Minute No. 75
Report – Executive Policy Committee – December 15, 2020

Item No. 1 Executive Policy Committee – Preliminary 2021 Operating and Capital Budgets – Final Recommendation

COUNCIL DECISION:

Council concurred in the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee as amended, and adopted the following:

OPERATING BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the following recommendations with respect to the 2021 Preliminary Operating Budget be approved by Council:

   A. i. That the 2021 Preliminary Operating Budget (page 2-1), including the budget for reserves (Appendix 3), be reviewed and approved by Council; and

   ii. That the 2022 through 2023 projections set out on page 2-2 of the Preliminary Budget be reviewed and approved by Council.

   B. That the City's mill rate be increased from 12.861 to 13.161 for 2021, for the purpose of raising revenue as required for the annual operating budget.

   Note: This mill rate of 13.161 in 2021 includes a 1% property tax increase dedicated to the renewal of local streets, lanes and sidewalks; a 1% property tax increase dedicated to the renewal of regional streets and sidewalks, and bridges and; a 0.33% property tax increase dedicated for payments for the Southwest Rapid Transitway (Stage 2) and Pembina Highway Underpass project, for a total property tax increase of 2.33%. Property taxes are projected to increase by 2.33% in each of 2022 and 2023, an increase currently projected to be dedicated to capital programs.

   C. i. That the City's business tax rate remain at 4.84% in 2021; and

   ii. That Council enact the attached Small Business Tax Credit By-law under subsection 219(2) of the City of Winnipeg Charter, which will provide a tax credit in the amount of all municipal business taxes owed for businesses with an annual rental value of $44,200 or less in 2021 ($35,700 in 2020).

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COUNCIL DECISION (continued):

Note: The business tax rate is to be determined in 2022 to 2023 to maintain current budgeted revenue. The Small Business Tax Credit (SBTC) will be recalculated in 2022 and 2023.

D. In order to balance the remaining years of the multi-year operating budget approved by Council on March 20, 2020 (2021 preliminary budget and 2022 to 2023 projected budgets), that Council approve the following transfers between Financial Stabilization Reserve Fund and the General Revenue Fund as noted below.

In millions of $	2021	2022	2023	3-year Total
Transfer (to) / from Financial Stabilization Reserve Fund	$20.2	($11.2)	($0.5)	$8.5

E. That Council approve the allocation of the Federal Safe Restart Agreement funding (operating) of $42.223 million in 2020, in order to mitigate the ongoing negative impact of the COVID-19 pandemic to the City's finances as follows:

i. Reverse the following decisions approved by Council on June 26, 2020 (Item 7 of the Report of Executive Policy Committee dated June 18, 2020 - "Addressing the Financial Challenges of COVID-19" – Additional Proposed Actions out of the COVID-19 Crisis Cash Flow Management Plan) including repealing Borrowing By-law No. 63/2020:

a. Replace the cash to capital funding for 28 capital projects as detailed in Appendix 2 of the June 26, 2020 Report, with external borrowing of $15.607 million for tax supported departments (operating) and $2.805 million for Transit Department (transit);

b. Include debt and finance charges in 2021 and future years resulting from the external borrowing of $18.412 million; and

c. Approve transfer in 2020 from the Land Operating Reserve to the General Revenue Fund to a maximum of $8 million.

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ii. Transfer $7.735 million to Winnipeg Parking Authority SOA to mitigate the revenue losses incurred in 2020; and

iii. Allocate $8.881 million for a COVID-19 Economic Recovery and Community Support Program (as specified in Recommendation 1.G.i.) and $2 million for an investment in Affordable Housing (as specified in recommendation 1.G.ii).

F. That Council approve the allocation of the entire Federal Safe Restart funding (transit) of $32.274 million in 2020 to Winnipeg Transit.

