Winnipeg

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE
DISPOSITION OF ITEMS

MARCH 14, 2012

MEMBERS PRESENT: His Worship Mayor Katz, Chairperson
Deputy Mayor Swandel
Councillor Browaty
Councillor Fielding
Councillor Vandal
Councillor Wyatt

COMMITTEE CLERK: Jo-Ann I. Park, Manager of the Decision Making Process
City Clerk's Department

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		REPORTS	
182	Community Incentive Grant Program Review	The Executive Policy Committee granted an extension of time until April 18, 2012, in order for the Winnipeg Public Service to review the Community Incentive Grant Program and report back as requested by Committee on January 11, 2012, on the following: 1. The elimination red tape; 2. Clarify the criteria for approval; 3. Examine this issue specifically as not meeting the criteria for being non-profit.	Chief Administrative Officer Director of Community Services
183	Agreement with the Government of Canada to Deliver Homelessness Partnering Strategy Funding in Winnipeg	The Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Winnipeg Public Service and recommends to Council: 1. That the City of Winnipeg enter into an agreement with the Government of Canada to assume the role as Community Entity for delivery of Homelessness Partnering Strategy funding in Winnipeg through March 31, 2014, and that the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to finalize and approve the terms and conditions of such agreement in accordance with the Winnipeg Public Service report. 2. That the Chief Administrative Officer be delegated authority to approve and manage delivery of funding for sub-projects under Designated Communities and Aboriginal Homelessness funding streams. 3. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.	Council
184	2012 Business Improvement Zone Levies	The Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Winnipeg Public Service and recommends to Council: 1. That the following 2012 Business Improvement Zone budgets be approved and that the necessary by-laws required to set and impose a zone levy to be applied to the annual rental value of each business within each zone in 2012 be adopted, namely: A. Academy Road Business Improvement Zone B. Corydon Avenue Business Improvement Zone C. Downtown Winnipeg Business Improvement Zone D. Exchange District Business Improvement Zone	Council

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		E. North End Business Improvement Zone F. Norwood Grove Business Improvement Zone G. Old St. Vital Business Improvement Zone H. Osborne South Business Improvement Zone I. Osborne Village Business Improvement Zone J. ZAC Boulevard Provencher Boulevard Business Improvement Zone K. Zone d'amélioration commerciale Saint-Norbert Business Improvement Zone L. Selkirk Avenue Business Improvement Zone M. St. James Village Business Improvement Zone N. Transcona Business Improvement Zone O. West Broadway Business Improvement Zone P. West End Business Improvement Zone 2. That the City Treasurer be directed to make payment to the Board of each zone in accordance with the Business Improvement Zone Procedures By-law No. 8111/2002. 3. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing, including the submission of the necessary by-law.	
185	Animal Services Special Operating Agency – 2012 - 2014 Business Plan (Selection Report)	The Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendations of the Alternate Service Delivery Committee and the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services and recommends to Council: 1. That the 2012 Business Plan (Selection Report) for the Animal Services Special Operating Agency, including the 2012 budget, be approved and the 2013 – 2014 financial projections as tabled in Appendix A, be received as information. 2. That the tax supported funding for the Animal Services Special Operating Agency of $1,302,504 annually for 2012, and $1,297,186 for 2013 and 2014, be approved, subject to confirmation in the annual tax supported budget process (See Financial Projection, Appendix A). 3. That fees and charges as outlined on Appendix C be approved. 4. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.	Council

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186	Access Advisory Committee – Amendment to Terms of Reference	The Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Access Advisory Committee and recommends to Council: 1. That the definition of Disability in the Terms of Reference for the Access Advisory Committee (Attachment 1) be amended to add "Invisible disabilities" at the end of the list of disabilities. 2. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.	Council
COMMITTEE REPORTS			
	Standing Policy Committee on Downtown Development, Heritage and Riverbank Management Report dated March 5, 2012	No Report	Nil
187 - 192	Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development Report dated March 6, 2012	The Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendations for Items 1 to 4 and 6 of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development and forwarded the items to Council. The Executive Policy Committee laid over Item 5 to its meeting on April 18, 2012.	Council Executive Policy Committee
193 - 198	Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works Report dated March 5, 2012 adjourned to March 6, 2012	The Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation for Items 1 to 6 of the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works and forwarded the items to Council.	Council
	Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services Report dated March 9, 2012	No Report	Nil
	Standing Policy Committee on Finance Report dated March 8, 2012	Meeting Cancelled - No Report	Nil
OPERATING BUDGET REVIEW			
199	Adjustment to Board of Adjustment / Board of Revision Compensation	The Executive Policy Committee received as information the report from the Winnipeg Public Service dated April 8, 2011, on adjustments to the Board of Adjustment / Board of Revision Compensation.	Nil
200	Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works – Operating Budget	The Executive Policy Committee received as information the March 6, 2012, recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works pertaining to the Preliminary 2012 Operating Budget and Financial Plans for	Nil

