Minutes – Executive Policy Committee – March 13, 2012

DELEGATIONS

Minute No. 181
The following persons were heard with respect to the Preliminary 2012 Operating Budget and Financial Plan for 2013 and 2014:

- Councillor R. Eadie, Mynarski Ward, was heard with respect to the Handi-Transit service, in particular, trip cancellations and service improvements, as well as increasing the Winnipeg Public Library materials budget by $135,000, and allocating an extra $300,000 to expand recreational/pleasure skating ice surfaces in neighbourhoods that are not located near other ice rinks.

- Barbara Judt, Chief Executive Officer, Osborne House Inc., was heard in support of an annual operating grant in the amount of $450,000, and submitted a copy of their funding proposal along with a summary of donations and fundraising from 2004 to 2011, details of costs for their various shelter facilities, and a booklet titled Global Data Count 2011. (See Submission No. 1)

- Carman Johnston, Capital and Endowment Campaign Manager, Prairie Theatre Exchange, was heard and submitted documentation, in support of their request for one-time grant funding in the amount of $20,000 for their Capital Campaign. (See Submission No. 2)

- Wally Skomoroh, Canadian Union of Public Employees National Staff Representative, was heard and submitted documentation in support of the proposed tax increase and with respect to several aspects of the Preliminary 2012 Operating Budget. (See Submission No. 3)

- Wendy Land accompanied by Bonnie Dickie, Trees Action Group (TAG) were heard with respect to increasing funding for the Dutch Elm Disease Control Program, tree planting, pruning and removal, and submitted supporting documentation. (See Submission No. 4)

  Ms Land also spoke in support of the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works directing the Winnipeg Public Service to report back to Standing Committee in 180 days with a comprehensive strategy, outlining potential options and their associated costs to enhance protection of our urban forest from Dutch Elm Disease.

DELEGATIONS (continued)

- Cindy Tugwell, Executive Director, Heritage Winnipeg Corporation, was heard and submitted documentation, in support of increasing their 2012 operating grant by $15,000. (See Submission No. 5)

- Angie McCaughan, Chairperson, KidSport Winnipeg Region, was heard and submitted documentation in support of their request for an annual operating grant of $37,149 to mirror the assistance received by children getting support through the community centres. (See Submission No. 6)

- Laird Rankin, (Past) Chair, Yude Henteleff, Board Member, Sheila Spence, Board Member and Dominic Lloyd, Program/Arts Development Manager, Winnipeg Arts Council Inc., were heard in support of a multi-year funding agreement and a funding increase of $500,000, which could be phased-in over 5 years ($100,000 per year).

- Yude Henteleff was heard with respect to the impacts of Dutch Elm Disease in Henteleff Park in Winnipeg and in support of continuing funding for this important program.

- Jane Runner, Program Manager, Transition Education and Resources for Females (TERF) / New Directions, accompanied by Phil Dlot, Hold Zone Inc., were heard and submitted documentation in support of a one-time grant of $75,000 towards their housing transition project for youth. (See Submission No. 7)

- Ken Guilford was heard in opposition to the proposed 20 cents transit fare increase and with respect to proposed changes to the cancellation policy for the Handi-Transit service.

- Dave Mouland was heard in opposition to the proposed 20 cents transit fare increase.

- Jess Turner, Co-Chair, Manitoba League for Persons with Disabilities, was heard in opposition to the proposed 20 cents transit fare increase.

- Peter Miller, Chair, Green Action Centre Policy Committee, was heard and submitted documentation, with respect to proposed principles for sustainable budgeting for transportation infrastructure. (See Submission No. 8)

DELEGATIONS (continued)

- Dennis Lewycky, Executive Director, Social Planning Council, was heard with respect to increasing funding for neighbourhood revitalization and social programs, recognizing that increases in user fees impact low-income individuals, and preparing a budget that is socially fair and fiscally responsible.

- Nick Ternette was heard with respect to accessibility for wheelchairs on Winnipeg Transit during evening events in the Downtown, and in opposition to proposed reductions in Handi-Transit services.

- Harry Wolbert was heard in opposition to the proposed 20 cents transit fare increase and with respect to proposed reductions in Handi-Transit service.

- Gisèle Roch, Réseau action femmes, was heard with respect to impacts of the proposed 20 cents transit fare increase.

The Executive Policy Committee also received submissions from the following individuals / organizations with respect to the Preliminary 2012 Operating Budget and Financial Plan for 2013 and 2014:

1. Barbara Judt, Chief Executive Officer, Osborne House Inc.

2. Carman Johnston, Capital and Endowment Campaign Manager, Prairie Theatre Exchange

3. Wally Skomoroh, Canadian Union of Public Employees

4. Wendy Land, Trees Action Group (TAG)

5. Cindy Tugwell, Executive Director, Heritage Winnipeg Corporation

6. Angie McCaughan, Chairperson, KidSport Winnipeg Region

7. Jane Runner, Program Manager, Transition Education and Resources for Females (TERF) / New Directions

8. Peter Miller, Chair, Green Action Centre Policy Committee

9. Chris Lorenc, President, Manitoba Heavy Construction Association

Submissions (continued)

10. Greg Unger, Executive Director, Big Brothers Big Sisters of Winnipeg

11. Ben Kolisnyk, Policy Analyst, Prairie, Canadian Federation of Independent Business

Moved by Councillor Fielding,

That the delegations and presentations pertaining to the 2012 Operating Budget and Financial Plan for 2013 and 2014, be received as information and that the matters brought forward be referred to the Operating Budget deliberations by the Executive Policy Committee on March 14, 2012.

Carried