G. That Council approve the following transfers in 2020 from the General Revenue Fund:

i. $8.881 million to the General Purpose Reserve Fund for a COVID-19 Economic Recovery and Community Support Program as noted in recommendation 1.E.iii. The goals of the COVID-19 Economic Recovery and Community Support Program are to stimulate the City's economy, revitalize the community and grow the assessment base. Initiatives included in the 2021 budget and 2022 to 2023 projections:

a. Re-establishment of an Economic Development Office as a direct report of the Chief Administrative Officer for a total of $500,000;

b. Improvements to the planning, development and permitting processes for additional full-time equivalents (FTEs) and technological investments for a total of $750,000;

c. Compensate for City revenue shortfall for re-introduction of property and business tax penalty waivers (as specified in Recommendation 1.H.) estimated at $3.781 million in 2021;

d. Funding of $600,000 for Winnipeg Wellness Support grant program (Winnipeg Wellness Fund) to address physical, mental, spiritual and emotional distress due to COVID-19 pandemic (as specified in Recommendation 1.I.);

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COUNCIL DECISION (continued):

e. Funding of $3 million for Winnipeg COVID-19 Economic Support Grant Program to assist small businesses and not-for-profit organizations that have suffered a revenue decline due to the pandemic (as specified in Recommendation 1.J.).

f. Funding of $250,000 for mental health support for front line workers in ambulance and fire emergency services.

ii. $2 million to the Housing Investment Rehabilitation Reserve to retain a portion of the Federal Safe Restart funding (operating) for the City's Affordable Housing Strategy.

H. i That Council enact amendments to the Tax Penalty By-law No. 5796/91, that will be in effect for taxes imposed in 2021 to:

a. waive penalties on 2021 property and business taxes that remain unpaid for up to three months following the due date for these taxes; and

b. eliminate the penalty of 7.5% on unpaid taxes imposed for the month of August (for business taxes) and September (for real and personal property taxes);

ii. That Council direct the Public Service to communicate clearly that the intent of recommendation 1.H. is to help those who are in financial need during this unprecedented event, and that this is not intended to waive requirements for residents to continue to pay for City services.

I. That Council approve a one-time grant program (Winnipeg Wellness Fund), funded by Federal Safe Restart funding, in the amount of $600,000 for any amount of grant to support schools, community centres, faith-based organizations, businesses and business organizations (including BIZes), charities and non-profit incorporated organizations and for grants of no more than $5,000 to community groups to provide community activities and initiatives that reduce the emotional, physical and spiritual stress of the pandemic and allow residents to connect with one another in a safe way, said program to be administered by the City Clerk, subject to the following parameters:

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COUNCIL DECISION (continued):

i. That the City Clerk issue grants only to organizations or groups recommended by a City Councillor in an amount recommended by the Councillor and each Councillor be limited to making recommendations of $40,000 in grant funding;

ii. That the grants be issued only to eligible organizations or groups who accept responsibility for expending the grant funds in accordance with their application for the grant funding;

iii. That the funding be used only to defray expenses in providing the activity or initiative and not to enrich or profit the recipient organization or group;

iv. That the deadline for submissions of applications for grants be February 28, 2021 (although grants may be issued prior to the deadline) and the expenses for which the funds are to be used must be incurred by the recipient organization prior to April 30, 2021;

v. That the recipient organization provide a report to the City Clerk as to the use of the grant funds prior to June 30, 2021;

vi. That the City Clerk report to the Standing Policy Committee on Finance as to the use of the grant funds by December 31, 2021; and

vii. That no funds be carried over to a future date and any unused funds be returned to general revenue.

J. i. That Council approve Winnipeg COVID-19 Economic Support Grant Program, to assist small businesses and not-for-profit organizations that have suffered due to the pandemic, subject to the following parameters:

a. Funding to be provided to organizations that are forced to prohibit access by the public to their premises by Manitoba COVID-19 public health orders in effect November 12, 2020 or thereafter;

b. Businesses and not-for-profit organizations applying for funding must have fewer than 100 employees;

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c. Grant funding available is $1,500 per eligible organization;

d. Program application deadline for the first intake is February 28, 2021. Applications will be prioritized on a first come first serve basis until the $3 million funding is fully expended. If funds remain, a second intake of applications will be accepted with an application deadline of April 30, 2021;

e. Grant recipients under this program must: agree to the terms and conditions of the funding: provide an application form outlining the specific costs covered by the funding; and provide consent on how the grant is utilized in a final report to Council; and

f. The following do not qualify for this program: related organizations of the Government of Canada, Government of Manitoba, City of Winnipeg; businesses or other organizations with 100 or more employees; and businesses or organizations that do not have to cease their operations or close their publicly accessible physical locations under the COVID-19 public health orders in effect November 12, 2020 or thereafter.

ii. That Council direct the Public Service to communicate clearly that the intent of recommendation 1.J. is to help those organizations who are in financial need during this unprecedented event.

iii. That Council direct Public Service to report back on Winnipeg COVID-19 Economic Support grant program with details including recipients, amounts and a description of how the grant is utilized to the appropriate committee of Council on or before December 31, 2021.

