Agenda – Council – April 29, 2021

Standing Policy Committee on Water and Waste, Riverbank Management and the Environment - Notice of Motion

Item No. 1 Re-costing of the Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Master Plan

Moved by Councillor Mayes,
Seconded by Councillor Klein,

WHEREAS the Winnipeg Transit Master Plan (WTMP) provides for an estimated capital cost of $1.08 billion (2020 dollars) and a completion date in 2045;

AND WHEREAS the Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) plan provides for an estimated capital cost of $1.15 billion (2019 dollars) and a completion date in 2045;

AND WHEREAS both the WTMP ($1.08 billion) and CSO plan ($1.15 billion) use Class 5 estimates for capital projects;

AND WHEREAS the CSO Master Plan 2019 Technical Report prepared by Jacobs Engineering states on pages ES 5-6:

"The estimates are considered to be Class 5...The classification is based on the level of project definition, with the CSO Master Plan being a program with multiple projects and with low levels of definition for each project ... Subtotal Capital Cost estimate $1,150,400,000…Total Capital Cost for Budgeting Purposes $2,300,800,000."

AND WHEREAS the CSO Master Plan 2019 Technical Report also states on page 3-49/50:

"As agreed with the City the upper range of the Class 5 estimate (+100%) is to be used for budgeting purposes giving a total capital budget of $2.3 billion …. In 2015 the City moved to the AACE Classification System and the top end of the accuracy range was increased to plus 100 percent of capital cost."

AND WHEREAS the budgeted cost of the CSO Master Plan (2045 expiry) was increased by 100% from $1.15 billion to $2.3 billion due to the 100% upper cost range associated with Class 5 construction cost estimates;

AND WHEREAS the WTMP (2045 expiry) includes no budgeted cost increase from $1.08 billion despite also relying on Class 5 construction cost estimates;

AND WHEREAS Council never had the opportunity to vote to approve the CSO Master Plan submitted in August, 2019;

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THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Winnipeg Public Service be directed to re-cost the Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Master Plan, as presented to the Province of Manitoba, by reducing its cost by $1.15 billion, so as to be consistent with the Winnipeg Transit Master Plan and in making requests for funding from the Provincial and Federal governments.