Minutes – Executive Policy Committee – January 11, 2006

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Minute No. 139 Civic Environmental Committee - World Mayors and Municipal Leaders Declaration on Climate Change
File E-7

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE DECISION:

The Executive Policy Committee received as information the recommendation of the Civic Environmental Committee.

DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Steeves,

That the recommendation of the Civic Environmental Committee be received as information.

Carried

CIVIC ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On December 19, 2005, the Civic Environmental Committee passed the following resolution:

> WHEREAS the Fourth Municipal Leaders Summit on Climate Change was held earlier this month in Montreal in parallel with the United Nations Climate Change Conference;
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> AND WHEREAS mayors and municipal leaders from around the world acknowledged that local governments play a critical role to effectively reduce greenhouse gas emissions that cause climate change;
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> AND WHEREAS these mayors and municipal leaders issued a declaration (attached) in support of taking further action to reduce these emissions beyond the 20% reduction by 2010 already recommended for local governments;
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> AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg has made a commitment to reduce greenhouse gas emissions through Plan Winnipeg Policy 2B-02;
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> AND WHEREAS this commitment was reaffirmed by adopting in principle the Civic Environmental Committee's report Sustainable Winnipeg: A Comprehensive Environmental Strategy and adopting the administration document Embracing Sustainability: An Environmental Priority and Implementation Plan for the City of Winnipeg 2004 - 2006;
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> AND WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg is in the process of developing a climate change strategy for its own operations but still lacks a community-wide goal or strategy to reduce harmful greenhouse gas emissions;
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> AND WHEREAS other jurisdictions that Winnipeg competes with already have community-wide climate change action plans that also enhance their economic competitiveness and quality of life;

DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. The World Mayors and Municipal Leaders Declaration on Climate Change made on December 7, 2005 at the fourth Municipal Leaders Summit on Climate Change be endorsed in principle;

2. The Administration be directed to begin facilitating a community dialogue and consultation as soon as possible that establishes a proposed community-wide goal and strategy for reducing greenhouse gas emission in Winnipeg that is consistent with the Declaration namely a 30% reduction by 2020 and an 80% reduction 2050;

and forwarded the matter to the Executive Policy Committee.