Agenda – Executive Policy Committee – March 18, 2015

2015 BUDGET REVIEW

Item No. 6 Request to Increase Funding in the 2015-2019 Capital Budget for the City of Winnipeg Department-Wide Accessibility Program

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

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Councillor Eadie, Mynarski Ward, submitted a communication dated December 3, 2014, in support of the request to increase funding in the 2015-2019 Capital Budget for the City of Winnipeg Department-Wide Accessibility Program.

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On November 19, 2014, the Access Advisory Committee passed the following resolution and submitted to the Executive Policy Committee:

WHERAS the Accessibility Program was adopted by Council on December 11, 2002, in order to address accessibility issues in the City of Winnipeg's existing infrastructure and building environment;

AND WHEREAS funding was set at a level of $250,000.00 in 2002, and then again amended in 2008 to a level of $350,000 for a five year period, ending in 2012;

AND WHEREAS the application for funding by all City of Winnipeg departments have consistently exceeded the funding available on an annual basis;

AND WHEREAS construction costs and cost of materials have escalated over the last 10 years;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Access Advisory Committee request that Capital Budget funding for the Accessibility Program be increased from $350,000.00 to $500,000 for each of the next 5 years, starting in 2015.

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November 25, 2014

Mayor Bowman
And Members of the City of Winnipeg
Executive Policy Committee
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Re: Recommendation of the City of Winnipeg Access Advisory Committee for additional funding to the City of Winnipeg Department Wide Accessibility Program 2015-2019.

Dear Your Worship;

On Wednesday November 19, 2014 the City of Winnipeg Access Advisory Committee passed the motion to recommend to EPC a request to consider increasing the capital program 2015-2019 for the purpose of funding the City Wide Accessibility Program;

WHERAS the Accessibility Program was established by City Council in December 2002 in order to address accessibility issues in City of Winnipeg existing infrastructure and built environment;

AND WHEREAS funding was set at a level of $250,000.00 in 2002, and then again amended in 2008 to a level of $350,000 for a five year period, ending in 2012;

AND WHEREAS the application for funding by all the City of Winnipeg departments have consistently exceeded the funding available on an annual basis;

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Access Advisory Committee requests that the Capital Budget funding for the Accessibility Program be increased from $350,000.00 to $500,000 for each of the next 5 years starting in 2015.

It is our hope that you will bring this forward to the Executive Policy Committee for its consideration to the Capital Budget.

If representation is required, we will clear our schedules to attend and speak to the motion.

Yours sincerely,

C Sobkowicz

Chris Sobkowicz Coordinator
City of Winnipeg
Access Advisory Committee

CC: Councillor R. Eadie