Minutes – Executive Policy Committee - July 16, 2003

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Minute No. 301 Federation of Canadian Municipalities - Infrastructure Program File GC-5.1

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee passed the following motion and recommends to Council:

1. That 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.

2. That 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.

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

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Eadie,

That Rule 9.3 of the Procedure By-law be suspended in order that the following item, which was received too late to be placed on the regular agenda, be considered by Committee.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Eadie,

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 ecommended 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.

Carried