EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

MOTIONS

Minute No. 487
Moved by Councillor Orlikow,
Seconded by Councillor Eadie,

WHEREAS all Councillors are elected to represent the people of Winnipeg;

AND WHEREAS specific issues arise which have a significant impact on all the people of Winnipeg;

AND WHEREAS Council Seminars may not provide all Councillors the opportunity to have input that represents the need of the people they are elected by;

AND WHEREAS involving all Councillors in the decision making process will improve communication, ensure full public representation and enhance support for Council initiatives;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council creates Transportation Master Plan, Waste Management Plan, Shared Service Agreements and Infrastructure Funding Council Working Groups and the Working Groups are to be made up of Council as a whole with selected administration. The Working Groups will meet regularly to receive updates, provide feedback and ensure all of Council is part of the planning process.

Automatic Referral to the Executive Policy Committee in accordance with Rule 16.1 of the Procedure By-law

Executive Policy Committee – Motions (continued)

Minute No. 488
Moved by Councillor Smith,
Seconded by Councillor Eadie,

WHEREAS the Key to the City used to be a prestigious honour;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT to democratize this process, any member of Council shall be permitted to nominate worthy individuals for the Key to the City by motion at a full meeting of Council;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT all future decisions regarding the issuance of Keys to the City be endorsed by a vote of City Council.

Automatic Referral to the Executive Policy Committee in accordance with Rule 16.1 of the Procedure By-law

Minute No. 489
Moved by Councillor Wyatt,
Seconded by Councillor Eadie,

WHEREAS the Conference Board of Canada's forecast predictions for the growth of the City of Winnipeg have been accurate for the last number of years;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg is running out of land in its suburban areas, resulting in more pressure from the development industry to expand into the Municipalities known as the Capital Region;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg has a higher level of development standards and services when compared to the substandard requirements permitted in the Capital Region;

AND WHEREAS in recent years there has been pressure to extend City of Winnipeg municipal services, such as sanitary sewer and water into the Rural Municipalities of the Capital Region, and this will have a direct impact on the ability to accommodate future growth in both the City of Winnipeg and the Capital Region.

AND WHEREAS growth in the Capital Region, if serviced by City of Winnipeg services such as sewer and water, will undermine the goals of sustainable planning such as densifying growth, preventing ex-uburban sprawl and have a direct and negative impact on Winnipeg's services and infrastructure;

Executive Policy Committee – Motions (continued)

AND WHEREAS over $200 million of infrastructure dollars is being spent on new regional roads into the RM of Rosser, diverting said dollars away from badly needed infrastructure works that could have been conducted inside the City of Winnipeg;

AND WHEREAS Provincial governments of any political stripe, be it NDP or Conservative, have failed to address the issues of development and sprawl in the Capital Region by ensuring there is orderly and sustainable development;

AND WHEREAS the Mayor recently committed Council to fund $17 million in water and sewer services as part of the Centre Port venture, with much of said services being directly provided into the Rural Municipality of Rosser, and yet no report has been provided to Council with regard to the source of said funds, the cost recovery (if any) to the City of Winnipeg and a share of Property Tax revenues (if any) from the future growth expected within the RM of Rosser;

AND WHEREAS if Rural Municipal lands now between the City of Winnipeg's existing boundary limit and the Perimeter Highway were to fall under the jurisdiction of the City of Winnipeg, development would be allowed to occur in a more orderly and sustainable fashion, and with a higher level development standards;

AND WHEREAS any future development in the ex-urban lands that were previously part of the capital region, should be subject to full cost accounting which would include costs such as transit, fire, police, recreation and leisure services, and said costs be charged back to the development/developer(s).

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Winnipeg call on the Province of Manitoba to bring into effect Municipal Boundary Redistribution by amending applicable legislation to conduct boundary realignment for the City of Winnipeg and Capital Region municipalities in order to change Winnipeg's existing municipal boundaries by extending it up to the Perimeter Highway.

Automatic Referral to the Executive Policy Committee in accordance with Rule 16.1 of the Procedure By-law

Executive Policy Committee – Motions (continued)

Minute No. 490
Moved by Councillor Wyatt,
Seconded by Councillor Gerbasi,

WHEREAS under the system of municipal government, Council is supreme and approves all budgets and policy for the City of Winnipeg;

AND WHEREAS recently the Mayor has made a public commitment to fund $17 million of infrastructure works for the Centre Port project, on behalf of the City of Winnipeg, yet he has not attempted to obtain any approval and/or commitment for such a project from City Council;

AND WHEREAS the Mayor's commitment for Centre Port will require the City of Winnipeg to make the unprecedented decision to extend services to the Rural Municipality of Rosser, and yet no Council report or motion has been made available that outlines the source of funds for the said $17 million, the extent of the service extension to be facilitated by said funds, the cost recovery (if any) to the City for such an expenditure, and what, if any, revenue sharing agreement will be implemented between the City of Winnipeg and the RM of Rosser to ensure that Winnipeger's receive long-term benefits from development on its immediate boundary;

AND WHEREAS it could be argued that the Mayor's recent commitment to expand the Winnipeg Convention Centre has indirect Council endorsement by way of the established Accommodation Tax, however, in fact no Council report or motion has yet to be forthcoming that would formally approve and/or commit the City to such a project;

AND WHEREAS the failure to supply Council with a report or motion on the Convention Centre expansion ensures that Council is kept in the dark on matters that would potentially impact its borrowing authority, its existing annual subsidy arrangement for the Winnipeg Convention Centre, as well as outlining any impacts on the existing governance arrangement for the Winnipeg Convention Centre and City of Winnipeg's ownership of said facility;

AND WHEREAS both the Centre Port and Winnipeg Convention Centre projects may be very worthy and positive for our city, however should involve Council participation and decision making;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council establish a policy that the Mayor, or anyone acting on behalf of the Mayor or his office, can only make a public commitment and/or public announcement that will obligate the City of Winnipeg to fund a project or projects by first obtaining approval from City Council.

Automatic Referral to the Executive Policy Committee in accordance with Rule 16.1 of the Procedure By-law