Minute No. 517
Report - Executive Policy Committee – July 16, 2003

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

COUNCIL DECISION:

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

1. That the Members of Parliament who represent Federal Ridings in the City of Winnipeg be urged to support the Federation of Canadian Municipalities call for a long-term, financially sustainable infrastructure program.

2. That the adoption of this resolution be communicated to the Members of Parliament who represent Federal Ridings in the City of Winnipeg, the news media and to FCM.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

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

Carried

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On July 16, 2003, the Executive Policy Committee passed the following motion and submitted its recommendation 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 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 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.