EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

MOTIONS

Minute No. 343
Moved by Councillor Swandel,
Seconded by Councillor Wyatt,

WHEREAS Council has included a 2016 completion for the Southwest Transitway in the Transportation Master Plan;

AND WHEREAS the current estimated cost is $300 million dollars;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Manitoba have initiated an additional $35 Vehicle Registration charge from $119 to $154;

AND WHEREAS the Province is expecting an additional $17 million dollars in prorated revenue for 2012/2013 budget year related to this increase;

AND WHEREAS a full year should create approximately $20 million of new revenue just in the City of Winnipeg;

AND WHEREAS the City had previously identified this as a possible funding source to deal with the municipal infrastructure deficit including Rapid Transit;

AND WHEREAS the Premier has publicly stated that he supports doing the next phase of Rapid Transit and that his government is a champion of Rapid Transit;

AND WHEREAS the Premier will not allow the City to realize the full value of a transit fare increase to help fund Rapid Transit expansion;

AND WHEREAS the Province has short term deficit issues to address;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City request of the Province that funds raised by the new Vehicle Registration charge be unconditionally dedicated to sustainable municipal infrastructure including Rapid Transit and allocated to municipalities;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City of Winnipeg allocation be dedicated as a cash flow to fund debt required to build the 2nd phase of the Southwest Transitway;

Executive Policy Committee – Motions (continued):

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT said funds not flow until January 1st, 2016 in order to assist the Province in dealing with its short term deficit.

Required to Stand as Notice of Motion in Accordance with Rule 17.1 of the Procedure By-law

Minute No. 344
Moved by His Worship Mayor Katz,
Seconded by Councillor Wyatt,

WHEREAS modern infrastructure is key to supporting the City of Winnipeg's economy and creating a vibrant community;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg has been unable to make the required improvements to its infrastructure primarily due to the financial structure of municipal governments and their limited sources of revenue;

AND WHEREAS the cost to raise the average condition of the City's infrastructure to an appropriate asset management condition has been estimated at $3.5 billion growing to $7.4 billion over the next 10 years;

AND WHEREAS currently, only 6.3% of all taxes paid by Winnipeggers go to the City Government with 93.7% going to the other levels of government, an actual decrease over the years – it was 7.9% in 1997;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Manitoba percentage increase in the grants to the City of Winnipeg is dead last when compared to other large Canadian cities;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg has been relentless in its attempts to negotiate and advocate for long-term, inflation-adjusted, dedicated funding from the other levels of government for infrastructure funding;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Canada has allocated gas tax funding to municipalities of which the City of Winnipeg receives $41 million annually;

Executive Policy Committee – Motions (continued):

AND WHEREAS Winnipeg City Council and the Association of Manitoba Municipalities have previously asked the Province of Manitoba to provide one point of the existing provincial sales tax (PST) over and above funds that are already received, which would be dedicated as a stable, reliable source of funding for municipal infrastructure;

AND WHEREAS on April 17, 2012 the Province of Manitoba announced a 2.5 cent per litre increase on gasoline and diesel tax to fund infrastructure;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Manitoba have budgeted $296 million in gas tax revenue in their 2012 budget;

AND WHEREAS every 1 cent of tax on both gasoline and diesel generates about $12 million for the City on a per capita basis therefore generating approximately $30 million within the City of Winnipeg alone;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Winnipeg request the Province of Manitoba to transfer the revenue generated from the 2.5 cent per litre increase in the gasoline tax directly to the municipalities to address infrastructure requirements over and above existing funding levels.

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