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2013 BUDGET REVIEW

Minute No. 137 2014 Operating and Capital Budget Consultations

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE DECISION:

The Executive Policy Committee received as information the December 3, 2012, recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Finance with respect to a new process for budget consultations.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Deputy Mayor Wyatt,

That the December 3, 2012, recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Finance with respect to a new process for budget consultations be received as information.

Carried

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On December 5, 2012, the Executive Policy Committee referred the recommendations of the Standing Policy Committee on Finance to the 2013 Capital and Operating Budget process.

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.