Minutes – Executive Policy Committee – January 16, 2013

DELEGATIONS on the 2013 BUDGET REVIEW

Minute No. 96

The following persons were heard with respect to the 2013 Preliminary Capital Budget and 2014 to 2018 Five-Year Forecast, as well as the 2013 – 2015 Preliminary Operating Budget:

- Councillor B. Mayes, St. Vital Ward, was heard in support of the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Work as it relates to the transit safety strategy. He requested a reduction in the proposed increase to the Councillors' Representation Allowances so that grants, especially funding to museums, can be restored.

- Councillor G. Gerbasi, Fort Rouge – East Fort Garry Ward, was heard in support of the funding for rapid transit, the local street renewal program reserve, and the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works as it relates to funding for Crescent Drive Park. She was heard in opposition to the reduced grant funding to museums and other organizations, and the exclusion of funding for Sherbrook Pool. She also suggested that funding for the Office of Policy Development and Communications be reallocated elsewhere and the increase to the Councillors' Representation Allowance be reviewed by a third party for recommendation.

- Councillor R. Eadie, Mynarski Ward, was heard in support of the local street renewal program reserve, forestry and the Dutch Elm Disease Control Program, funding for the transit safety strategy proposed by the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works, and the increase to the Councillors' Representation Allowance. He was heard in opposition to the acceleration of the ASD review, the decrease in grant funds to the museums and other organizations, and the exclusion of funding for Sherbrook School.

- Councillor J. Orlikow, River Heights – Fort Garry Ward, suggested that the proposed increase to the Councillors' Representation Allowance and the funding for the creation of the Office of Policy Development and Communications be allocated to the Dutch Elm Disease Strategy, the Sherbrook Pool, refurbishment of arenas and community centres, the Heritage Tax Credit Reserve, and restoring grants to museums and other organizations.

- Councillor J. Swandel, St. Norbert Ward, was heard in opposition to the Councillors' Representation Allowance increase, suggested the restoration of grant funds to non-government organizations, reductions in funding to the Office of Policy Development and Communications, project management and additional staff to process permits. He further suggested that the time value of certain budgeted projects be considered.

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- Councillor H. Smith, Daniel McIntyre Ward, was heard in support of the Dutch Elm Disease Strategy, the local street renewal program reserve, and funding for rapid transit, and in opposition to the exclusion of funding for Sherbrook School.

- Councillor Nordman, St. Charles Ward, was heard in support of the proposed increase to the Councillors' Representation Allowance.

- Dennis Lewycky, Executive Director, Social Planning Council, was heard in opposition to the reduction in grant funding to non-profit organizations and community agencies, the proposed property tax increase, the Councillors' Representation Allowance funding increase and the creation of the Office of Policy Development and Communications. He was heard in support of the local street renewal program reserve, Rapid Transit, the Dutch Elm Disease strategy, and funding for the Aboriginal Youth Strategy.

- Bill Zuk, Board Chair, Winnipeg Public Library Board, was heard in support of the library redevelopment strategy and requested that the funding to the library materials budget be increased to $135,000.

- Philippe Mailhot, Director, and Jean-Paul Gobeil, Board Chair, Le Musée de Saint-Boniface Museum, were heard in opposition to the reduction in grant funding to Le Musée de Saint-Boniface Museum.

- Ben Kolisnyk and Janine Carmichael, Canadian Federation of Independent Business, provided a response to the Operating Budget on behalf of small business, requested the tax increase not exceed inflation, and that there a timeline be established for the elimination of the business tax.

- Chris Lorenc, President, Manitoba Heavy Construction Association, was heard in support of the 2013 Preliminary Operating and Capital Budgets including the additional funding for the Councillors' Representation Allowance and suggested the creation of an Economic Development Office to implement strategies to expand the economy.

- Mark Cohoe, Bike to the Future, was heard with respect to Active Transportation, and submitted supporting documentation which has been placed on file in the City Clerk's Department. (See Submission No. 1)

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- Chuck Davidson, Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce, was heard in support of increasing Alternate Service Delivery, the creation of the Office of Policy Development and Communications, in opposition to the reduction in grants to Museums and not for profit organizations, the increase to the Councillors' Representation Allowance, and encouraged the elimination of the business tax.

