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Report - Executive Policy Committee – July 16, 2003

Item No. 4 Federation of Canadian Municipalities - Infrastructure Program
File GC-5.1

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On July 16, 2003, the Executive Policy Committee passed the following motion and submits the following to Council:

WHEREAS the February 2003 federal budget contribution to rebuilding our crumbling infrastructure fell well short of expectations and needs;

AND WHEREAS independent estimates put the municipal infrastructure deficit in Canada at $57 billion;

AND WHEREAS the Budget commitment of $250 million over the next two years will help meet a fraction (less than 0.5 percent) of needs;

AND WHEREAS Federal Finance Minister John Manley has stated that the last Budget's infrastructure commitment was only a down payment; and

AND WHEREAS the Federation of Canadian Municipalities had recommended funding of $800 million per year, rising to $2 billion annually within five years;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Winnipeg City Council urge the Members of Parliament who represent Federal Ridings in the City of Winnipeg to support the Federation of Canadian Municipalities call for a long-term, financially sustainable infrastructure program; and

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Winnipeg City Council communicate the adoption of this resolution to the Members of Parliament who represent Federal Ridings in the City of Winnipeg, the news media and to FCM.