EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

MOTIONS

Minute No. 390
Moved by Deputy Mayor Eadie,
Seconded by Councillor Pagtakhan,

WHEREAS on March 24, 2004, Council appointed Councillor Pagtakhan, Point Douglas Ward to the Standing Policy Committee on Downtown Development as the Councillor elected by Council from a ward whereby a portion of the ward lies within the area of jurisdiction of The Downtown Winnipeg Zoning By-law;

AND WHEREAS Councillor Pagtakhan is now a member of the Standing Policy Committee by virtue of his appointment as the Chairperson of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Councillor Gerbasi, Fort Rouge-East Fort Garry Ward, be appointed as the one member elected by Council to serve on the Standing Policy Committee on Downtown Development for the balance of 2004.

Carried

Minute No. 391
Moved by Deputy Mayor Eadie,
Seconded by Councillor Gerbasi

WHEREAS section 7 of the City Organization By-law (By-law No. 7100/97) states that:

> 7. The Standing Policy Committee on Public Works, the Standing Policy Committee on Protection and Community Services and the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development shall each be composed of a Chairperson appointed by the Mayor and three other members elected by Council;

AND WHEREAS on November 5, 2003, Council appointed Councillor Pagtakhan as a member of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development;

AND WHEREAS on May 12, 2004, Deputy Mayor Vandal appointed Councillor Pagtakhan as the Chairperson of the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development;

Executive Policy Committee – Motions (continued)

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development be made up of the following members:

Councillor Pagtakhan, Chairperson
Councillor De Smedt
Councillor Eadie
Councillor O'Shaughnessy

Carried

Minute No. 392
Moved by Councillor Gerbasi,
Seconded by Deputy Mayor Eadie,

WHEREAS the Winnipeg Humane Society is a "one of a kind" institution in the City of Winnipeg with a history spanning over a century;

AND WHEREAS the Winnipeg Humane Society has outgrown its current shelter and is in need of a larger facility to accommodate a larger spay/neuter clinic, more animals and a multi-purpose room for community and educational presentations;

AND WHEREAS the Winnipeg Humane Society has commenced a Capital Campaign and is applying for infrastructure funding under the Canada-Manitoba Infrastructure Program for the Proposed Expansion Project;

AND WHEREAS a resolution in support of the Winnipeg Humane Society application is required by the Infrastructure Secretariat from City Council;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Winnipeg hereby indicates its support of the Winnipeg Humane Society Proposed Expansion Project and application to the Canada-Manitoba Infrastructure Program and further wishes the Winnipeg Humane Society every success in achieving their goal. It is understood that the City of Winnipeg will not be a contributing funding partner in this infrastructure project.

Carried

Executive Policy Committee – Motions (continued)

Minute No. 393
Moved by Deputy Mayor Eadie,
Seconded by Councillor Steeves,

WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg has experienced significant rain and rapid snow melt, which has resulted in isolated areas of damage to real and personal property within the City;

AND WHEREAS in order for the Manitoba Emergency Measures Organization to consider any requests for disaster assistance, a resolution must be passed by the municipality;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Winnipeg requests the Province of Manitoba to provide disaster financial assistance to property and land owners, in accordance with their established policy.

Carried

Minute No. 394
Moved by Deputy Mayor Eadie,
Seconded by Councillor Pagtakhan,

WHEREAS on October 22, 2003, Council adopted Item 1 of the Report of the Secretariat Committee dated October 14, 2003, which scheduled a meeting of Council on June 23, 2004,

AND WHEREAS His Worship Mayor Glen Murray, Councillor Dan Vandal and Councillor Garth Steek have now resigned their seats on Council,

AND WHEREAS the Returning Officer of the City of Winnipeg has scheduled by-elections to fill the vacated seats on Council for June 22, 2004,

AND WHEREAS the results of the by-election may not be made official until 12:00 noon on June 23, 2004,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Council meeting scheduled for June 23, 2004 be rescheduled to June 25, 2004 at 9:30 a.m., in order to facilitate the arrival of the newly elected members of Council.

With the concurrence of the seconder, Councillor Pagtakhan, and with the permission of Council, Deputy Mayor Eadie withdrew his motion.

Executive Policy Committee – Motions

Minute No. 395
Moved by Councillor Lazarenko,
Seconded by Councillor Smith,

WHEREAS since the end of January 2000, gasoline prices in the City of Winnipeg have risen from 61.5 cents a litre to 67.5 cents a litre or more;

AND WHEREAS in 1998, 1.316 billion litres of gasoline and 586 million litres of diesel fuel and propane were sold in Manitoba;

AND WHEREAS high gasoline prices create hardship for all Manitoba motorists, especially in winter when a vehicle is often essential;

AND WHEREAS the Public Utilities Board has the ability and section 107 of the Public Utilities Board Act states in part:

> The board may perform duties assigned to it
>
> (a) by Act or resolution of the Legislature;
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> (b) by order of the Lieutenant Governor in Council;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that Council ask the Provincial Government to direct the Public Utilities Board to investigate and report on the cause of the gas price increase, its effect on Manitobans and the desirability of price regulation for the protection of consumers.

Deputy Mayor Eadie noted that the motion was required to Stand as Notice of Motion in accordance with Rule 17.1 of the Procedure By-law.

Executive Policy Committee - Motions

Minute No. 396
Moved by Councillor Wyatt,
Seconded by Councillor De Smedt,

WHEREAS the "Strong Mayor Model" has shifted the balance of power away from Council and into the Mayor's Office;

AND WHEREAS successive changes to The City of Winnipeg Act and now The City of Winnipeg Charter Act have reduced the influence and power of Council in favour of a "Strong Mayor Model";

AND WHEREAS with the power of appointment, a Cabinet system of governing has been created, commonly found in the parliamentary system of government, yet with none of the similar checks and balances;

AND WHEREAS the creation of the EPC Secretariat has further centralized information and policy development, undermining the role and responsibilities for policy analysis and development at the level of the Standing Policy Committees;

AND WHEREAS the creation of the "City Manager" or Chief Administrative Officer, as adopted from the "Cuff Report" has further centralized the reporting structures, including EPC's role to supervise the Chief Administrative Officer model, and make recommendations for changes to both internal policy processes and legislative changes to The City of Winnipeg Charter, and that the committee consider, though not limit itself to, the following:

a) The ability of the Mayor to appoint the Deputy Mayor, Acting Deputy Mayor, Chairpersons for the Standing Policy Committees of Council, and members of the Executive Policy Committee;

b) The abolition of the Executive Policy Committee

c) The abolition of the Executive Policy Committee Secretariat

d) A new reporting structure that empowers the Standing Policy Committees as the main vehicle to formulate public policy and provide council with policy recommendations;

e) Review the powers, etc of the Chief Administrative Officer, review and consider a new reporting structure between Council, the Statutory Officers and senior administration as well as current powers of appointment, suspension and termination of Statutory Officers and senior administration.

Deputy Mayor Eadie noted that the motion was required to Stand as Notice of Motion in accordance with Rule 17.1 of the Procedure By-law.