K. That Council approve:

i. A testing fee of $70 per applicant for applications to join the Winnipeg Police Service (a service formerly provided by University of Manitoba); and

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ii. levies and transfers between funds outlined in the 2021 Operating Budget (Appendix 4 Transfers from/to the General Revenue Fund and other Reserve funds).

L. That Council approve a 6% reduction in conventional bus service from regular service levels for 2021 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and that the operating budget for Transit be reduced accordingly.

M. That Council approve 2021 grant and grant delegations as reported in the 2020 Budget (Volume 2 Appendix 2 Listing of Grants / Payments), subject to the changes set out in the 2021 Budget (Listing of Grants / Payments Appendix 2).

N. That Council enact amendments to the Tax Certificate Fees By-law 53/2015 to increase the following fees to the following amounts:

i. For the making and mailing of a paper tax certificate to $59.00.

ii. For the electronic making out and mailing of a tax certificate requested electronically to $43.00

O. That Council amend each of the Special Operating Agencies' Charters - to direct Animal Services, Golf Services, Fleet Management Services and Parking Authority to include an annual budget for vacancy management, as is the practice for other City departments, to be transferred to the tax supported fund and to direct the Chief Administrative Officer to manage these in the same manner as is done with departments of the City.

P. That $1,645,310 in prior years' tax supported cash to capital surplus generated due to capital projects coming under budget (identified in Appendix 5A), be utilized to reduce the transfer to the General Capital Fund in the 2021 tax supported operating budget.

Q. That, on a one-time basis, $1.2 million be transferred from the Land Operating Reserve (unallocated equity) to the Heritage Investment Reserve to eliminate the accumulated unallocated equity deficit in the latter fund.

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R. That Council reiterate its prior direction to the Public Service to continue to pursue a new agreement with Shared Health Services for the provision of Emergency Medical Services by the City that reflects full cost recovery, including, but not limited to, the leasing costs for any new fire paramedic stations.

S. That the terms and conditions of the General Purpose Reserve be amended to allow as a funding source any budget allocation approved by Council including external or internal funding sources.

T. That the Multi-Year Budget Policy be amended by repealing subsection 3.4 to remove the obligation for Council to approve budget projections for years beyond the four-year budget cycle.

U. That the following be added to the Operating Budget and be funded by an equivalent increase to the Corporate Efficiencies budget:

i. $313,000 for the resulting 2021 to 2023 debt and finance charges related to North District Police Station project as approved by Council on November 26, 2020;

ii. $223,391 over 2021 to 2023 to rescind the allocation of funds to Business Improvement Zones to offset a portion of the costs of the Neighbourhood Economic Development Officer as approved by Council on November 26, 2020;

iii. $269,000 for the incremental 2023 debt and finance charges related to the Waverley West Fire Station as noted in the Capital Budget recommendation 2.H. below.

iv. $99,000 for 2021 to 2023 for external audit services to audit the Councillors' Ward Allowance expenditures of five Councillors each year on a rotating basis.

v. $36,000 for 2021 to 2023 for external audit services to provide annual audits of the Mayor's Office expenditures.

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COUNCIL DECISION (continued):

V. That Council direct the public service to return to the appropriate Committee of Council in 90 days to bring forward policy changes to enable a rotational audit for Councillors' Ward Allowance expenditures, to include the aforementioned audit of five Councillors' expenditures each year, and a requirement that each Councillor is subject to an audit at least once during their term.

W. That Council direct the Chief Financial Officer, to bring forward on or before December 31, 2021 options and recommendation for Council's consideration on a multi-year funding formula for the Winnipeg Police Service (WPS) that will provide planning certainty for the City of Winnipeg and a sustainable and predictable funding level for the WPS.

As part of the development of the report the public service will (i) conduct a jurisdictional scan of other formula-driven models for police services; (ii) work collaboratively to seek input from the Winnipeg Police Services Board, members of Council and the WPS; (iii) commission a statistically representative third-party survey of Winnipeg residents concerning the funding of the WPS, and (iv) support the Police Board, Chair of Protection, Community Services, and Parks, and Chair of Finance through the office of public engagement to hold six events: one city wide event and 5 community committee events (Assiniboia; City Centre; East Kildonan - Transcona, Lord Selkirk-West Kildonan and Riel) designed to collect input from members of the public including Black, Indigenous and people of colour, LGBT2SQ*, community groups and associations.

