Agenda - Council - December 17, 2003

Report - Executive Policy Committee - December 3, 2003

Item No. 3 Soldiers' Taxation Relief Assistance
File FL-2.3

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On December 3, 2003, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the administrative recommendation and submits the following to Council:

1. That the applications pursuant to The Soldiers' Taxation Relief Act be approved on the understanding that the requested amount will be recovered from the Province of Manitoba.

2. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.

Report - Executive Policy Committee - December 3, 2003

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On December 3, 2003, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the administrative recommendation and submitted the matter to Council.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

RE: SOLDIERS' TAXATION RELIEF ASSISTANCE

FOR SUBMISSION TO: EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

ORIGINAL REPORT SIGNED BY: CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER

REPORT DATE: November 25, 2003

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That City Council approve the applications pursuant to *The Soldiers' Taxation Relief Act* on the understanding that the requested amount will be recovered from the Province of Manitoba.

REPORT SUMMARY:

Key Issue(s):

The Soldiers' Taxation Relief Act requires City Council to annually approve applications for tax assistance and forward a copy to the Province of Manitoba for reimbursement.

Implications of the Recommendation(s):

General Implications

- [x] **None**
- [ ] **For the organization overall and/or for other departments**
- [ ] **For the community and/or organizations external to the City**
- [ ] **Involves a multi-year contract**

Comment(s):

Policy Implications

- [x] **No**
- [ ] **Yes**

Comment(s):

Environmental Implications

- [x] **No**
- [ ] **Yes**

Comment(s):

Human Resources Implications:

x	**No**
	Yes

Comment(s):

Financial implications

x	**Within approved current and/or capital budget**
	Current and/or capital budget adjustment required

Comment(s): The provision of the soldiers' tax relief is revenue neutral for the City of Winnipeg. This credit program is administered and funded by the Province of Manitoba. Any approved amount claimed is paid to the City of Winnipeg by the Province and refunded back to the approved property owner.

REASON FOR THE REPORT:

The Soldiers' Taxation Relief Act requires City Council to annually approve applications for tax assistance and forward a copy to the Province of Manitoba for reimbursement.

HISTORY:

On March 26, 1993, Mayor Susan A. Thompson wrote to the Minister of Urban Affairs requesting that the Province amend *The Soldiers' Taxation Relief Act* by increasing the amount from $50 to $100, effective in 1994.

On June 10, 1993, the Minister of Rural Development acknowledged Mayor Thompson's letter and requested that a report be provided indicating why the proposal was being made at the time, the rationale for the request and revised rebate figures.

On August 26, 1993, the Executive Policy Committee forwarded to the Minister of Rural Development a report as to the reason and history why *The Soldiers' Taxation Relief Act* should be amended. To date there has been no reply from the Province on this matter.

DISCUSSION:

The Soldiers' Taxation Relief Act provides for the granting of relief from property taxation to eligible applicants in an amount not exceeding $50.

The City Treasurer has received applications for relief from taxation for the year 2003 under the provisions of this Act, and is satisfied as to the good faith and merit of the applications.

As per Schedule A, the total amount of the relief granted for 2003 is $800.

FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

Project Name: Soldiers' Taxation Relief Assistance

Date: November 24, 2003 First Year of Program **2003**

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
Capital					
Capital Expenditures Required					
Less: Existing Budgeted Costs					
Additional Capital Budget Required	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Funding Sources:					
Debt - Internal					
Debt - External					
Grants (Enter Description Here)					
Reserves, Equity, Surplus					
Other - Enter Description Here					
Total Funding	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Total Additional Capital Budget Required	$ -				
Total Additional Debt Required	$ -				
Current Expenditures/Revenues					
Direct Costs	$ 800				
Less: Incremental Revenue/Recovery	800				
Net Cost/(Benefit)	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -
Less: Existing Budget Amounts	-				
Net Budget Adjustment Required	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -	$ -

Additional Comments: The provision of the soldiers' tax relief is revenue neutral for the City of Winnipeg. This credit program is administered and funded by the Province of Manitoba. Any approved amount claimed is paid to the City of Winnipeg by the Province and refunded back to the approved property owner.

"original signed by Carrie Erickson"
Manager of Finance and Administration

IN PREPARING THIS REPORT, THERE WAS CONSULTATION WITH AND CONCURRENCE BY:

THIS REPORT SUBMITTED BY:

Corporate Finance
Taxation and Revenue
Prepared by: Mel Chambers, Acting Manager of Taxation and Revenue
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Schedule A

2003 SOLDIERS' TAXATION RELIEF ASSISTANCE

Roll No.	Refund To:	Amount
01000704000	John A. Riordan, 240 Chalfont Rd. R3R 0R3	$ 50.00
06044506000	Agnes C. McKeand, 7 Lochmoor Ave. R2J 1P7	$ 50.00
06081261000	Adelard Houle, 66 Hill St. R2H 2L4	$ 50.00
07020169000	Christine Roschick, 174 Collegiate St. R3J 1T8	$ 50.00
07020751000	Catherine L. Bell, 412 Roseberry St. R3J 1T5	$ 50.00
07063071000	Ernest E. Copper, 314 Strathmillan Rd. R3J 2V5	$ 50.00
07063097000	Florence Hallson, 7 Carnarvan Rd. R3J 0X4	$ 50.00
08000960500	Robert J. Trenchard, 52 Varennes Ave. R2M 0N1	$ 50.00
09003698100	Lucie M. Lavallee, 777 McMeans Ave. E. R2C 4B2	$ 50.00
11010376000	Elsie Yuffe, 303 Smithfield Ave. R2V 0C8	$ 50.00
12012376000	Burnice V. Britts, 332 Arnold Ave. R3L 0W7	$ 50.00
12072240100	Donna Salisbury, 908 Centennial St. R3N 1R7	$ 50.00
14010965000	Madelon Adams, 1162 Selkirk Ave. R2X 0C5	$ 50.00
14051343000	Betty E. Kennedy, 459 Robertson St. R2X 2C1	$ 50.00
14051770000	Meta Degner, 1105 Church Ave. R2X 1G1	$ 50.00
14099586600	William J. Neil, 113 Marianne Rd. R2R 1W4	$ 50.00
Total		**$800.00**