Agenda – Council – July 16, 2014

Report "A" – Executive Policy Committee – July 2, 2014

Item No. 4 Inclusion on the 2014 Civic Election Ballot – Use of One Percent PST towards Fixing Roads and Bridges

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITEE RECOMMENDATION:

On July 2, 2014, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the Council Motion of June 25, 2014 and submitted the following to Council:

1. That the following wording and one question be placed on the 2014 Civic Election Ballot:

   The Provincial Government increased the Provincial Sales Tax (PST) by one percent, from 7% to 8%, without a required referendum. The one percent sales tax increase collects approximately $170 million every year from sales inside Winnipeg. Yet the Provincial Government is dedicating only approximately $50 million a year for Winnipeg's roads and bridges, taking $120 million out of Winnipeg.

   Do you believe that all the revenues collected by the Provincial Government's one percent increase in the PST from inside the City of Winnipeg should be used towards fixing Winnipeg's existing roads and bridges?

   Yes _____

   No _____

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:

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On July 2, 2014, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the Council Motion of June 25, 2014 and submitted the matter to Council.

David Sanders submitted a communication dated July 2, 2014 in opposition to the inclusion on the 2014 Civic Election Ballot – Use of One Percent PST towards Fixing Roads and Bridges.

COUNCIL DECISION:

On June 25, 2014, Council referred the following motion to the Executive Policy Committee:

Moved by Councillor Wyatt,
Seconded by Councillor Havixbeck,

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the following wording and one question be placed on the 2014 Civic Election Ballot:

The Provincial Government increased the Provincial Sales Tax (PST) by one percent, from 7% to 8%, without a required referendum. The one percent sales tax increase collects approximately $170 million every year from sales inside Winnipeg. Yet the Provincial Government is dedicating only approximately $50 million a year for Winnipeg's roads and bridges, taking $120 million out of Winnipeg.

Do you believe that all the revenues collected by the Provincial Government's one percent increase in the PST from inside the City of Winnipeg should be used towards fixing Winnipeg's existing roads and bridges?

Yes _____

No _____