Minute No. 21
Report – Executive Policy Committee – November 17, 2004

Item No. 1 Two-Thirds Voting Requirement - Reserve Funds
File GK-4

COUNCIL DECISION:

Council concurred in the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee and adopted the following:

1. That the September 29, 2004 Council Motion, pertaining to voting requirements for expenditures from reserve funds, be filed, inasmuch as The City of Winnipeg Charter and Council Policy regulate reserve fund expenditures.

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

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by His Worship Mayor Katz,
That the recommendation of the Executive Policy Committee be adopted by consent.

Carried

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On November 17, 2004, the Executive Policy Committee recommended that the September 29, 2004 Council Motion be filed inasmuch as The City of Winnipeg Charter and Council Policy regulate reserve fund expenditures, and submitted the matter to Council.

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On November 10, 2004, the Executive Policy Committee laid over consideration of the matter to its meeting scheduled for November 17, 2004.

On October 6, 2004, the Executive Policy Committee referred the September 29, 2004, Council Motion to the Administration for review and report back.

COUNCIL:

On September 29, 2004, Council ruled automatic referral of the following motion to the Executive Policy Committee:

Moved by Councillor Angus,
Seconded by Councillor Clement,

WHEREAS maintaining adequate reserves provides the City with the ability to respond to unexpected events and extraordinary situations such as natural disasters, maintain stable taxes and ensure sufficient funds are available for major capital projects;

AND WHEREAS City Council has authorized the establishment of Capital, Special Purpose and Stabilization reserve accounts;

AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg has established guidelines and rules regarding the expenditure of funds in reserve accounts;

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

AND WHEREAS maintaining adequate levels of funding in reserve accounts forms an integral part in maintaining the City's credit rating and allows the City to undertake long-term future planning;

AND WHEREAS The City of Winnipeg Charter puts restriction on the use of reserve funds as follows:

> 289(4) Money raised for a reserve fund established under subsection (1) shall not be expended or pledged for any purpose other than that for which the fund was established, except where
> a) the chief financial officer certifies that the amount in the fund is greater than the amount required for the purpose for which the fund was established;
> b) the amount in the fund is no longer required for the purpose for which the fund was established; or
> c) the purpose for which the fund was established is terminated;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that any expenditure out of a reserve fund for a purpose other than which it was established or is allowed by the City of Winnipeg Charter, require a two thirds majority vote of Council.