Minutes - Executive Policy Committee - September 23, 2003

REPORTS

Minute No. 386 Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra Funding
File FG-1.1(W)

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee recommends to Council:

1. That the City of Winnipeg agrees to pay up to a maximum of 50% of the proposed special transition grants in year one and in year two of the business plan (a maximum of $165,000.00 for 2003/04 and $75,000.00 for 2004/05), subject to the Provincial Government and the Federal Government funding the remaining 50%.

2. That the City of Winnipeg agrees to a debt reduction plan by writing off the monies that were advanced to the WSO in 2003 ($200,000.00).

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

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Gerbasi,
WHEREAS on January 29, 2003, Council approved entering into an agreement (The Stakeholder Agreement) with Canada, Manitoba and The Winnipeg Symphony Orchestra (WSO) to provide the appointment of an Interim Management Committee of WSO made up of two (2) representatives from each of Canada, Manitoba, the City, WSO musicians and Board of WSO;

AND WHEREAS the WSO Interim Management Committee, formed on February 28, 2003, has delivered its recommendations and has submitted a proposed 5 year business plan which achieves a balanced budget and the elimination of the WSO's debt through costs reductions and revenue increases;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Executive Policy Committee recommends to Council:

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Carried