STANDING COMMITTEE ON FISCAL ISSUES

QUESTION PERIOD

Minute No. 31

Councillor Steek inquired if the Chair of Fiscal Issues was aware of any other civic jurisdiction in Canada that received $143 million in grants last year from its provincial counterpart to which Councillor Clement replied that he was not familiar with what takes place in other Provinces but was aware of what the City received from the Province of Manitoba.

Councillor Steek questioned where the $34 million that was previously committed for the Kenaston underpass in the 2003 Capital Budget had gone to which Councillor Clement advised that the entire money was not committed last year and a five year capital budget was not passed last year, but only provided as information.

Councillor Steek inquired if there had been any ongoing discussions with the Federal Government to provide financial support for the Kenaston underpass project to which His Worship replied that the infrastructure fund provided by the Federal and Provincial governments consists of only $90 million in total, which was not enough to fund all the desired projects. He also noted that it would be important for City Council to set direction on what projects the infrastructure fund should be used for, citing road replacement and sewage treatment as possible projects.