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	Recommendations	2013 and 2014.	
201	Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development – Operating Budget Recommendations	The Executive Policy Committee received as information the March 6, 2012, recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development pertaining to the Preliminary 2012 Operating Budget and Financial Plans for 2013 and 2014.	Nil
202	Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services – Operating Budget Recommendations	The Executive Policy Committee received as information the March 9, 2012, recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services pertaining to the Preliminary 2012 Operating Budget and Financial Plans for 2013 and 2014.	Nil
203	Executive Policy Committee – Final Recommendation – Preliminary 2012 Operating Budget and Financial Plans for 2013 and 2014	The Executive Policy Committee recommends to Council: 1. That the 2012 Preliminary Operating Budget, including the budgets for reserves (Appendix 2), tabled at the Executive Policy Committee on February 28, 2012, and amended by Recommendation No. 3, be approved. 2. That the 2013 and 2014 projections, tabled at the Executive Policy Committee on February 28, 2012, and as amended by Recommendation 3, be received as information on the preliminary financial plans for those years. 3. That the following adjustments to the 2012 Preliminary Operating Budget and the 2013 and 2014 Financial Plan, as tabled at the Executive Policy Committee on March 14, 2012, be made: A. That the Winnipeg Public Library materials budget be increased by $135,000, subject to the Province of Manitoba (Culture, Heritage and Tourism) removing the cap on library funding for the City of Winnipeg (The Public Libraries Act - Public Libraries Allocation of Grants Regulation). B. That an extra $150,000 annually be allocated to expand recreational pleasure skating ice surfaces in neighbourhoods that are not located near other ice rinks. C. That the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to report back to Standing Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works 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.	Council

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		D. That the Council Decision of November 16, 2011, for a transit fare increase of 20 cents for new Rapid Transit Development be rescinded, inasmuch as the Council Decision was predicated on the Province of Manitoba agreeing that there would be no (negative) impact to the current operational funding, and the Province of Manitoba has since advised the City of Winnipeg that they are not prepared to amend the Transit Cost Sharing Agreement to fund new Rapid Transit Development. E. That the annual grant funding for Heritage Winnipeg Corporation be increased by $2,500. F. That the annual grant funding for Winnipeg Arts Council Inc. be increased by $50,000, with the understanding that 100% of the increase be utilized for arts projects/grants and not administration. G. That a grant of $7,500 cash and $3,000 in-kind services be approved for the Manito Ahbee Festival Inc., with offsets to corporate accounts. 4. That the City's mill rate be reduced from 15.295 to 14.056 for 2012 to reflect the effect of the general assessment, adjusted for new assessable properties, and for the purposes of raising revenue as required for the annual estimates. 5. A. That the City's business tax rate be reduced from 6.39% to 5.9% for 2012 to reflect the general assessment. Note: 2012 business tax revenue will remain at 2011 levels, adjusted for new assessable businesses; and B. That the Small Business Tax Credit by-law be enacted under Subsection 219(2) of The City of Winnipeg Charter, which will provide a full rebate of municipal business taxes for businesses with an annual rental value of $22,680 or less in 2012. 6. That the fees, levies, and transfers between funds outlined in the 2012 Preliminary Operating Budget be approved.	

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7. A. That the following Emergency Medical Service rates be approved to bring the rate charged to residents of Winnipeg to the same level as the rate charged to other Manitobans:

Proposed Emergency Medical Service Rates (Per Call) (in dollars)	Present Rate	Proposed April 1, 2012
Emergency Medical Service		
City Rate	383	479
Regional Rate	479	479
Basic Rate	767	767
Inter-facility Transfer Service		
City Rate	306	383
Regional Rate	383	383
Basic Rate	613	613
Treatment No Transport Service		
City Rate	153	192
Regional Rate	192	192
Basic Rate	306	306

B. That the City finalize negotiations with the Province of Manitoba and the Winnipeg Regional Health Authority with respect to a new cost-sharing agreement for emergency medical services; and

C. That the cost-sharing agreement include a provision to ensure that the revenue generated by the change in rate policy noted above reduces the subsidy provided by City of Winnipeg taxpayers to this health-related service as health is the responsibility of the Province of Manitoba.

8. That $6,130,811 in prior years' tax supported capital surplus identified in the recent capital review be utilized to reduce the transfer to the General Capital Fund in the 2012 tax supported operating budget.

9. That the schedule of fees and charges for Cemetery products and services in Appendix 5 be approved.

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		10. That the Director of Legal Services and City Solicitor be requested to submit the necessary by-laws to implement the above recommendations. 11. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the foregoing, including the execution of any documents related thereto.	