

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

NOTICE OF MOTIONS

Minute No. 396

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;

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;

Executive Policy Committee – Notice of Motions (continued):

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.

In amendment,

Moved by Councillor Mayes,
Seconded by Councillor Smith,

That the Notice of Motion moved by His Worship Mayor Katz and Councillor Wyatt regarding Gas Tax be amended by deleting the following clause:

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

The motion to amend the motion moved by His Worship Mayor Katz and Councillor Wyatt was put.

Councillor Wyatt called for the yeas and nays, which were as follows:

Yea: His Worship Mayor Katz, Councillors Browaty, Eadie, Fielding, Gerbasi, Havixbeck, Mayes, Orlikow, Pagtakhan, Sharma, Smith, Steen, Swandel, Vandal, Wyatt and Councillor Nordman.

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Nay:

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and the motion to amend the motion moved by His Worship Mayor Katz and Councillor Wyatt was declared carried.

The motion moved by His Worship Mayor Katz and Councillor Wyatt, as amended, and as noted below, was put.

Executive Policy Committee – Notice of Motions (continued):

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Executive Policy Committee – Notice of Motions (continued):

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Nay:

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and the motion moved by His Worship Mayor Katz and Councillor Wyatt, as amended, was declared carried.