Minutes – Executive Policy Committee – March 17, 2015

DELEGATIONS on the 2015 BUDGET REVIEW

The following persons were heard with respect to the Preliminary 2015 Operating Budget and Financial Plan for 2016 and 2017 and the Preliminary 2015 Capital Budget and 2016 - 2020 Five Year Forecast:

1. Councillor Gillingham, Chair of the Winnipeg Police Board, provided a PowerPoint Presentation in support of the Winnipeg Police Services' 2015 – 2017 Operating and 2015 – 2019 Capital budget estimates. (See Submission No. 1)

2. Councillor Gilroy, Daniel McIntyre Ward, was heard with respect to the importance of aquatic services and the fall clean-up and street cleaning. She indicated support for the operation and maintenance of Sherbrook Pool, and expressed concern regarding the loss of business tax revenue.

3. Councillor Eadie, Mynarski Ward, was heard with respect to reversing the increase in frontage levy and to instead increase the property tax. He indicated his support to raise the business tax rate to avoid resulting service cuts, to such services as street cleaning, pool opportunities, and library materials, and submitted supporting documentation. (See Submission No. 2)

4. Councillor Gerbasi, Fort Rouge – East Fort Garry Ward, was heard in support of the following; 100% biological larviciding program, asset management and capital project plans, a traffic management centre, local and regional street investment, and the allocation of funding for future rapid transit. She expressed concern regarding cuts in service to the Operating Budget which would impact the beautification of image routes, the street sweeping program, and mediation services. She expressed support for the heritage tax credit reserve, urban forest enhancement and active transportation, and submitted a chart comparing Suburban versus Urban City's annual Cost per Household. (See Submission No. 3)

5. Tom Thompson, President, East Winnipeg Sports Association, was heard with respect to the effect of their lease lapsing.

6. Councillor Allard, St. Boniface Ward, was heard in support of restoring the funding for the Marion Street upgrades and submitted an email addressed to the Acting President of the Old St. Boniface Residents Association and a summary of road network improvement. (See Submissions Nos. 4 and 5)

DELEGATIONS on the 2015 BUDGET REVIEW (continued)

7. Dr. Stephen D. Borys, Director & CEO, Ernest Cholakis, Chair, WAG Board of Governors, and Barry Rempel, Chair, Capital Campaign Cabinet, Inuit Art Centre, provided a PowerPoint presentation with respect to the Inuit Art Centre capital campaign. (See Submission 6)

8. Shirley Render, Executive Director, Western Canada Aviation Museum, advised that the museum is the first museum categorized as "royal" , and expressed support for funding of the museum's capital campaign.

9. Cindy Tugwell and Jordan Van Sewell, Heritage Winnipeg, were heard in support of increased funding in the amount of $17,000, and submitted supporting documentation. (See Submission 7)

10. David Sanders was heard with respect to a purported operating budget deficit, the Southwest Transitway Pembina Underpass and a Utility Dividend Policy, and submitted supporting documentation. (See Submission No. 8)

11. Elliot Sims, Canadian Federation of Independent Business, was heard in support of mitigating the property tax increase by limiting operating spending growth, reducing labour costs to allow additional infrastructure investment, and to eliminate the business tax, and submitted supporting documentation (See Submission No. 9)

12. Akim Kambamba and Charter Kidzugane, African Canadian Foundation, were heard in support of funding for the African Canadian Centre. They submitted supporting documentation which included a business plan, architectural feasibility analysis, expression of interest, an environmental assessment, and various letters of support, portions of which are on file in the City Clerk's Office. (See Submission No. 10)

13. Harvey Smith was heard in opposition to the increase in transit fares.

14. Beth McKechnie and Jackie Avent, Green Action Centre , provided a PowerPoint presentation and requested the expansion of school travel planning on non-regional sidewalks and school-zone traffic safety, increased funding to transit, cycling and walking infrastructure systems, and eliminating the transit fare increase. They expressed support of the implementation of the compost pick-up pilot project and diverting waste from the landfill with a pay as you throw program, and submitted supporting documentation. (See Submission No. 11)

DELEGATIONS on the 2015 BUDGET REVIEW (continued)

15. Mark Cohoe, Bike Winnipeg, was heard in support of increased funding for Active Transportation and requested further funding of the City's pedestrian and recycling strategies. (See Submission No. 12)

16. Marianne Cerilli, Friends of Sherbrook Pool, was heard in support of increasing the available hours at community facilities and the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services to reinstate and increase the Community Services Aquatics budget.

