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Minute No. 470 Infill Housing Initiatives
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EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee recommended:

1. That the Administration be directed to consult with industry stakeholders to develop a property tax-based incentive program to encourage the construction by the private sector of new infill housing units throughout Winnipeg.

2. That the Administration report back to the Executive Policy Committee within one hundred and twenty (120) days with options for such a program, including:
   - The nature and size of the incentive
   - The length of time over which the incentive would apply
   - The recipient of the incentive – home builder or home buyer
   - Geographic restrictions for the program, if any
   - Time restrictions for the program, if any

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Thomas,

That Rule 9.3 of the Procedure By-law be suspended in order that the following item, which was received too late to be placed on the regular agenda, be considered by Committee.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Thomas,

WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg Residential Land Supply Study of October 2004 indicated there are opportunities for infill development located throughout Winnipeg;

AND WHEREAS Plan Winnipeg 2020 Vision Policy #3A-02, states the City should encourage infilling of vacant lands and the revitalization of existing neighbourhoods to maximize the use of existing infrastructure;

AND WHEREAS infill developments expand the tax base of the City of Winnipeg;

AND WHEREAS property values in many existing neighbourhoods have increased significantly in recent years, reflecting the popularity of these neighbourhoods for residential living;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Administration be directed to consult with industry stakeholders to develop a property tax-based incentive program to encourage the construction by the private sector of new infill housing units throughout Winnipeg;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Administration report back to the Executive Policy Committee within one hundred and twenty (120) days with options for such a program, including:

- The nature and size of the incentive
- The length of time over which the incentive would apply
- The recipient of the incentive – home builder or home buyer
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Carried