Minutes – Executive Policy Committee – March 18, 2025

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Item No. 7 Municipal Canada Community-Building Fund – Annual Indexing Rate of Construction Inflation

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee concurred in the Council Motion of February 27, 2025 and recommended to Council:

1. That the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and the Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) be called upon to lobby the Federal Government for the purpose of negotiating an annual indexing rate that reflects the actual national average, of any given year, of the construction inflation increase in construction infrastructure projects, for any renewed Municipal Canada Community-Building Fund, and that indexing shall be directly linked to the national average construction inflation increase.

2. That the above be forwarded to both the FCM and AMM to be considered as a Policy Resolution at their respective conventions.

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

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Browaty,
That the Council Motion of February 27, 2025, be concurred in and forwarded to Council.

Carried

David Grant submitted a communication in support of the matter.

COUNCIL DECISION:

On February 27, 2025, Council ruled automatic referral of the following motion to the Executive Policy Committee:

Moved by His Worship Mayor Gillingham,
Seconded by Councillor Wyatt,

WHEREAS the Municipal Canada Community-Building Fund (formerly known as the Gas Tax Fund), in real dollars, has been dropping in value due to construction inflation that is above, typically, the 2% for inflation, now budgeted for in the existing program;

AND WHEREAS construction inflation has consistently exceeded the inflation rate commonly referred to at 2%;

AND WHEREAS the Municipal Canada Community-Building Fund is used to fund infrastructure projects that have experienced inflation cost pressures annually that have been consistently above 2% inflation;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That City Council call on the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and the Association of Manitoba Municipalities (AMM) to lobby the Federal Government for the purpose of negotiating an annual indexing rate that reflects the actual national average, of any given year, of the construction inflation increase in construction infrastructure projects, for any renewed Municipal Canada Community-Building Fund, and that indexing shall be directly linked to the national average construction inflation increase.

2. That the above be forwarded to both the FCM and AMM to be considered as a Policy Resolution at their respective conventions.