As part of the development of the report, $150,000 will be made available through an equivalent increase to the Corporate Efficiencies budget, to the Office of Public Engagement.

X. That Council direct the City Solicitor/ Director of Legal Services to submit the necessary by-laws and policy amendments to implement the above recommendations directly to Council by way of a communication through the Office of the City Clerk.

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COUNCIL DECISION (continued):

CAPITAL BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS

2. That the following recommendations with respect to the 2021 Preliminary Capital Budget and 2022 to 2026 Five-Year Capital Forecast be approved by Council:

A. i. That the 2021 Preliminary Capital Budget as set out on page 2-4, totaling $386.429 million be reviewed and approved by Council.

ii. That Council approve new capital borrowing authority as follows:

a. $23.239 million external borrowing for 2021 tax-supported operations, including Transit and Municipal Accommodations; and

b. $1.500 million external borrowing for 2021 tax-supported internal financing.

Note: A separate borrowing authority in the amount of $10 million for the Winnipeg Fleet Management Agency SOA is being put forward for Council consideration and approval as part of the SOA's 2021 to 2023 Business Plan report.

iii. That the 2022 to 2026 Five-Year Capital Forecast as set out on page 2-4 be reviewed and approved by Council.

B. That Council approve the following cash to capital contribution:

Year	$ Millions
2021	5.688 (budget)
2022	10.591 (forecast)
2023	2.567 (forecast)
2024	20.000 (forecast)
2025	20.000 (forecast)
2026	20.620 (forecast)

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COUNCIL DECISION (continued):

C. That Council approve all other transfers from prior years' surplus or authorizations, to/from reserves and other funds outlined in the 2021 Capital Budget (identified in Appendix 6).

D. That Council authorize expenditures on the following projects, as set out in Attachment 1 to the Budget Recommendations, in 2021 or prior to the adoption of the 2022 capital budget as a first charge against the General Capital Fund, in accordance with Subsection 288(2) of the City of Winnipeg Charter and the Expenditures before Budget Adoption By-law, to facilitate timely work on the projects:

i. Up to $70.500 million for various Accelerated Regional Street Renewal projects;

ii. Various regional street projects as set out below:

a. Up to $2.850 million for the Redwood Avenue – Main Street to Salter Avenue;

b. Up to $5.900 million for the University Crescent - Pembina Highway to Chancellor Matheson Boulevard; and

c. Up to $1.400 million for the River Avenue – Osborne Street to Wellington Crescent / Wellington Crescent – River Avenue to Stradbrook Street;

iii. Up to $7.500 million in Local Street Renewal projects to facilitate delivery of industrial streets, residential streets, alleys, and sidewalk renewals;

iv. Up to $1.453 million for the Police Service - Communication Sites Upgrade – Media Logger project to coordinate the logger service date with Next Generation 911 delivery; and

v. Up to $0.602 million for the Police Service - Flight Operations Overhaul project.

vi. Up to $300,000 for the Recreation and Library Facility Investment Strategy – Land Dedication Reserve Fund allocation.

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COUNCIL DECISION (continued):

E. That Council approve the following transfers from Land Operating Reserve in 2021:

i. to the General Capital Fund of $3.611 million; and

ii. to the General Revenue Fund of $0.235 million

to the extent that the reserve's unallocated equity balance does not enter into a deficit position. Should the unallocated equity balance be such that the full transfers cannot be made, any shortfall will be addressed during 2021.

F. That Council direct Public Service to report within 180 days to the Standing Policy Committee on Finance on the determination methods, budget assumptions and other relevant information in calculating the annual inflationary (deflationary) rate including construction inflation, and its impact on the operating and capital budgets.

G. That Council's policy regarding funding of Public-Private Partnerships be amended as follows (amendment underlined): *That annual lease/service payments and debt servicing costs for tax supported public private partnerships be funded annually up to a maximum of 30% of the cash to capital contribution and the federal gas tax. <u>If the funding of annual lease/service payments and debt servicing costs for tax supported public private partnerships exceeds 30% of cash to capital contribution and federal gas tax, no additional tax supported public private partnerships be entered into until funding of annual lease/service payments and debt servicing costs for tax supported public private partnerships is reduced to a level below 30% of cash to capital contribution and federal gas tax.</u>*

H. That the Waverley West Fire Station be funded by external debt in the amount of $7 million in 2023 instead of the Impact Fee Reserve.

