Minute No. 244
Report – Executive Policy Committee – February 5, 2014

Item No. 2 Burying of Manitoba Hydro Transmission Lines in Sage Creek

COUNCIL DECISION:

Council concurred in the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee and adopted the following:

1. That Manitoba Hydro be requested to determine the cost of burying transmission lines, and seek funding partnerships for burying the lines.

2. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by His Worship Mayor Katz,
That the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee be adopted.

Carried

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On February 5, 2014, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the recommendation of the Riel Community Committee and submitted the matter to Council.

COMMUNITY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On January 13, 2014, the Riel Community Committee passed the following motion:

WHEREAS Manitoba Hydro has announced plans for the installation of several new transmission towers in the existing hydro right of way in Sage Creek;

AND WHEREAS there are aesthetic and safety benefits by burying the hydro lines instead of installing them above ground in transmission towers;

AND WHEREAS there was a 50 – 50 cost share program for burying transmission lines which are close to residential housing;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Riel Community Committee express their preference for the transmission lines to be buried;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Riel Community Committee ask Manitoba Hydro to determine the cost of burying transmission lines, and seek funding partnerships for burying the lines;

and forwarded the matter to the Executive Policy Committee.