Agenda - Executive Policy Committee - June16, 2004

REPORTS

Item No. 7 2004 Water and Sewer Utility Rates
File WW-2.3

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On June 8, 2004, the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works concurred in the administrative recommendation and received as information the report dated June 3, 2004, with respect to the work schedule and financing plan for the Sewer Utility.

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On November 19, 2003, the Executive Policy Committee referred the following recommendation of the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works to the Administration:

- That the administrative report be received as information;
- That the matter be referred to the Executive Policy Committee for discussion with the Provincial Government in order to determine other funding alternatives;
- That the Executive Policy Committee and the Administration work with the Province of Manitoba to extend the implementation schedule (particularly for nutrient removal) and provide a more realistic time frame in order to reduce City of Winnipeg consumer concerns with respect to the Water and Sewer Utility Rate increase;
- That a Council Seminar be held to consider the 2004 Water and Sewer Utility Rates prior to the meeting of Council scheduled to be held on November 26, 2003;

with the following instructions:

1. That the Administration be requested to prepare an addendum to the rate report that provides a new work schedule and financing plan for the water/sewer utility, including revised water/sewer rates consistent with the 20 to 25 year timeline recommended by the Clean Environment Commission, and that the schedule of work recognize nutrient removal as a priority, with the Administration being asked to table the revised report by June 2004.

2. That the Administration be instructed to work with the Province of Manitoba in order to review the proposed work schedule and financing plan and that a final report on the outcome of those discussions be submitted to Executive Policy Committee and Council by June 2004.

STANDING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On November 12, 2003, the Standing Policy Committee on Public Works did not concur in the administrative recommendation contained in the report dated November 5, 2003, and recommended to Executive Policy Committee:

1. That the administrative report be received as information.

DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

2. That the matter be referred to the Executive Policy Committee for discussion with the Provincial Government in order to determine other funding alternatives.

3. That the Executive Policy Committee and the Administration work with the Province of Manitoba to extend the implementation schedule (particularly for nutrient removal) and provide a more realistic time frame in order to reduce City of Winnipeg consumer concerns with respect to the Water and Sewer Utility Rate increase.

4. That a Council Seminar be held to consider the 2004 Water and Sewer Utility Rates prior to the meeting of Council scheduled to be held on November 26, 2003.