Agenda – Executive Policy Committee – March 16, 2016

2016 BUDGET REVIEW

Item No. 8 City of Winnipeg Department-Wide Accessibility Program

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

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COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On December 1, 2015, the Access Advisory Committee passed the following resolution and submitted to the Executive Policy Committee:

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AND 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;

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

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

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 2016.

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December 2, 2015

Mayor Bowman
And members of the City of Winnipeg
Executive Policy Committee
510 Main Street
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Dear Your Worship;

Re: Recommendation of the City of Winnipeg Access Advisory Committee for additional funding to the City of Winnipeg Department Wide Accessibility Program 2016-2020.

On Tuesday December 1, 2015 the City of Winnipeg Access Advisory Committee passed the motion to recommend to EPC a request to consider increasing the capital program 2016-2020 for the purpose of funding the City Wide Accessibility Program.

WHEREAS the Province of Manitoba Legislation "Accessibility for Manitobans Act" was passed in December 2014 which will require a larger overall commitment from all Municipalities in assuring Accessible and Inclusive Services for all.

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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