- William Dowie, Chair, and Matthew Komus, Museum Coordinator, City of Winnipeg Museum Board, provided a PowerPoint Presentation, and were heard with respect to the reduction of grant funding to museums. (See Submission No. 2)

- Colin Craig, Canadian Taxpayers Federation, was heard in opposition to the increase in the Councillors' Representation Allowance, funding for the creation of the Office of Policy Development and Communications and suggested the City be more aggressive in contracting out City services.

- Diane Doth, Executive Director, Manitoba Children's Museum, provided a PowerPoint Presentation and was heard with respect to the reduction of grant funding to the Manitoba Children's Museum. (See Submission No. 3)

- Thomas Novak, Winnipeg Rapid Transit Coalition, was heard in support of the funding for Rapid Transit.

- Matthew Morrison and Wendy Land, Trees Action Group, were heard in support of the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Work as it relates to the enhanced strategy for Dutch Elm Disease, and submitted supporting documentation which has been placed on file in the City Clerk's Department. (See Submission No. 4)

- Lynne Fernandez, Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, was heard in opposition to the reduction of grant funding to museums and organizations, and in support of raising business tax in order to increase revenue. She submitted supporting documentation which has been placed on file in the City Clerk's Department. (See Submission No. 5)

- Dave Sauer, President, Winnipeg Labour Council, was heard in support of the local street renewal program reserve, transit funding, and the Dutch Elm Disease Strategy. He was heard in opposition to vacancy management, the acceleration of Alternative Service Delivery (ASD) review, the reduction in grant funding to museums and other organizations, and the increase to the Councillors' Representation Allowance.

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- Mary Longbottom, Board Vice Chair, and Barry Hillman, Ways and Means Committee Vice Chair, St. James-Assiniboia Museum Board (Historical Museum Association of St. James-Assiniboia), provided a PowerPoint Presentation, and were heard in opposition to the reduction in funding for museums. (See Submission No. 6)

- Lukas Thiessen, Abigail Auld, and Alexandra Kroeger, Masters Students of Tutorial Practices, University of Winnipeg, were heard in opposition to the reduction in funding for museums, and submitted supporting documentation which has been placed on file in the City Clerk's Department. (See Submission No. 7)

- Rose Kamins and Louise Lamb, were heard in opposition to the exclusion of funding for Sherbrook Pool.

Moved by Councillor Vandal

That Rule 51(1) of The Procedure By-law No. 50/2007 be suspended to allow SiegFred Hiebert to address the Committee.

Carried

- SiegFred Hiebert, was heard in opposition to the exclusion of funding for Sherbrook Pool.

The Executive Policy Committee also received submissions from the following individuals / organizations with respect to the 2013 Preliminary Capital Budget and 2014 to 2018 Five-Year Forecast, as well as the 2013 – 2015 Preliminary Operating Budget:

1. Mark Cohoe, President, Bike to the Future
2. William Dowie, Chair, and Matthew Komus, Museum Coordinator, City of Winnipeg Museums Board
3. Diane Doth, Executive Director, Manitoba Children's Museum
4. Matthew Morrison and Wendy Land, Trees Action Group
5. Lynne Fernandez, Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives
6. Mary Longbottom, Board Vice Chair, and Barry Hillman, Ways and Means Committee Vice Chair, St. James-Assiniboia Museum Board (Historical Museum Association of St. James-Assiniboia)
7. Lukas Thiessen, Abigail Auld, and Alexandra Kroeger, Masters Students of Tutorial Practices, University of Winnipeg

DELEGATIONS on the 2013 BUDGET REVIEW (continued)

Moved by Deputy Mayor Wyatt,

That the delegations and presentations pertaining to the 2013 Preliminary Capital Budget and 2014 to 2018 Five-Year Forecast, as well as the 2013 – 2015 Preliminary Operating Budget, be received as information and that the matters brought forward be referred to the Budget Review deliberations by the Executive Policy Committee on January 23, 2013.

Carried