Minute No. 434
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Item No. 2 Identification of Specific Allocated Revenues for Programs / Projects in the Capital Budget

COUNCIL DECISION:

Council concurred in the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee and adopted the following:

1. That the May 30, 2012 Council Motion, pertaining to Identification of Specific Allocated Revenues for Programs / Projects in the Capital Budget, be filed.

2. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by His Worship Mayor Katz,
That the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee be adopted.

Carried

Councillors Eadie and Gerbasi asked to be recorded as having voted against the item, in accordance with Rule No. 47.7 of the Procedure By-law.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On June 6, 2012, the Executive Policy Committee recommended that the May 30, 2012 Council Motion, pertaining to Identification of Specific Allocated Revenues for Programs / Projects in the Capital Budget be filed, and submitted the matter to Council.

COUNCIL DECISION:

On May 30, 2012, Council ruled automatic referral of the following motion to the Executive Policy Committee:

Moved by Councillor Eadie,
Seconded by Councillor Orlikow,

WHEREAS Winnipeg's City Council is seeking additional revenue streams to pay for infrastructure deficits;

AND WHEREAS transparency and accountability are essential to the spending of residents and businesses tax dollars so they know their money is being spent on budget items they are told the tax pays for;

AND WHEREAS matching revenue to expenditures is an important principle in public accountability for tax payer dollars;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg's current capital budget process does not identify all the specific revenue streams for each of the capital programs at the time Council votes on the capital budget;

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

COUNCIL DECISION (continued):

AND WHEREAS tax revenue such as the tax bill defined "street renewal frontage levy" does not get clearly reported as to what specific capital budget programs the tax is paying for;

AND WHEREAS the Executive Policy Committee's selected budget committee members and the City of Winnipeg's management have a very, good handle on what revenue streams will be used to pay for the estimated cost being voted on at Council;

AND WHEREAS the five year capital forecast is adjusted to reflect current estimated costs in subsequent years;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the appropriate Committee have the City administration undertake the steps required to identify the specific allocated revenues used to pay for the capital programs and projects in the capital budget so City Council votes on all costs and revenues in the 2013 Annual Capital Budget - 2014 to 2018 Five-Year Capital Forecast.