I. That the following changes be reflected in the Regional and Local Street Renewal capital program (detail sheet noted as Attachment 2A):

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COUNCIL DECISION (continued):

i. Regional and Local Street Renewal – amend the listing of Local Thin Bituminous Overlay (TBO) as noted in the attached (Attachment 2B);

ii. Regional and Local Street Renewal – amend the Accelerated Regional Street Renewal listing as noted in the attached (Attachment 2C), to reflect streets within the sub-program which have been completed.

Note: There is no net change in overall program funding related to these changes.

J. That Council direct the City Solicitor/ Director of Legal Services to submit the necessary borrowing by-law directly to Council by way of a communication through the Office of the City Clerk.

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

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Gillingham,
That the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee be adopted.

In amendment,
Moved by Councillor Gillingham,
Seconded by Councillor Rollins,

BE IT RESOLVED That the second paragraph of Recommendation 1. W. of Item 1 of the Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated December 15, 2020 be amended by deleting the words "the Chair of" before the words "the Police Board" as indicated below:

"1. W. As part of the development of the report the public service will (i) conduct a jurisdictional scan of other formula-driven models for police services; (ii) work collaboratively to seek input from the Winnipeg Police Services Board, members of Council and the WPS; (iii) commission a statistically representative third-party survey of Winnipeg residents concerning the funding of the WPS, and (iv) support ~~***the Chair of***~~ the Police Board, Chair of Protection, Community Services, and Parks, and Chair of Finance through the office of public engagement to hold six events: one city wide event and 5 community committee events (Assiniboia; City Centre; East Kildonan - Transcona, Lord Selkirk-West Kildonan and Riel) designed to collect input from members of the public including Black, Indigenous and people of colour, LGBT2SQ*, community groups and associations"

In amendment,
Moved by Councillor Klein,
Seconded by Councillor Schreyer

BE IT RESOLVED That the second paragraph of Recommendation 1. W. of Item 1 of the Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated December 15, 2020 be amended by deleting the words "the Chair of the Police Board, Chair of Protection, Community Services, and Parks, and Chair of Finance" and replacing with "Councillors Chambers, Lukes, Nason and Schreyer", as indicated below:

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

"1. W. As part of the development of the report the public service will (i) conduct a jurisdictional scan of other formula-driven models for police services; (ii) work collaboratively to seek input from the Winnipeg Police Services Board, members of Council and the WPS; (iii) commission a statistically representative third-party survey of Winnipeg residents concerning the funding of the WPS, and (iv) support ~~***the Chair of the Police Board, Chair of Protection, Community Services, and Parks, and Chair of Finance***~~ ***Councillors Chambers, Lukes, Nason and Schreyer*** through the office of public engagement to hold six events: one city wide event and 5 community committee events (Assiniboia; City Centre; East Kildonan - Transcona, Lord Selkirk-West Kildonan and Riel) designed to collect input from members of the public including Black, Indigenous and people of colour, LGBT2SQ*, community groups and associations"

With the concurrence of the seconder, Councillor Schreyer, and with the permission of Council, Councillor Klein withdrew the motion.

In amendment,
Moved by Councillor Klein,
Seconded by Councillor Schreyer

BE IT RESOLVED That the second paragraph of Recommendation 1. W. of Item 1 of the Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated December 15, 2020 be amended by deleting the words "the Chair of the Police Board, Chair of Protection, Community Services, and Parks, and Chair of Finance" and replacing with " one Councillor from every Community Committee, as selected by the Community Committee", as indicated below:

"1. W. As part of the development of the report the public service will (i) conduct a jurisdictional scan of other formula-driven models for police services; (ii) work collaboratively to seek input from the Winnipeg Police Services Board, members of Council and the WPS; (iii) commission a statistically representative third-party survey of Winnipeg residents concerning the funding of the WPS, and (iv) support ~~***the Chair of the Police Board, Chair of Protection, Community Services, and Parks, and Chair of Finance***~~ ***one Councillor from every Community Committee, as selected by the Community Committee*** through the office of public engagement to hold six events: one city wide event and 5 community committee events (Assiniboia; City Centre; East Kildonan - Transcona, Lord Selkirk-West Kildonan and Riel) designed to collect input from members of the public including Black, Indigenous and people of colour, LGBT2SQ*, community groups and associations"

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

The motion for the adoption of the amendment Moved by Councillor Klein and Seconded by Councillor Schreyer was put.

