EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE

MOTIONS OF WHICH NOTICE HAS BEEN GIVEN

Minute No. 467
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;

(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.

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

Yea: Councillor Lazarenko. 1

Nay: Deputy Mayor Eadie, Councillors Angus, Clement, De Smedt, Gerbasi, Lubosch, Pagtakhan, Smith, Steeves, Thomas and Wyatt. 11

and the motion for adoption of the item was declared lost.

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Minute No. 468
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:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED Council appoint a special committee of Council with one Councillor representative from each of the five community committees to review the existing Council and Administrative 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

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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.

Moved by Councillor De Smedt,

That the motion be referred to the Executive Policy Committee.

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

Yea: Councillors De Smedt, Pagtakhan, Smith, Thomas, Wyatt and Lazarenko 6

Nay: Deputy Mayor Eadie, Councillors Angus, Clement, Gerbasi, Lubosch and Steeves. 6

and the motion was declared lost, in accordance with Rule 58 of the Procedure By-law.