Agenda – Council – April 27, 2016

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

NOTICE OF MOTION

Moved by Councillor Schreyer,
Seconded by Councillor Wyatt,

WHEREAS the City's sewage treatment system has allowed millions of litres of raw sewage to enter into Winnipeg's rivers in recent years;

AND WHEREAS the City acknowledges that the Province has ordered the City to upgrade the North End Water Control Centre, along with other city wide upgrades to the water and waste systems;

AND WHEREAS the increase in water rates has been justified by City officials due to the necessity of the City to upgrade its North End sewage plant and to implement its entire Capital Program;

AND WHEREAS the City's water utility is proposing a substantial increase its water rates over the next three years;

AND WHEREAS the percentage rebate/dividend that is paid to the City of Winnipeg by the Water and Waste Utility of City was increased from 8 percent to 12 percent in 2015;

AND WHEREAS it is projected that $32 million, a historic high amount, will be paid to the City of Winnipeg by the City's Water and Waste Utility and their customers;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Winnipeg request the Province of Manitoba to refer to the Public Utilities Board (PUB) and call public hearings on the following:

A) The proposed Water and Sewer Rate Increases of 2016, 2017, and 2018;
B) The approved 'dividend' from the Water and Waste Department to the Operating/Capital Budget of the City of Winnipeg;
C) The Capital Budget Program of Water and Waste, both 2016 Capital Budget and the 5 Year Forecast 2017 to 2021;
D) The environmental regulatory obligations on the City of Winnipeg in regard to its Water and Waste systems;
E) The Business Plans and all Capital project strategies/plans of the Water and Waste Department;
F) Options for Provincial and Federal Funding of the regulatory capital program requirements.