Councillor Klein called for the yeas and nays, which were as follows:

Yea: Councillors Eadie, Klein, Lukes, Nason, Santos, Schreyer and Sharma 7

Nay: His Worship Mayor Bowman, Councillors Allard, Browaty, Chambers, Gillingham, Gilroy, Mayes, Orlikow and Rollins 9

and the motion for the adoption of the amendment Moved by Councillor Klein and Seconded by Councillor Schreyer was declared lost.

The motion for the adoption of the amendment Moved by Councillor Gillingham and Seconded by Councillor Rollins was put.

Councillor Gillingham called for the yeas and nays, which were as follows:

Yea: His Worship Mayor Bowman, Councillors Allard, Browaty, Chambers, Eadie, Gillingham, Gilroy, Mayes, Orlikow, Rollins and Schreyer 11

Nay: Councillors Klein, Lukes, Nason, Santos and Sharma 5

and the motion for the adoption of the amendment Moved by Councillor Gillingham and Seconded by Councillor Rollins was declared carried.

At the request of Councillor Eadie and in accordance with Rule 20 of the Procedure By-law, the Speaker advised that the three recommendation of the Item would be voted on separately.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

The motion for the adoption of Recommendation 1 (Operating Budget) as amended was put.

Councillor Eadie called for the yeas and nays, which were as follows:

Yea: His Worship Mayor Bowman, Councillors Allard, Browaty, Chambers, Gillingham, Gilroy, Mayes, Orlikow and Rollins 9

Nay: Councillors Eadie, Klein, Lukes, Nason, Santos, Schreyer and Sharma 7

and motion for the adoption of Recommendation 1 (Operating Budget) as amended was declared carried.

The motion for the adoption of Recommendation 2 (Capital Budget) was put.

Councillor Eadie called for the yeas and nays, which were as follows:

Yea: His Worship Mayor Bowman, Councillors Allard, Browaty, Chambers, Eadie, Gillingham, Gilroy, Mayes, Orlikow, Rollins and Santos 11

Nay: Councillors Klein, Lukes, Nason, Schreyer and Sharma 5

and motion for the adoption of Recommendation 2 (Capital Budget) was declared carried.

The motion for the adoption of Recommendation 3 was put and declared carried.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On December 15, 2020, the Executive Policy Committee concurred in the Preliminary 2021 Operating and Capital Budgets, tabled at the Executive Policy Committee on November 27, 2020, with the following amendments and submitted the matter to Council:

OPERATING BUDGET:

- Delete Recommendation 1. I. and replace with the following:

I. "That Council approve a one-time grant program (Winnipeg Wellness Fund), funded by Federal Safe Restart funding, in the amount of $600,000 for any amount of grant to support schools, community centres, faith-based organizations, businesses and business organizations (including BIZes), charities and non-profit incorporated organizations and for grants of no more than $5,000 to community groups to provide community activities and initiatives that reduce the emotional, physical and spiritual stress of the pandemic and allow residents to connect with one another in a safe way, said program to be administered by the City Clerk, subject to the following parameters:

i. That the City Clerk issue grants only to organizations or groups recommended by a City Councillor in an amount recommended by the Councillor and each Councillor be limited to making recommendations of $40,000 in grant funding;

ii. That the grants be issued only to eligible organizations or groups who accept responsibility for expending the grant funds in accordance with their application for the grant funding;

iii. That the funding be used only to defray expenses in providing the activity or initiative and not to enrich or profit the recipient organization or group;

iv. That the deadline for submissions of applications for grants be February 28, 2021 (although grants may be issued prior to the deadline) and the expenses for which the funds are to be used must be incurred by the recipient organization prior to April 30, 2021;

v. That the recipient organization provide a report to the City Clerk as to the use of the grant funds prior to June 30, 2021;

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION (continued):

vi. That the City Clerk report to the Standing Policy Committee on Finance as to the use of the grant funds by December 31, 2021; and

vii. That no funds be carried over to a future date and any unused funds be returned to general revenue."

