Minutes – Executive Policy Committee – December 12, 2013

DELEGATIONS on the 2014 BUDGET REVIEW

Minute No. 74

The following persons were heard with respect to the 2014 Preliminary Capital Budget and 2015 to 2019 Five-Year Forecast, as well as the 2014 – 2016 Preliminary Operating Budget:

- Councillor Havixbeck, Charleswood-Tuxedo Ward, was heard in opposition to the 2014 Preliminary Operating and Capital Budgets, the current budget process, and in support of a property tax freeze. She requested further time be afforded for budget deliberations and that the adoption of the budget be delayed.

- Councillor Gerbasi, Fort Rouge-East Fort Garry Ward, was heard in support of the Universal Transit Pass (U-Pass) Program, and with respect to grant funding for organizations, including that for the YMCA-YWCA and the Royal Winnipeg Ballet. She requested clarity on the proposed 3.5 unpaid mandatory leave as well as the proposed staff reductions, and requested heritage grants and tax credits be reconsidered and museum funding be restored.

- Councillor Harvey Smith, Daniel McIntyre Ward, was heard in support of the current public consultation process and in support of funding for Sherbrook Pool.

- Councillor Fielding, St. James-Brooklands Ward, provided a PowerPoint Presentation and was heard in support of a tax freeze while investing more in infrastructure. (See Submission 1)

- Councillor Eadie, Mynarski Ward, was heard in opposition to the 2014 – 2016 Preliminary Operating Budget with service cuts, and in opposition to decreased recreation services, especially for those with limited income, and suggested funding for YMCA-YWCA be redirected to Sherbrook Pool.

Moved by Councillor Mayes,

That Rule 51(1) of The Procedure By-law No. 50/2007 be suspended to allow Councillor Orlikow, River Heights-Fort Garry Ward, to address the Committee.

Carried

- Councillor Orlikow, River Heights-Fort Garry Ward, was heard questioning the release of media advisory announcements related to projects in the budget, prior to the budget being adopted. He was heard in support of increased funding for the treatment of Dutch Elm Disease, and advised his opposition to the reduction of reserves. He

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requested details of proposed staffing reductions and was heard with respect to the 3.5 unpaid mandatory leave. He questioned why new grants to organizations are being considered when funding to museums had not been reinstated.

- Kent Patterson, President, C.E.O., together with Sara McArthur, Vice Chair of the Board, YMCA-YWCA Winnipeg, provided a PowerPoint Presentation and supporting documentation in support of a new grant to the YMCA-YWCA Winnipeg for the development of 3 new recreational facilities. (See Submission Nos. 2 and 3)

- Barry Rempel, Chair, Inuit Art and Learning Centre, Pamela Simmons, Capital Campaign Director, and Naomi Levine, Past-Chair, Winnipeg Art Gallery, provided a PowerPoint Presentation and supporting documentation in support of capital funding for the Inuit Art Centre. (See Submission Nos. 4 and 5)

- Gerald Ouellette, Chairman, together with Don McIntosh, Winnipeg Community Sport Alliance, was heard in support of funding for a paid staff member, and submitted supporting documentation. (See Submission No. 6)

- Shirley Render, Executive Director, Western Canada Aviation Museum, and Bruce Emberley, President, Board of Directors, Western Canada Aviation Museum, were heard with respect to funding for their capital campaign for the new Aviation Heritage Centre ``Skyward``, and submitted supporting documentation. (See Submission No. 7)

- Jordon van Sewell, President, together with Cindy Tugwell, Executive Director, Heritage Winnipeg, were heard with respect to an increase in funding of $15,000 for Heritage Winnipeg.

- Al Turnbull, President, together with Christian Pierce, University of Manitoba Students Union, were heard in support of the Universal Transit Pass (U-Pass) Program for Post-Secondary Students.

- Rorie McLeod Arnould, Vice President Advocate, University of Winnipeg Students Association, was heard in support of the Universal Transit Pass (U-Pass) Program for Post-Secondary Students.

- Bilan Arte, Chairperson, and Brianne Goertzen, Canadian Federation of Students, University of Manitoba, were heard in support of the Universal Transit Pass (U-Pass) Program for Post-Secondary Students.

