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Moved by Councillor

That Rule 10(3) of The Procedure By-law No. 50/2007 be suspended in order that the following item, which was received less than 96 hours preceding the committee meeting, be considered by Committee.

ADDENDUM REPORTS

Item No. 11 2014 Operating and Capital Budget Consultations

STANDING COMMITEE RECOMMENDATION:

On December 3, 2012, the Standing Policy Committee on Finance recommended to the Executive Policy Committee:

1. That the City initiate a new process for budget consultations starting in the first half of 2013 to assist with the development of the 2014 Capital and Operating budgets, which may include but not be limited to, focus groups, public meetings, polling and online input.

2. That funds be earmarked for the 2013 Operating Budget to host these budget consultations.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On December 3, 2012, the Standing Policy Committee on Finance passed the following motion:

WHEREAS the City previously approved the Capital and Operating budget at two distinct times;

AND WHEREAS the City previously held two separate budget consultation sessions for the Operating and Capital budgets to engage citizens and stakeholders;

AND WHEREAS the City has recently changed the timing and process in which both the 2013 Operating and Capital Budgets are tabled and passed, stemming from a recommendation which came from the 2008 Capital Project Management Audit;

AND WHEREAS a budget consultation process at this time would not allow the citizens or stakeholders of Winnipeg to be fully engaged with their recommendations and suggestions;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the City initiate a new process for budget consultations starting in the first half of 2013 to assist with the development of the 2014 Capital and Operating budgets, which may include but not be limited to, focus groups, public meetings, polling and online input.

2. That funds be earmarked for the 2013 Operating Budget to host these budget consultations,

and forwarded to the Executive Policy Committee.