Carried

The Chairperson resumed the Chair.