Agenda - Executive Policy Committee - December 10, 2003

REPORTS

Item No. 19 City-wide Accessibility Program
File CR-3

The Executive Policy Committee to consider the following resolution:

WHEREAS on September 25, 2002, Council approved in principle a City-wide Accessibility Program and provided annual funding in the amount of $250,000.00 for the Program in the Capital Budget / Forecast for the years 2003, 2004 and 2005;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Policy Committee recommends that annual funding in the amount of $250,000.00 be included in future capital budgets (the City-wide Accessibility Program) to accommodate access issues over the longer term and that this matter be referred to the 2005 Capital Estimates Process.

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

COUNCIL DECISION:

On September 25, 2002, Council concurred in the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee and the Access Advisory Committee and adopted, in principle, a Citywide Accessibility Program that:

I. Prioritizes the uncompleted projects identified in the 1998 Accessibility Audit.

II. Expands the Audit process city wide to encompass all properties owned or leased by the City.

III. Addresses new issues reported through the current means (existing call centres, administration and the Access Advisory Committee) more quickly and efficiently.

IV. That the Accessibility Program include a Capital Estimates budget for the Public Works Department of $250,000.00 annually for the next three years, 2003, 2004 and 2005, to complete currently identified access issues from the Centre Plan Accessibility.

V. That the Universal Design Team assist in prioritizing the Accessibility Program projects.