Agenda – Executive Policy Committee – May 19, 2026

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Item No. 10 NEWPCC Funding

COUNCIL DECISION:

On April 30, 2026, Council ruled automatic referral of the following motion to the Executive Policy Committee:

Moved by Councillor Dobson,
Seconded by Councillor Mayes,

WHEREAS the North End Sewage Treatment Plant (NEWPCC) is Winnipeg's largest and oldest wastewater treatment facility, treating approximately 70% of the City's liquid wastewater and processing 100% of the City's wastewater solids stream.

AND WHEREAS NEWPCC is undergoing a three stage project upgrade program intended to meet provincial regulatory requirements and to support future growth;

AND WHEREAS the total estimated cost of the NEWPCC upgrade projects (Projects 1 to 3) is approximately $3.170 billion, including Project 3 (Nutrient Removal) estimated at $1.570 billion;

AND WHEREAS Projects 1 and 2 have a combined cost of approximately $1.6 billion, and are funded 27% by the federal government, 30% by the provincial government and 43% by the City of Winnipeg:

AND WHEREAS the City is currently in discussions with the federal and provincial governments to assist with the funding for Project 3 (Nutrient Removal);

AND WHEREAS without completion of Project 3, it is estimated Winnipeg would reach wastewater treatment capacity by the end of 2030, effectively halting population and employment growth;

AND WHEREAS without timely external support for Project 3, the City would need to fund the project primarily through sewer rates, which could raise the average annual residential utility bills by over $1,000 by 2027, creating an affordability impact for residents and household finances;

AND WHEREAS both the Province of Manitoba and the Government of Canada stand to realize significant fiscal benefits from supporting Project 3, estimating additional tax revenue between 2033 and 2050 of approximately $27.0 billion federally and $19.9 billion provincially under a build scenario;

COUNCIL DECISION (continued):

AND WHEREAS for 2024/2025 fiscal years, the revenues of each level of government were:

- City of Winnipeg: $2,371,000,000
- Province of Manitoba: $24,344,000,000
- Government of Canada: $511,000,000,000

AND WHEREAS the Government of Canada has publicly identified nutrient reduction and Lake Winnipeg restoration as priorities, including ongoing federal initiatives and investments aimed at reducing nutrient loading and supporting basin-wide action;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

1. That the Government of Canada be requested to provide funding in the amount equal to 50% of the cost for Project 3 of the North End Sewage Treatment Plant (NEWPCC) (Nutrient Removal Facilities).

2. That the Province of Manitoba be requested to provide funding in the amount equal to of 33% of the costs for Project 3 of the North End Sewage Treatment Plant (NEWPCC) (Nutrient Removal Facilities).

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