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Item No. 7 **Civic Environmental Committee - Reduction in the Consumption of Non-Renewable Fossil Fuels and their Greenhouse Gas Emissions from Civic Operations**
File E-7

CIVIC ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On October 3, 2005, the Civic Environmental Committee recommended that the Administration be directed to:

1. Expedite the development of a target and implementation plan to cost-effectively reduce the consumption of non-renewable fossil fuels and their greenhouse gas emissions from civic operations; and

2. Concurrently facilitate development of a city-wide target and implementation plan to reduce the consumption of non-renewable fossil fuels and their greenhouse gas emissions.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

CIVIC ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On October 3, 2005, on the Civic Environmental Committee passed the following motion, namely:

WHEREAS the Government of Canada and Province of Manitoba have both endorsed the Kyoto Protocol, an international treaty that entered into force earlier this year that requires industrialized countries to cut emissions of gases that cause climate change;

AND WHEREAS the City has made a commitment to reduce greenhouse gas emission through Plan Winnipeg Policy 2B-01;

AND WHEREAS the City has joined the Partners for Climate Protection Program that recommends that municipal governments set a goal and develop a plan to reduce greenhouse gas emissions from civic operations by at least 20 percent below 1990 levels and community-wide emissions by at least six percent below 1990 levels with 10 years of joining the program;

AND WHEREAS the largest source of greenhouse gas emissions in Winnipeg is the consumption of non-renewable fossil fuel imported from outside Manitoba;

AND WHEREAS the dramatic increase in cost of these non-renewable fossil fuels is having a serious negative economic impact on Winnipeg and there are growing concerns about the long-term availability of these fuels;

AND WHEREAS the target in Embracing Sustainability: An Environmental Priority and Implementation Plan for the City of Winnipeg that a "Climate Change Action Plan be developed by the end of 2004" has not been met and that development of a plan for emissions due to civic operation is only just beginning;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Administration be directed to

1) Expedite the development of a target and implementation plan to cost-effectively reduce the consumption of non-renewable fossil fuels and their greenhouse gas emissions from civic operations; and

2) Concurrently facilitate development of a city-wide target and implementation plan to reduce the consumption of non-renewable fossil fuels and their greenhouse gas emissions.

and forwarded to the Executive Policy Committee.