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Item 11 of the Report of the Executive Policy Committee dated April 21, 2026 (Water and Sewer Rate Relief and Debt Payment)

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We need the water rate income. So much must still be done.

1. The water rates announced in 2025 fell far below the actual cost of providing water and sewer services to Winnipeg. Item 11 reduces those 2025 rates ever further. This is not sustainable. City hall has focused on financial sustainability for many years. The 2026 rate cut puts current costs on future ratepayers. This is very imprudent.

2. We have been paying into the sewage fund for many years. Prior Mayors chose to borrow that money for general spending, or so we were told. The plant is being built as we speak. We want to know: if not this year, when will that borrowed money be replaced by the city into the sewage fund?

3. Since Wab and the PM have not promised to increase their funding, it is very imprudent to say the bills will be paid by them.

4. Winnipeg has failed to separate their old sewers. Every big rainfall dumps huge amounts of raw sewage into the river. The city of Windsor hired me fresh out of engineering school to help them reduce the mess made by their combined sewers. I published what I accomplished in the national sewage treatment magazine. That was more than 50 years ago. Why is Winnipeg more than 50 years late in protecting the environment? Electric buses and banning straws mean nothing if your sewage is not under control. Must we wait 50 or 100 more years until you fix the sewage system?

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