- Add the following new recommendations after 1.T. and renumber the remaining recommendation accordingly:

U. That the following be added to the Operating Budget and be funded by an equivalent increase to the Corporate Efficiencies budget:

i. $313,000 for the resulting 2021 to 2023 debt and finance charges related to North District Police Station project as approved by Council on November 26, 2020;

ii. $223,391 over 2021 to 2023 to rescind the allocation of funds to Business Improvement Zones to offset a portion of the costs of the Neighbourhood Economic Development Officer as approved by Council on November 26, 2020;

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iv. $99,000 for 2021 to 2023 for external audit services to audit the Councillors' Ward Allowance expenditures of five Councillors each year on a rotating basis.

v. $36,000 for 2021 to 2023 for external audit services to provide annual audits of the Mayor's Office expenditures.

V. That Council direct the public service to return to the appropriate Committee of Council in 90 days to bring forward policy changes to enable a rotational audit for Councillors' Ward Allowance expenditures, to include the aforementioned audit of five Councillors' expenditures each year, and a requirement that each Councillor is subject to an audit at least once during their term.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION (continued):

W. That Council direct the Chief Financial Officer, to bring forward on or before December 31, 2021 options and recommendation for Council's consideration on a multi-year funding formula for the Winnipeg Police Service (WPS) that will provide planning certainty for the City of Winnipeg and a sustainable and predictable funding level for the WPS.

As part of the development of the report the public service will (i) conduct a jurisdictional scan of other formula-driven models for police services; (ii) work collaboratively to seek input from the Winnipeg Police Services Board, members of Council and the WPS; (iii) commission a statistically representative third-party survey of Winnipeg residents concerning the funding of the WPS, and (iv) support the Chair of the Police Board, Chair of Protection, Community Services, and Parks, and Chair of Finance through the office of public engagement to hold six events: one city wide event and 5

community committee events (Assiniboia; City Centre; East Kildonan - Transcona, Lord Selkirk-West Kildonan and Riel) designed to collect input from members of the public including Black, Indigenous and people of colour, LGBT2SQ*, community groups and associations.

As part of the development of the report, $150,000 will be made available through an equivalent increase to the Corporate Efficiencies budget, to the Office of Public Engagement.

CAPITAL BUDGET:

- Add the following new recommendations after 2. G. and renumber the remaining recommendation accordingly:

H. That the Waverley West Fire Station be funded by external debt in the amount of $7 million in 2023 instead of the Impact Fee Reserve.

I. That the following changes be reflected in the Regional and Local Street Renewal capital program (detail sheet noted as Attachment 2A):

i. Regional and Local Street Renewal – amend the listing of Local Thin Bituminous Overlay (TBO) as noted in the attached (Attachment 2B);

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION (continued):

ii. Regional and Local Street Renewal – amend the Accelerated Regional Street Renewal listing as noted in the attached (Attachment 2C), to reflect streets within the sub-program which have been completed.

Note: There is no net change in overall program funding related to these changes.

- Add the following new Recommendation 2.D.vi. regarding authorizing expenditures in 2021 or prior to the adoption of the 2022 capital budget as a first charge against the General Capital Fund and that Attachment 1 be amended accordingly:

"vi. Up to $300,000 for the Recreation and Library Facility Investment Strategy – Land Dedication Reserve Fund allocation."

On December 11, 2020, the Executive Policy Committee heard delegations and presentations pertaining to the Preliminary 2021 Operating and Capital Budgets.

On November 27, 2020, the Executive Policy Committee tabled and referred the Preliminary 2021 Operating and Capital Budgets to the following budget review process:

Tuesday, December 1, 2020 – 9:30 a.m.	Standing Policy Committee on Water and Waste, Riverbank Management and the Environment
Wednesday December 2, 2020 – 9:30 a.m.	Standing Policy Committee on Protection, Community Services and Parks
Friday, December 4, 2020 – 9:30 a.m.	Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works
Monday, December 7, 2020 – 9:30 a.m.	Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage, and Downtown Development
Tuesday, December 8, 2020 – 2:30 p.m.	Standing Policy Committee on Innovation and Economic Development

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EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION (continued):

Thursday December 10, 2020 – 9:30 a.m.	Winnipeg Police Board
Friday, December 11, 2020 – 9:30 a.m.	Executive Policy Committee – Delegations
Tuesday, December 15, 2020 – 9:30 a.m.	Executive Policy Committee – Recommendation to Council
Wednesday, December 16, 2020 – 9:30 a.m.	Council