17. Dr. Roger Suss was heard in support of further enhancing active transportation, and submitted supporting documentation. (See Submission No. 13)

18. Chris Lorenc, President, Manitoba Heavy Construction Association, was heard with respect to the 2015 Operating and Capital budgets and the 5-Year Capital Budget. He expressed frustration of the other levels of government offloading responsibility to the municipal government. He requested that emphasis be placed on economic growth and less reliance on property taxes, and to work collaboratively with other levels of government to address the infrastructure deficit, and submitted supporting documentation. (See Submission No. 14)

19. Rozalynde McKibben was heard in opposition to the proposed increase in frontage levy and other fees.

20. Dr. Erika Anseeuw, Co- Acting CEO, The Winnipeg Humane Society, was heard in support of increased funding to the Humane Society to help cover added costs of services requested by the City for addressing emergency and medical conditions as well as licensing, and submitted supporting documentation. (See Submission No. 15)

21. Louise Lamb and Shirley Stone, Former Users of Sherbrook Pool, were heard in support of maintaining pools, and the refurbishment and revitalization of Sherbrook Pool. They expressed support of the recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services to reinstate and increase the Community Services Aquatics budget, and submitted supporting documentation (See Submission Nos. 16 and 17)

22. Jerry Maslowsky, Chief Executive Officer, Variety, the Children's Charity of Manitoba, was heard in support of eliminating the water bills associated with the Variety Heritage Adventure Park and its splash pad, and submitted supporting documentation. (See Submission No. 18)

DELEGATIONS on the 2015 BUDGET REVIEW (continued)

23. Mike Davidson, President CUPE Local 500, was heard in opposition to the Operating Budget and requested an end to vacancy management and to look at options of contracting-in previously outsourced work, such as for snow clearing. He requested no further reductions in the business tax level and submitted supporting documentation. (See Submission No. 19)

24. Lynne Fernandez, on behalf of the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives, was heard with respect to the 2015 Budget, and indicated that taxes need to be increased to deal with issues such as poverty, the infrastructure deficit, and upgrading the transit system. She submitted supporting documentation including a "Taking Back the City" Alternative Municipal Budget Winnipeg 2014, which Alternative Budget is on file in the City Clerk's Office. (See Submission No. 20)

25. Christina Maes Nino, on behalf of the Social Planning Council of Winnipeg, was heard in opposition to the 2015 Budget, and requested additional funding for recreation, affordable housing and transit in an effort to reduce poverty.

26. Irwin Warkenton and Andrew Wychnenka, Coordinator, Mediation Services, were heard purporting that they save the City of Winnipeg money by mediating disputes without involving the services of police or 311, and requested that their grant be reinstated or increased.

27. Liam Mulhall and Michelle Kading, Executive Director, Save Our Seine, were heard in support of the proposed funding for Save Our Seine. They advised 2015 is their 25th Anniversary, and submitted supporting documentation. (See Submission No. 21)

28. Jae Eadie was heard with respect to the 2015 Capital Budget, and in opposition to the proposed $2 Million to build a bridge by the City of Winnipeg's waters supply on Shoal Lake. He questioned the impact on the City's water supply and what the benefit is to citizens of Winnipeg when it is located in Ontario.

29. Cynthia Foreman, Chair, Homelessness Transition Advisory Group and Community Co-Chair, and Brian Bechtel, Director, Winnipeg Poverty Reduction Council, were heard in support of an annual grant of $150,000 to the United Way's Plan to End Homelessness, and submitted supporting documentation. (See Submission No. 22)

DELEGATIONS on the 2015 BUDGET REVIEW (continued)

30. Tom Ethans, Take Pride Winnipeg, was heard in support of annual funding of $300,000.00 for the Years 2015 to 2019, as opposed to the current model of funding based on tipping fees, which proposed funding arrangement he purported would allow for more consistency in operations. He suggested citizens be fined for littering, and submitted supporting documentation. (See Submissions No. 23 to 25)

31. Stephanie Voyce, Downtown Winnipeg BIZ, and Derek Manaigre, Exchange District BIZ, were heard in opposition to the proposed downtown flower budget cuts and expressed concerns about patio permit fees.

32. Lionel Steiman was heard in support of the refurbishment of Sherbrook Pool.

33. Normand Gousseau, Chief Executive Officer, Entreprises Riel, was heard in support of restoring funding for the Marion Street upgrades.

The Executive Policy Committee also received submissions from the following individuals / organizations with respect to the Preliminary 2015 Operating Budget and Financial Plan for 2016 and 2017 and the Preliminary 2015 Capital Budget and 2016 - 2020 Five Year Forecast:

1. Councillor Gillingham, Chair of the Winnipeg Police Board
2. Councillor Eadie, Mynarski Ward
3. Councillor Gerbasi, Fort Rouge – East Fort Garry Ward

4 -5. Councillor Allard, St. Boniface Ward

6. Dr. Stephen D. Borys, Director & CEO, Ernest Cholakis, Chair, WAG Board of Governors, and Barry Rempel, Chair, Capital Campaign Cabinet, Inuit Art Centre
7. Cindy Tugwell, Heritage Winnipeg
8. David Sanders
9. Elliot Sims, Canadian Federation of Independent Business
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11. Beth McKechnie and Jackie Avent, on behalf of Green Action Centre
12. Mark Cohoe, Bike Winnipeg
13. Dr. Roger Suss
14. Chris Lorenc, President, Manitoba Heavy Construction Association
15. Dr. Erika Anseeuw, Co- Acting CEO's, The Winnipeg Humane Society

16-17. Louise Lamb, Jocelyn McGuire and Shirley Stone, Former Users of Sherbrook Pool.

18. Jerry Maslowsky, Chief Executive Officer, Variety, the Children's Charity of Manitoba
19. Mike Davidson, President CUPE Local 500

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21. Liam Mulhall and Michelle Kading, Executive Director, Save Our Seine,
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23-25. Tom Ethans, Take Pride Winnipeg

(Refer to the March 18, 2015 Minutes for Disposition)