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- Chris Lorenc, Committee Chair of the Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce Trade and Transportation, was heard was heard in support of the 2014 Preliminary Operating and Capital Budgets and encouraged support of the new economic growth investment direction associated with the PST increase revenue dedication, and to initiate partnership with the Province of Manitoba in coordinating implementation of the Transportation Master Plan, and submitted supporting documentation. (See Submission No. 8)

- Chris Lorenc, President, Manitoba Heavy Construction Association, was heard with respect to approaching the Province of Manitoba for a greater share of existing growth taxes, PST, and corporate incomes taxes to allow reduced pressure on realty taxes, and submitted supporting documentation. (See Submission No. 9)

- Matthew Komus, Museums Coordinator, City of Winnipeg Museums Board, provided a PowerPoint Presentation in support of the City of Winnipeg Museums Board`s recommendation with respect to the 2014 Operating Budget – Museums. (See Submission No. 10)

- Ben Kolisnyk, Prairie Policy Analyst, Canadian Federation of Independent Business, was heard in support of the elimination of business tax, in opposition to a property tax increase, and with respect to opportunities for Alternate Service Delivery and exploring ways to reduce labour costs and operational spending.

- Mike Davidson, President, CUPE Local 500, was heard in opposition to the 2014 Preliminary Operating and Capital Budgets and indicated it does not adequately fund programs and services and reduces staffing levels, and submitted supporting documentation (See Submission No. 11)

- Andrew Weremy, President, together with Alex Regiec, 1st Vice President, Winnipeg Association of Public Service Officers, were heard in opposition to the 2014 Preliminary Operating Budget, reduced staffing levels and increased workloads.

- Marianne Cerilli was heard in support of funding for the complete repair of Sherbrook Pool, and was heard with respect to the community sport and recreation policy.

- Philippe Mailhot, Director, Le Musee de Saint-Boniface Museum, was heard in opposition to the 2014 – 2016 Preliminary Operating Budget as it relates to funding for the Le Musee de Saint-Boniface Museum.

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- Akim Kambamba, President, African Canadian Foundation for Culture and Economic Development, Inc., and Mel Lazareck, were heard in support of funding for Phase 1 of the African Canadian Centre. (See Submission No. 12)

- Ken Guilford was heard in support of funding for Sherbrook Pool.

- Dave Mouland, Winnipeg Harvest, was heard with respect to those on limited income and in opposition to the proposed tax increase.

- Peter Muir, Chair, Winnipeg Soccer Federation, was heard with respect to funding for a new Garden City Soccer Centre / Garden City Community Centre, and submitted a drawing of the proposed centre. (See Submission No. 13)

- Barry MacBride, BDM Projects Ltd., on behalf of Johnson Waste Management, was heard in opposition to the land fill tipping fee increase, and submitted supporting documentation. (See Submission No. 14)

- Louise Lamb, together with Shirley Stone of the Chemo Savvy Inc. Breast Cancer Dragon Boat Team, were heard in support of funding for Sherbrook Pool, and indicated that the pools and its programs not only benefit the Daniel McIntyre Ward but the entire City of Winnipeg.

- Dave Sauer, Winnipeg Labour Council, was heard in support of increased safety and security on Winnipeg Transit, and submitted supporting documentation. (See Submission No. 15)

- Justin Collicutt was heard in support of funding for Sherbrook Pool, and indicated that the pool and its programs not only benefit the Daniel McIntyre Ward but the entire City of Winnipeg.

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The Executive Policy Committee also received submissions from the following individuals / organizations with respect to the 2014 Preliminary Capital Budget and 2015 to 2019 Five-Year Forecast, as well as the 2014 – 2016 Preliminary Operating Budget:

1. Councillor Fielding, St. James-Brooklands Ward
2 - 3. Kent Paterson, President and Chief Executive Officer, YMCA-YWCA of Winnipeg
4 - 5. Barry Rempel, Chair, Inuit Art and Learning Centre, Winnipeg Art Gallery
6. Gerald Ouellette, Chairman, Winnipeg Community Sport Alliance
7. Shirley Render, Executive Director, Western Canada Aviation Museum
8. Chris Lorenc, Committee Chair of the Winnipeg Chamber of Commerce Trade and Transportation
9. Chris Lorenc, President, Manitoba Heavy Construction Association
10. Matthew Komus, Museums Coordinator, City of Winnipeg Museums Board
11. Mike Davidson, President, CUPE Local 500
12. Akim Kambamba, President, African Canadian Foundation for Culture and Economic Development, Inc.
13. Peter Muir, Chair, Winnipeg Soccer Federation
14. Barry MacBride, BDM Projects Ltd., on behalf of Johnson Waste Management
15. Dave Sauer, Winnipeg Labour Council
16. Mark Cohoe, Executive Director, Bike Winnipeg

Moved by Councillor Wyatt,

That the delegations and presentations pertaining to the 2014 Preliminary Capital Budget and 2015 to 2019 Five-Year Forecast, as well as the 2014 – 2016 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 December 13, 2013.

Carried