Agenda - Executive Policy Committee - December 10, 2003

REPORTS

Item No. 9 Standing Policy Committee on Public Works - Capital Budget and Forecast Recommendations
File FC(2004) and FC-1(2005/2009)

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On November 28, 2003, the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works recommended that the Preliminary 2004 Annual Capital Budget and the 2005 to 2009 Capital Budget Forecast be approved, as submitted, with the exception of the following:

Transit Department

WHEREAS the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works recognizes that the Winnipeg Transit Department is drastically under funded;

AND WHEREAS the increased Transit costs will affect the taxpayers of the City of Winnipeg and Transit users;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works strongly urges the Executive Policy Committee and Council to initiate discussions and support negotiations with the Province of Manitoba to re-instate Provincial funding in the amount of 50% to the Transit Department for a more realistic funding formula in both the capital and current budgets.

Public Works Department

1. That if the $1.00 frontage levy rates are approved, that the Equity in Capital Assets Fund in the amount of $20.888 million be maintained each year in the Five-Year Forecast until 2009, and further that the $10 million each year from the frontage levy rates be dedicated to the Regional and Local Street Renewal Program.

2. That the Executive Policy Committee be requested to provide a list of the $10 million in Capital projects from the 2004 preliminary capital budget for potential holdback to all members of Council by January 2004, inasmuch as this will have a direct impact on the 2004 Capital and Operating budgets.

3. That the amount of $30,000 per Ward ($450,000 in total) for playgrounds be re-instated in the 2004 Capital Budget.

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On November 28, 2003, the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works recommended approval of the Preliminary 2004 Annual Capital Budget and the 2005 to 2009 Capital Budget Forecast as submitted by Executive Policy Committee, as amended.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On November 25, 2003, the Executive Policy Committee referred the Preliminary 2004 Annual Capital Budget and the 2005 to 2009 Capital Budget Forecast to the following budget process timetable, namely:

November 27 to December 4, 2003	Standing Policy Committees - Review
December 9, 2003	Executive Policy Committee - Delegations
December 10, 2003	Executive Policy Committee - Recommendations to Council
December 16, 2003	Council Meeting